JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE

AND

THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

	The Hoopa Valley Tribe	, a sovereigr	i, federally i	recognized Inc	lian Tribe, and the
County	of Humboldt, a political	subdivision	of the State	of California,	enter into this binding
Joint Po	owers Agreement on this	30th	day of	May	, 1995.

Findings

The Tribe and the County find:

- 1. That the safety and health of persons resident on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation are enhanced by close cooperation and continuous communication between the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office;
- 2. That the unique culture and history of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the geographic remoteness of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, and a structure of Tribal and federal Indian laws at times make it exceptionally difficult for Humboldt County deputy sheriffs to carry out their peace officer duties enforcing state law on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation;
- 3. That, consistent with important principles of Hoopa Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, it is the desire and the policy of the Tribe and the County that the Tribe exercise authority respecting the protection of persons and property on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation; and,
- 4. That drugs, burglaries, car thefts, adolescent crime and domestic violence are increasing at a time when Humboldt County is allocating fewer law enforcement resources to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

Policies

In light of the Findings herein, the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the County of Humboldt agree to implement and abide by the following policies:

- Statistical Analysis And Narrative Report The Tribe and the County shall acquire data, analyze statistics and jointly draft an annual narrative report, to be submitted to the Tribal Council and to the Board of Supervisors and to be made public; the statistical analysis and narrative report shall focus on identifying primary law enforcement difficulties and proposing common sense solutions susceptible to quantifiable measure.
- 2. Public Service As staffing allows, due to budget constraints, the Tribe and the County shall jointly plan and carry out a public service project acquainting residents of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, including without limitation children, parents and businesses, with the duties of law enforcement officers, techniques for preventing crime, civil rights and whatever information is useful in assuring that the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation is a safe and healthy place to reside, attend school or be employed; in designing a public service project, the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office shall seek the assistance of Hoopa residents.
- 3. Cross-Deputizing The County shall, in compliance with California Penal Code Section §§ 830.6 and 830.8, deputize Hoopa Tribal Police on completing the training course for deputy sheriffs prescribed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training or an equivalent federal training course, and upon approval of the Sheriff, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and upon passing a standard background check; the Tribe shall deputize Humboldt County deputy sheriffs upon completion of a course in Hoopa Tribal law and history.
- 4. Cultural and Racial Diversity Training Whenever practical, due to budget constraints, Humboldt County deputy sheriffs shall, preceding assignment to duties on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, complete a course of training in cultural and racial diversity, substantially similar to that required by California Penal Code Section § 13519.4, emphasizing Hoopa Tribal Culture.
- 5. <u>Training</u> The Tribe and the County shall offer to each other, for cross deputization personnel only, law enforcement Training, internal or external, and shall make printed

- and electronic training matter accessible to each other; the Tribe and the County shall bear the cost of training their respective personnel.
- 6. Equipment The Tribe and the County shall submit to each other an inventory of their equipment, available in the Hoopa Area, that is useful in inquiries, investigations and law enforcement actions undertaken by the Tribe or the County; the Tribe and the County shall, on request, endeavor to make this equipment, excepting patrol cars, available to each other in a timely manner; equipment damaged or lost during the time it is on loan shall be promptly replaced by the user or the owner compensated, as promptly as budgetary constraints allow.
- 7. Reports The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police shall conform to Humboldt County deputy sheriffs' deadlines respecting timely submission of investigation, arrest and other reports; the Humboldt County deputy sheriffs shall conform to Hoopa Valley Tribal Police deadlines respecting timely submission of investigation, arrest and other reports so long as Hoopa Tribal Police are recognized by the California Department of Justice as an official law enforcement agency.
- 8. Staffing Assignments Subject to budget constraints or sufficient funding allocation by the Board of Supervisors, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office shall endeavor during the two years following commencement of this agreement to reach the objective of assigning sufficient deputy sheriffs to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation to offer 24 hours a day 7 days each week staffing on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.
- 9. Duty Assignments The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office shall allocate law enforcement resources on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in a manner which reflects the likelihood of crimes occurring at hours and days disclosed by statistics and experiences obtained by the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department; there shall be a monthly communication, during the first week of each month, between the Chief of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police and the Humboldt County Sheriff to set the schedule for staffing coverage required by this paragraph.
- 10. Records The Tribe and the County shall, subject to applicable laws respecting confidentiality and privacy, and subject to the Public Records Act and the Freedom of

