

1 **YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
2 **PLANNING MEETING**  
3 **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023**  
4 **EAST DISTRICT TRIBAL OFFICE**  
5 <https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>

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7 **ROLL CALL:** 10:09am

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9 **PRESENT:** Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt,  
10 Pecwan District (10:14); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East  
11 District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec  
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14 **ABSENT:** Joe James, Chairman (travel); Lana McCovey, South District (medical  
15 leave)

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17 **STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Earl Jackson, Deputy Executive Director;  
18 Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Alexandra Mojado, Office of  
19 Tribal Attorney; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator  
20 (recorder).

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22 **QUORUM:** 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present

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24 **OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams

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26 **REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

27 Motion by Councilmember Ray/ Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with no  
28 additions. Motion carries by consensus.

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30 **REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

31 **Executive Division**

32 ExDir23-014, TANF Work Session RE: Non-Recurring Short-Term Benefits Assistance (NRSTBA)  
33 Submitted by Don Barnes

34 **Council consensus to schedule June 7, 2023, for a Planning session with TANF and Council**  
35 **regarding services programs including Non-Recurring Short-Term Benefits Assistance**  
36 **(NRSTBA).**

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38 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

39 OTA23-031, Work Session, Fishing Ordinance public comments  
40 Submitted by Alex Mesher

41 **Council consensus to schedule June 7, 2023, to approve a 1-hour work session to review**  
42 **public comments and the Office of the Tribal Attorney recommended edits to Fish Rights**  
43 **Ordinance.**

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**Council**

CA23-168, Presentation on Renewable Emergency Options  
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

**Council consensus to schedule June 21, 2023, for a presentation (TEAMS) regarding a potential “test” site for DOE Renewal Energy Project.**

CA23-170, Work Session RE: Tribal Police & YEDC  
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

**Council consensus to schedule June 21, 2023, for a work session with Tribal Police and YEDC to find solutions for permanent Tribal Police Force Funding.**

CA23-171, Work Session RE: At Will Policy  
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

**Council consensus to schedule June 28, 2023, at 1pm for a work session to look at options at modifying our At Will Policy to better serve our employees and the Yurok Tribes needs.**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)**

Kori Ellien, Planning & Community Development Division Deputy Executive Director  
Callista Colegrove, Council Operations

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

Councilmember Crawford – I met with Greta (can’t pronounce her last name) from University of San Francisco, she is writing a script about MMIP. We as people and our land need to heal, we are the example for all.

Councilmember Natt – Planning Department staff have put out a lease for solar panels for any tribal member who does not currently have power.

Councilmember Williams – We lost a member from the North District recently. We need to reach out to our community members who have suffered a loss, including people who are on drugs and show them love.

Councilmember Ray – Housing projects have started. I would appreciate an update on the softball field, concerned that it will not be ready for the tournament during the Salmon Festival.

Councilmember Provolt - Good morning, everyone. It is good to see all the people here today, thank you. I would like to invite staff and Council to visit Stone Lagoon Visitor’s Center to see the Kayaks that are now available to rent.

Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass today, thank you.  
Vice Chairman Myers – I will pass today, thank you.

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**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

Celinda Gonzalez:

- Weitchpec District. There is drug dealing at Arcata Housing, there was an overdose there in Arcata Housing. It happened right out in the street.
- My daughter is coming under fire for outing the drug dealer, she was cussed out by 6 couples. I think this dealer needs to be caught before he moves, because he will just move and start dealing.
- This is in our new Housing, people are nodding out in their cars in the parking lot. He used to be the biggest drug dealer in Hoopa.
- My daughter is being harassed. She had to pull a knife on one of them, they called the cops on her, when APD showed up she explained the situation.
- I think he needs to be busted before he leaves. You declared a state of emergency for this very issue, you have drugs being dealt right out of our brand-new housing.
- I am worried and concerned for my daughter and grandchildren. She shouldn't have to be taking videos and taking pictures.
- That's the managers that Housing hired job to keep an eye out. That's what they were hired for, my daughter's safety should not be in jeopardy.
- Housing needs to step up. Those people need to go to jail. I also think that the Housing Board meetings shouldn't only be Klamath, but they should be moved around to different Districts. It's difficult to participate.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- THPO23-007, Basket Cap Resell Event
- CA23-148, Trinity River MOU
- CA23-157, Letter from 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Fund – Strawberry Rock
- Legal (Natt)
- Personnel (Ray)
- Personnel (Crawford)

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Office of Tribal Attorney**

- OTA23-025, Stanford Law Students' Presentations @ 11am
- Submitted by Annie Perry

**Schedule a 2-hour slot for students from Stanford Law School to present to Council, Staff, and members on their research questions on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Planning preferably at 11am and preferably in person. Discussion only, no action.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

Lori Hodge:

- If I am bonded who proves I did something wrong? If I have embezzlement insurance.

