

LEADERSHIP MENDOCINO

COVELO: Challenges and Opportunities of Living in a Rural Community

Friday, Oct. 17, 2008

Today's Goal is: To understand the history, governance, and aspects of living in rural Mendocino County that are magnified in remote Covelo.

- 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. **Welcome, Introduction and Overview of the Day**
Suzanne Pletcher and Terry Burns, Willits City Council Chambers, Willits City Hall
- 8:15 – 9 a.m. **Discussion of Rural Community Leadership, Challenges and Opportunities**
John Pinches, Third District Supervisor
- 9:00 – 10:15 *Break and Travel to Covelo via MTA bus*
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Round Valley Indian Casino Tour: A View Toward Future Fiscal Independence**
Eugene Jamison Jr., President, Round Valley Indian Tribes
- 10:45 – 10:50 *Travel to Round Valley Indian Health Center*
- 10:50 – 11:10 **Traditional Blessing of Class XVI**
Fred “Coyote” Downey, Tribal Elder
- 11: 10– 11:45 **How Do Isolated Communities Provide Comprehensive Health Care to All?**
James Russ, Executive Director, Round Valley Indian Health Center
Steve Viramontes, Director, Telemedicine and E-health
- 11:45 – Noon *Break and drive to Covelo Recreation Center*
- Noon—1 p.m. *Lunch with Rose Sita Francia and the Mendocino College Culinary Arts Management Class*
Tribal Drummers
- 12:30—1 p.m. **What Transportation Options Exist in Rural Communities: Planes, trains, roads and trails?**
Howard Dashiell, Director, Mendocino County Department of Transportation
- 1:00-1:15 p.m. *Travel to Live Power Farm*
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Self-Sufficiency Work Opportunities in Rural Communities: Live Power Farm tour**
Gloria and Steve Decater, Biodynamic Farmers, Live Power Community Farm
- 2:15—2:30 p.m. *Break and drive to Library Commons*
- 2:30—3:10 p.m. **Citizen Advocacy at Work: The Vision of a Library Commons**
Betsy Brown, Friends of the Library
What Educational Challenges Exist in Rural Communities?
Dennis Ivey, Superintendent, Round Valley Unified School District, Recovery Specialist
- 3:10—3:20 p.m. *Break and drive to Round Valley Business Park*
- 3:20—3:45 p.m. **Work Opportunities in Round Valley: Tour of Round Valley Business Park**
Joe Gauder, Manager and Co-owner, Round Valley Precision Machining
- 3:50 -- 5 p.m. *Break and drive back to Willits, debrief and project discussion time on the bus*