- Information Act, access and transmit to each other records in their possession or control which are useful in identifying and suing or apprehending and prosecuting individuals or companies reasonably thought to have violated civil or criminal laws of the Tribe, the United States, the County or the State of California.
- 11. Lines of Communication The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Chief and the Humboldt County Sheriff shall communicate promptly and straight to each other respecting this Joint Powers Agreement at least once each month in order to avoid communication problems in going through bureaucratic channels; Chief to Chief communications shall be a high priority.
- 12. Primary Task The primary task assigned to the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police by the Tribal Government is the protection of Tribal natural resources and property; the Tribal Police shall, insofar as is consistent with carrying out their primary task, assist the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in investigations, misdemeanor arrests, felony back-up and prisoner transportation insofar as feasible.
- 13. Insurance The County of Humboldt shall reimburse the Tribe for the costs of insurance coverage of personnel and equipment traceable to assisting the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in compliance with this Joint Powers Agreement. Each of the parties shall maintain police professional liability insurance or personal injury insurance or both to cover police officers' actions in the course of duty. This insurance should extend to reserve officers and mutual aid agreements. Any changes in coverage will be made only after 90 days notice to the other party. In addition, each party shall communicate the proof of insurance documents to each other.
- 14. Off-Reservation Inquiry The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police are authorized and permitted to carry out inquiries in support of civil or criminal investigations on reservation and, upon request of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, off reservation in Humboldt County.
- 15. <u>Criminal Information Systems</u> The Hoopa Valley Tribal Police, upon approval by the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System ("CLETS") Board, shall be authorized to access criminal information databases, CLETS, and other computerized information systems; upon approval of Tribal Police access to CLETS, the Humboldt

- County Sheriff's Office shall assist the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police in obtaining their own criminal information systems access and equipment.
- 16. <u>Indemnification</u> The parties shall indemnify and hold each other harmless against any suits or other proceedings related to the performance of law enforcement activities by each party's personnel on behalf of and the request of the other party.
- 17. Sovereign Immunity This agreement is not intended nor shall it be so interpreted to be a waiver of sovereign immunity of the Hoopa Valley Tribe or Humboldt County, or their employees, officials and agents.
- 18. Joint-Use Of Facilities The facilities known as the Humboldt Sheriff's Substation and the Klamath Trinity Justice Court located on State Highway 96 and occupied under the authority of a Hoopa Tribal lease shall be jointly occupied and utilized by Tribal and County Law Enforcement Agencies according to a plan to be developed no later than 120 days following execution of this agreement, and must include consultation with the Judge of the North Humboldt Division of the Humboldt County Court.
- 19. Fines The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the Hoopa Valley Tribal Police shall jointly research the feasibility of allocating criminal fines to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation for the funding of natural resources and other Tribal law enforcement priorities.
- 20. Recruiting from Hoopa The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office shall endeavor to solicit applications from and hire qualified Hoopa tribal members to serve as deputy sheriffs and staff, insofar as state civil rights laws are pre-empted by federal laws, including 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e), that provide Indian preference on or near Indian reservations.
- 21. Enforcement Any issues of interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved by a mediator, to be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto, in concert with a representative of Humboldt County and a representative of the Hoopa Valley Tribe.
- 22. <u>Term</u> This Agreement shall be in force and effect for four (4) years following execution hereof. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for another four (4) year period absent an express revocation by either the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff or the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council.

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23. <u>Amendment</u> - This Agreement may from time to time, be amended by a subsequent written agreement of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Joint Powers Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the parties hereto as of the dates shown below.

Dated: 5-24-95	By:
	Director
	Hoopa Valley Tribal Police

Dated: MAY 3 0 1995

By: Denni Lons

Sheriff

County of Humboldt

Dated: 5/22/95 By: Mele New Chairman, Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

Hoopa Valley Tribe

Dated: MAY 3 0 1995

By: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

County of Humboldt

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