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## Jones Point Tower Nears Completion: A Key Step Forward in Expanding Critical Connectivity

**Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Northern CA** — The Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District (HVPUD) is pleased to announce that the Jones Point Tower, an essential part of the Fiber-To-The-Home network, is now more than 95% complete.

The tower will play a major role in delivering fast, reliable internet to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, helping close the digital divide and bring new opportunities in education, healthcare, business, and more, including the potential for future cellular upgrades

Due to its close proximity to the Hoopa Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required that this particular tower be outfitted with specialized lighting to ensure air safety. The light flashes white during the day and red at night to alert nearby aircraft of its location. While this may look different from other towers in the region, this safety measure is a federally mandated requirement that keeps our skies safe.

To minimize the visual impact, the tower has been powder-coated a green color to better blend with the surrounding landscape. In addition, this is a hybrid site, meaning it's energy self-sufficient and powered by solar energy. Alongside the tower, the site features an equipment shelter and solar panels, enabling it to operate independently and sustainably. The tower has been fully stacked (assembled), and the FAA-required lighting has already been installed.

Once the remaining finishing touches are completed, the Jones Point Tower will be ready to help connect more homes and businesses as part of HVPUD's ongoing broadband expansion efforts.

We thank the community for its continued support and look forward to sharing more updates as this historic project progresses. For project updates, traffic alerts, and additional information, visit <u>acornconnected.com</u>.

## **About Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District**

The Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District (HVPUD) has been a trusted provider of essential utility services to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation for over 40 years. Founded in 1982 under the authority of the Hoopa Valley Tribe's Constitution and By-Laws, HVPUD is committed to supporting the tribe's long-term growth and economic vitality. In recent years, HVPUD expanded its services to include high-speed internet through Acorn Wireless, a broadband division dedicated to closing the digital divide and enhancing connectivity for residents and businesses in the region.

The mission of the Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District is to provide a level of service and utility resources that enable and advance tribal strategies to grow economic opportunity, build a strong foundation of utility infrastructure, and ensure a framework for quality growth and development on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

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