

**REDDING RANCHERIA
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

Chapter TP 7-1250

Emergency Hotel Rooms



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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

To ensure that, should a local emergency event cause Tribal members to have to evacuate their home, they will be contacted and made aware that a room at Win-River Resort and or the Hilton Garden Inn will be made available to them and their direct family members who reside in their home.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND AND INTENT

It has come to the attention of the Tribal Council that in the past there have been emergency evacuation situations that have directly affected the Redding Rancheria and its Tribal members. These emergency situations have made a huge impact on, not only the surrounding community, but also members of the Tribe. To help ensure the well-being and safety of Tribal members and their families, it is the purpose of this policy to be sure that Tribal members will be provided with a room at Win-River Resort or the Hilton Garden Inn should they ever become evacuated from their residence.

(a) Promotion of the General Welfare / Addressing Tribal Needs and Goals

This program is designed to promote the general welfare of the Redding Rancheria and to address specific tribal needs and goals. This program was developed taking into account specific facts and circumstances of the Redding Rancheria, including needs and goals unique to the Tribe's culture, history, traditions, and demographics. Ensuring the well-being of tribal members, and their families is important to the economic, cultural, health and social welfare of the Redding Rancheria community. Ensuring that Tribal members and their families have safe and sanitary lodging when evacuated from homes due to natural causes or other emergency is important to maintaining family well-being.

The intent of this program is to provide emergency assistance to member households to defray emergency lodging costs that result from evacuation from their homes.

(b) Coverage under the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance

This program and its associated benefits are authorized pursuant to the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance and Chapter TP 1-1100 of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Governmental Policies, as the same may be amended from time to time, and shall be administered in accordance and compliance therewith. Program benefits are intended to constitute Indian tribal general welfare benefits excluded from taxable income under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. Program benefits modeled after the IRS

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"safe harbor" rules are also intended to qualify for tax free treatment under IRS Revenue Procedure 2014-35 and Notice 2015-34, as the same may be amended, which are looked to as good faith guidance by the Tribe in applying Code Section 139E pending the issuance of final regulations thereunder. All assistance provided in accordance with this policy is intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment to the fullest extent permitted at law.

The provisions of Chapter TP 1-1100 of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Governmental Policies are hereby incorporated by reference and shall apply to the implementation and benefits authorized by this policy.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

Terms utilized herein shall have the same meaning as defined within the General Welfare Ordinance.

SECTION 4: DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer of Redding Rancheria is hereby delegated the authority to implement the program and appropriate procedures and activities to implement this policy in accordance with General Welfare Implementing Policies – Chapter TP 1-1100 of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Government Policies.. Such authority shall include but not limited to:

- (a) Recommending to the Tribal Council such policy decisions necessary to assure the efficient and effective administration of the policy in accordance with its purpose.
- (b) Making provisions for budget if any, and appropriations in regards to this policy.
- (c) Providing this information to members and to ensure each Tribal member be notified through a dialer system when an emergency is or has taken place.
- (d) Authorize a number of rooms to open for Tribal members if a local emergency evacuation occurs.
- (e) Authorize a five (5) day maximum stay for members unless an extension is authorized by Tribal Council.

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SECTION 5: AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Tribal Council has authorized that rooms at Win River Resort and the Hilton be made available for shelter in the event emergency evacuations that directly affect Tribal members occur. This authorization includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Redding Rancheria Tribal member and direct family that resides in the home will be provided a room while under evacuation due to a local emergency.
- (b) The member and their direct family that resides in their home may stay at Win River or The Hilton, any extension of stay will have to be approved by Tribal Council.
- (c) When evacuations begin to occur, members will be notified by dialer.
- (d) When the first round of evacuations occur, rooms will be held at Win-River and or The Hilton.

The CEO shall review this policy each year and shall such make recommendations, if any, for its amendment as appropriate for the effective administration hereof.

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY

Tribal members who are age 18 or older and maintain a personal residence from which they have been evacuated as of the date of any authorized service under this policy shall be eligible to receive assistance payments under the program.

Program benefits are available to any member who satisfies these guidelines subject to budgetary constraints. This program does not discriminate in favor of members of the governing body of the Tribe.

SECTION 7: PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

- (a) Based on the amount of resources available, the program will prioritize assistance payments for eligible participants and qualifying events as described herein.
- (b) The program is expected to assist with temporary lodging for a limited period, but is not expected to provide for all such costs. The recipient of program benefits is required to report and return to the Redding Rancheria any excess assistance that is not used or needed for a qualifying program

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purpose. The recipient must also retain receipts and records to be provided to the Tribe as needed to demonstrate and confirm program compliance, as well as complete such certifications and forms as may be adopted from time to time to ensure compliance with program and tax requirements.

- (c) Program benefits may not include any expenses that are lavish or extravagant under the facts and circumstances.

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