- 128 • As a School Board Trustee, how do we bridge the gap between the school district and  
129 tribal council?  
130 • How do we make it more comfortable for the Tribe to come into the School District and  
131 offer services?  
132 • We have had so many tough issues lately that I think it would be so beneficial to have a  
133 great working relationship.  
134 • I know Councilmember Ray and Williams have this same kind of issue working with the  
135 school districts in their districts.

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137 Amanda Wilson:

- 138 • I was curious about the Stanford students and their presentation and overtime, I work  
139 for YEDC and then I go to work for Redwood Hotel Casino.  
140 • I'd like more information on those presentations.

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142 **LUNCH:** 12:32pm -1:08pm

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144 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

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146 Jackie Winter:

- 147 • I'd like a kitchen here at the East District office. People from Hoopa find it easier to  
148 come here than Weitchpec.  
149 • A space to gather reception for funerals is needed, this would be a good place.

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151 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

152 **Yurok Health & Human Services Division**

153 *Tribal Court*

154 TC23-012, Humboldt Tribal Diversion @ 1pm

155 Submitted by Amber Miller

156 **For public signing of Humboldt County Tribal Diversion Memorandum of Understanding with  
157 the Humboldt County Superior Court and Humboldt County District Attorney at the meeting  
158 of the Yurok Tribal Council on May 24, 2023, at 1pm. Discussion only, no action.**

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160 **BREAK:** 1:36pm-1:47pm

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162 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

163 **Community Development Division**

164 *Planning Department*

165 P23-030, Council Planning Session for 1.5 hours

166 Submitted by Michael Gerace

167 **To schedule 1.5 hours on Council's May 24 Planning agenda for presentations by Wellness  
168 Center Operations support contractors. Discussion only, no action.**

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170 **Council**

171 CA23-161, Audio & Visual Needs for Klamath & Weitchpec Office  
172 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer

**Discussion Action on upgrading the audio and video systems for the Klamath and Weitchpec offices. Council directive to have staff return with a budget and implementation plan.**

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176 CA23-164, Return to Workstations  
177 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

**Discussion/Action for employees to return to the tribal workstations during regular business hours. Administration DED/HR to provide a report on which employees have approval to work from home. Directive to the Executive Director to gather more information, survey employees and come back to Council.**

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183 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

184 Lori Hodge:

- 185 • I would like to see tribal employees return to work in the offices.
- 186 • Also, emails or any contact are not listed on the website.
- 187 • No one is answering their phones or returning calls.
- 188 • More information on websites, make it easier to find (make it user friendly).

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190 CA23-165, Update on Solar Project  
191 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

**Staff to provide an update on the solar project. Discussion only, no action.**

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194 **BREAK: 3:00pm-3:16pm**

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196 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:16pm-7:35pm**

197 THPO23-007, Basket Cap Resell Event

198 CA23-148, Trinity River MOU

199 CA23-157, Letter from 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Fund – Strawberry Rock  
200 Legal (Natt), Personnel (Ray), Personnel (Crawford)

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202 Action out of Executive:

203 **Council**

204 CA23-148, Trinity River MOU

205 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

**Discussion on the Trinity River Memorandum of Understanding for the 50,000k acre feet.  
Discussion only, no action.**

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209 CA23-157, Letter from 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Fund – Strawberry Rock  
210 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

**Discussion on 7th Generation letter regarding the transfer of Strawberry Rock to native management from Green Diamond. Discussion only, no action.**

214 **Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer**  
215 THPO23-007, Basket cap Resell Event  
216 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

217 **Executive Session to discuss logistics of reselling 39 basket caps the Tribe purchased in**  
218 **September 2022. Council to make recommendations and approve the plan to move forward.**  
219 **Discussion only, no action.**

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221 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** None provided.  
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223 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Item Tabled.  
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225 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.  
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227 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James  
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229 **ADJOURN:** 7:37pm  
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232 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**June 29, 2023**

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7/11/23

235 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**  
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**Date**