



Cahuilla Band of Indians

Cahuilla Tribal Environmental Protection Office

52701 CA-Highway 371 Anza, CA 92539

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



In this Issue...

**Let's Talk About
CTEPO Updates
Important Dates & Events**

**Let's Learn About
The State of the Global
Environment**

CTEPO Staff:

Environmental Officer

Alyssa Caravas

Alyssa.Caravas@cahuilla-nsn.gov

Environmental Specialist

Jacob Jupp

jjupp@cahuilla-nsn.gov

Waste Technician

Jason Reynolds

jreynolds@cahuilla-nsn.gov

Contact Info:

Office: (951) 763-5549

FAX: (951) 763-2808

CTEPO Updates!

The month of August was an eventful one! At the beginning of the month, the Solid Waste Team completed a bulk waste collection event. CTEPO received tons of bulk waste and we were thrilled with how much waste we were able to remove. We appreciated everyone who participated in helping us keep the Reservation clean.

Remember, if you ever have any waste questions or need any assistance with a waste request, contact our team and we would be happy to help!

Towards the end of the month, our Solid Waste Team also attended the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. This was a great opportunity for our team to keep current with solid waste trends and federal environmental programs.

CTEPO also spent August preparing for the upcoming fiscal year and readying the department for its new and pending projects which we are excited to begin working towards next year.

Overall, we had a very jam-packed August and look forward to this fall. We also are incredibly excited for this year's Gathering and can't wait to see you all there! Be sure to come find our team, to talk more about the Cahuilla environment!

Fall Calendar

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12 Cahuilla Gathering
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 American Indian Day
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous People's Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Veteran's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Fun Fall Facts

This year's autumnal equinox falls on September 22nd. The day is equal in time in day and night and marks the beginning of the autumn season.

This year's Harvest Moon falls on September 26th.

Throughout the world, autumn is celebrated in the form of many holidays and festivals.

Many of these celebrations center around the harvesting which comes with the season and align with the full moon.



Unbeleafably Funny

Why did the turkey cross the road?
Because it was the chicken's day off.

How do trees get on the internet?
They log on.

Why are apples so bad in interrogations?
They always crumble.



THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT



In order to best take care of the planet and do our part, we must take a closer look at the health of the environment across the globe.

Each year, the vast majority of nations meet through the United Nations' Conference of the Parties. During their convening, the participating nations discuss many pressing environmental matters and develop action plans to best facilitate global participation in collaborative projects.

Each year, they issue a

“report card” to determine how humanity has done in our efforts to prevent environmental degradation across the planet. This year's report card found that there are several indicators which show the planet is in poor health.

This year the Global Overshoot Day was July 31st. This means by the end of July humans had expended the estimated total sustainable level of natural resources for the entire year.

Now, humans must work incredibly hard to reverse as much of the damages we have caused to the planet while they are still reparable. This is important to ensure we leave Earth in as best of shape as possible for the generations to come.



REPORT RECAP

The 2025 Report had several findings which have raised alarms across the globe. Ocean temperatures were the highest in recorded history and we experienced an increased number of extreme weather and climate events which were costly in lives and dollars.

The increasingly hot temperatures over the past few years has also led to a rapid decline in ice and glaciers. And, overall, the more extreme conditions we now face have been damaging to the health of the land and the people. The dangers of these prolonged conditions pose a great risk to our future.

BEING MORE SUSTAINABLE

Based upon these findings, it is important for us to make an effort on a global level and also in our individual lives. We can each do our part to help the planet heal and protect the resources we have for the future by...

- using less energy by turning off lights and unplugging unused cords.
- using our water resources carefully.
- traveling consciously by carpooling, using public transit or alternate modes of transit when possible.
- reducing waste by recycling, composting and diverting as much of our trash from the landfill as possible.
- avoiding food waste.
- eating less processed foods.
- using reusable items instead of single-use plastics and paper products.
- protecting native wildlife.
- using native plants for landscaping.
- protecting pollinator habitats and planting more native flowers.
- upcycling items or donating them for second-hand use when you can.
- buying clean ingredient products.
- keeping the land and water clean.

Word Scramble

AUATCTMRORPEENE
 AHET
 MUATUN
 REETHEERTWEXAM
 RSHTEAV
 EPOTRR

NITINUEOSTAND									
4									
SSSEAS									
16									
ODARIITNC									
7									
IAGOOALBCNT									
13						17			
RTCOOAABLEL									
9									

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18 19

Citations

95 best fall jokes and funny autumn jokes for adults and kids. Autumn Jokes. (n.d.).

<https://www.womansday.com/life/a40302741/fall-autumn-jokes/>

Autumn snoopy cartoon. Snoopy Cartoon. (n.d.).

<https://i.pinimg.com/564x/d3/30/4c/d3304c97f6906029ef6ca21946e7f0cc.jpg>

Boeckmann, C. (2026, August 30). The month of September 2026: Holidays, fun facts, Folklore.

Almanac.com, <https://www.almanac.com/content/month-september-holidays-fun-facts-folklore>

Country overshoot day 2026 calendar. Earth Overshoot Day. (2026, January 26).

<https://overshoot.footprintnetwork.org/newsroom/country-overshoot-days/>

oa175. (2021, October 25). Experiencing global - fall around the World. Office of Global Education.

<https://studyabroad.georgetown.edu/news-story/experiencing-global-fall-around-the-world/>

WMO. (2026, March 23). State of the Global Climate 2025. World Meteorological Organization.

https://library.wmo.int/viewer/69807/download?file=WMO-1391-2025_en.pdf&type=pdf&navigator=1