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Tule River, SHE housing groundbreaking held

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The groundbreaking of Nupchi Xo' Oy — a 40-unit affordable rental housing project was held in Porterville on Tuesday.

The groundbreaking was held at 648 W. Mulberry. The Tule River Indian Housing Authority which provides affordable housing for tribal members in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises spearheaded the project. Self-Help Enterprises works to provide low-income families with housing.

Nupchi Xo' Oy will including 15 single-family homes and 25 townhouses. Thirty-four of the homes will be 3-bedroom residences and six will be four-bedroom residences. The project also includes a 1,956 square foot community building and a computer lab.

SHE in conjunction with TRIHA will also offer job training, health and wellness services, financial training, homebuyer education and youth afterschool activities at the housing site. Tule River Reservation will offer cultural services, including a language program at the site as well.

“This project is our first large-scale affordable rental project for the TRIHA,” TRIHA Board of Commissioners Christina Dabney-Keel said. “We undertook this effort several years ago starting with our search for suitable acreage and then conducting many months of due diligence so the site would meet approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Once completed, we secured a recognized housing development partner in Self-Help Enterprises to make this affordable housing project a reality and now by early 2021, 40 Tule River families will be enjoying the comforts of a new home.”

“Nupchi Xo' Oy is our first affordable rental community we will build in Porterville and our first tribal collaboration,” SHE President and CEO Tom Collishaw said, “We are extremely proud to be a joint partner with TRIHA in this major undertaking of bringing affordable housing to some of the most disadvantage families of the Tule River community.”

SHE currently owns and operates 33 affordable rental communities serving 1,482 families throughout Central California.

The local project will serve low-income families at or below 60 percent of the area median income with monthly rents ranging from \$471 to \$1,092, which are determined based on unit size and residential incomes.

TRIHA and SHE are providing affordable housing for tribal members, descendants and members of other tribes. Funding for this project is provided by Title VI from Native American Bank, U.S. Bank for the construction loan and TRIHA.

In July California Tax Credit Allocation Committee announced TRIHA and SHE would receive \$1,100,954 each year for 10 years to finance the project.