

***HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE MOBILIZES TO ENSURE ACCESS TO SAFE AND HEALTHY
FOOD FOR COMMUNITY***

**Hoopla Valley Tribal Council
Hoopla, CA**

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The Hoopa Valley Tribe has made every effort to work with Ray's Food Place and C & K Markets, Inc. in order to ensure that Ray's Food Place in Hoopa is a safe place for community members to shop. The rodent infestation inside the store, which appears to have developed over an extended period of time, is reprehensible and unacceptable. Ray's should be ashamed of themselves for expecting tribal and community members to purchase products contaminated with rat feces, oils, and urine.

The Tribe has therefore determined that the severance of our business relationship with Ray's and C & K is in the best interests of the community due to health and safety concerns. The Hoopa Valley Tribal Council Members want to assure the membership and the community that they are working diligently to develop both short-term and long-term solutions that ensure access to safe and healthy food. The Hoopa Valley Tribe will make every effort to publicize any and all temporary services we provide on an ongoing basis, including grocery distributions and free transportation to stores in the Eureka/Arcata area, which will assist them with their household shopping needs.

The Tribe will continue to use all communication avenues at its disposal to provide updates to the membership and the community regarding our efforts.