KARUK TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority continues to monitor local, regional, and global responses to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency that is affecting our ancestral territory, and the world, during this very challenging time. At the Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting held on March 23, 2020 they discussed actions that could be taken quickly to alleviate at least some of the strain that this unpredictable time is creating for everyone.

The BOC voted unanimously to <u>waive all Rent and Home Loan Payments due for the month of April 2020</u> and to <u>cover 100% of current Elder, Student, and Temporary Voucher Recipients' Rent for the month of April 2020</u>. All outstanding balances through March 31, 2020 will remain on your account.

All affected individuals will receive full notification with their April Payment Coupons. If you currently make your payment via payroll deduction or automatic payment through your employer or bank, you will need to contact them directly to withdraw the scheduled deduction(s) for April as KTHA cannot make that request on your behalf.

It is our hope that this financial relief will allow for obtaining any necessary supplies to comply with the Stay at Home Order that was issued for the State of California in an effort to slow the spread of the virus, easing the strain on healthcare systems. Please follow the guidance that is being given to STAY HOME, keep your family members home, and observe all recommended hygiene practices that can lessen the impact in our communities. It protects you, and protects others.

Although all Tribal Offices and Facilities have been closed until further notice, most departments and employees can still be contacted through email and/or phone. We ask that you be patient as response times may be longer than usual, and recommend email as the fastest option.

KTHA will continue to operate with the following restrictions until further notice:

- Only emergency (health& safety) work orders will be authorized for completion.
 - o Be sure to specify with your TRO if KTHA has permission to enter so that requests can be resolved as quickly as possible.
 - o Be sure to also advise your TRO if anyone in your home is currently ill.
- Inspections and face to face meetings will be postponed until social distancing limitations are lifted.

California has consolidated all Coronavirus (COVID-19) information in one location at https://covid19.ca.gov/

We hope that you are all healthy and safe. We have strong communities and will make it through this together. We appreciate your ongoing patience and cooperation.



