



ANNUAL COMMUNITY DITCH CLEANING

TO: ALL MALE TRIBAL MEMBERS (over age of 18 unless in the military or attending school) **NON-INDIAN MALE RESIDENTS, AND NON-INDIANS WITH LAND WITHIN THE OHKAY OWINGEH LAND GRANT**

FR: GOVERNOR LARRY M. PHILLIPS JR. AND TRIBAL OFFICIALS *LMP*

DATE: March 7, 2024

1. The dates for the annual cleaning of the community irrigation ditches have been scheduled for **April 4, 5 & 6, 2024**. (WEATHER PERMITTING). Please be there by 7:30 a.m.
2. To fulfill your ditch obligation, you are required to be there for 2 days. A fee of \$25.00 per day will be assessed if you are unable to furnish a workman for your share. Those who hire a workman for their share should ask for written verification by a tribal official. Workman should retain all documentation of participation.
3. Senior Citizens, age 65 and older will be exempt but are encouraged to participate and those tribal members who provide a doctor's medical statement because of illness will be excused.
4. Nonparticipation by non-Indian male residents and non-Indian female residents **could result in restriction** of irrigation water use or restriction of residing on the Ohkay Owingeh Land Grant.
5. **ONLY ONE SHARE PLUS YOUR OWN WILL BE ALLOWED.**
6. Tribal and non-Indian females are asked to bring food (**Thursday & Friday**) to the **Boys & Girls Club (Gym)**. It will be open by 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: It is your responsibility and duty as tribal members to participate in this community activity. All male tribal members and non-Indian residents regardless of whether you plant a garden or not, are required to help clean the ditches. Remember this is a community obligation.

- Use of alcohol is prohibited.
- Those individuals who are asked to leave because of alcohol will not be given credit for work.
- All tribal members are encouraged to plant a garden each year. Water is a very valuable resource.
- **High School Students will not be allowed to take shares on a school day.**