

GIVING THE ACORN

Doyus da Teloperiti



A Tradition of Philanthropy and Community Support

Consistent with a tradition of giving, Yocha Dehe is committed to sharing the benefits of its economic success, by investing in communities within its ancestral territory and helping people in need.

In the negotiation of its 2016 Tribal-State Gaming Compact, Yocha Dehe sought and secured the right to allocate up to \$24 million every year directly to worthy projects, initiatives and investments. Known as “compact credits,” this is money the Tribe would otherwise pay the State under its Compact, but that Yocha Dehe can now redirect to support worthy causes designed to enhance and enrich the quality of life for Californians, Native and non-Native alike.

The process is overseen by a Tribal entity called Doyuti T’uhkama (doy-you-tee tuckah-mah) – “to give the acorn” in Patwin – which implements this effort of grant-giving. The initiatives, projects and

programs that can be supported run the gamut, from healthcare and housing, environmental sustainability and education, support for other governments (whether tribal or nontribal) to economic development and revitalization. To date, Doyuti T’uhkama has given \$130 million to a variety of good and worthy causes benefitting Californians.

Long before the notion of compact credits came along, Yocha Dehe had demonstrated its commitment to giving to help those in need. Through its Yocha Dehe Community Fund, a philanthropic arm the Tribe established in 2000, Yocha Dehe is dedicated to creating a healthy community based on partnerships, awareness and committed leadership. Since inception, the Community Fund has provided nearly \$40 million in philanthropic funding to over 400 diverse local, state and national organizations.

