

Tribal Green Symposium ***February 19-20, 2020***

Full Agenda Coming Soon!

Tribal Leader Panel:

Fred Nelson Jr., Tribal Chairman, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
Brandi Taylor, Tribal Chairwoman, Santa Ysabel Band of Iipay Nation
Everett Baxter, Tribal Council Member, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

Rick Trojan: Hemp Road Trip

Description: As we move into the year 2020, we have so many exciting opportunities ahead of us with hemp. Rick founded Hemp Road Trip in 2015. He will share with us how he has seen the industry change globally, where he sees it headed, mistakes and successes along the way as well as his ideas on how to best be positioned for the next 10 years. Hemp Road Trip's mission is to increase awareness on industrial hemp through a global grassroots campaign. Rick's work showcases the benefits of the plant for its multipurpose use; health, energy, manufacturing, planet.

Robert Huff– Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota

Description: At Dakota Western Corporation, a plastic film manufacturer, General Manager Robert Huff is working hard to see how he can incorporate hemp into making a biodegradable plastic bag option. Robert will share with us his vision and experience of using hemp as a raw material at an existing manufacturing facility.

Bill Billings, Founder, Colorado Hemp Project

Description: Bill "Wild" Billings is a hemp farmer to the core! Bill's knowledge of farming and agriculture is assisting growers across the globe as they launch farms. As a founder in the Colorado Hemp Project, Bill operates a seed company providing high quality strains for CBD and fiber. Sustainable agriculture is their passion and the founding team of Colorado Hemp Project is comprised of multiple generations of successful commercial farmers who understand the importance of taking care of the earth.





VaRene Martin, First Vice President, Director of Tribal and Corporate Relations,
Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)

Description: As the green industries expand, banking is slowly incorporating hemp and cannabis. With the passing of the Farm Bill 2018, there has been bills introduced to allow financial services be provided to industrial hemp businesses. VaRene will provide an update on these services.

Topics Include:

Tribal Green Symposium Vision, Goals and Overview of Green Industry for Tribes

Farm Bill 2018: What it means for Tribal Lands. Registration Process with Department of Agriculture, current status with Tribal plans

Hemp Road Trip; what is happening globally

Testing Labs and requirements for Industrial Hemp under the Farm Bill 2018

Tribal manufacturing company shares story of using hemp in existing production

Finance and Banking

Crop Insurance and Funding

Inter Tribal Trade and Opportunity Zones on reservations

Farming: Equipment and Practices

Creating the demand for the use of hemp, what industry segments are emerging

Cultivation: Understanding both Agriculture and Science

Tribal Hemp: Long Term Visions