

**YUOK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
PLANNING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020  
ONLINE**

**ROLL CALL:** 10:00am

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Ryan Ray, Edward Aubrey, Toby Vanlandingham, Sherri Provolt, Lana McCovey, Lori Hodge, Mindy Natt

**ABSENT:** Frankie Myers (vacation)

**STAFF:** Taralyn Ipina (recorder), Kori Cordero, Earl Jackson, Don Barnes

**QUORUM:** 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

**OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James

**AGENDA**

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Aubrey to accept the agenda as presented.**

**CALENDAR**

August 7, 2020 Requa District meeting 4:00-5:00pm

August 17, 2020 South District meeting 4:00-5:00pm

August 10, 2020 East District meeting 4:00-5:00pm

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT 9:30AM**

Stephanie Weldon: I can't seem to find the agenda on the website. There was a discussion of rescinding the reservation closure. Is that up for vote or just discussion? With the cases rising, there are some concerns for the safety of the people. As a tribal member in my personal and professional position, I'd like to help remind our partnering agencies with their responsibilities. We need to uphold their commitments to get testing to both ends of our reservation.

**COUNCIL CHECK IN**

Councilmember McCovey: Yesterday, I attended virtually the meeting of the Board of Directors meeting with United Indian Health Services. As many of you know, we are seeing another surge coming with the COVID and we are planning for such an occasion. They have been doing weekly testing of their medical staff and employees, there have been two confirmed cases at the clinic, everything was contained in a matter of minutes and they have a protocol that they are following. One of the big concerns that comes up within the community when they hear about COVID and who has it and where. Unfortunately, the good thing and the bad thing is there is the HIPPA law, where health information cannot be shared. We as a Tribe and as a people,

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44 need to be aware of that is why names are not forthcoming when we have these positives. It's  
45 really important for people to understand we need to really hunker down and shelter in place  
46 again. We have gotten pretty lax on what we have been doing. Now is the time to really shelter  
47 in place and start that routine again. On the things, I heard comments about testing, testing is  
48 available but with the surge it's the same protocols for medical people and people showing  
49 symptoms. People need to remember and realize, if you take a test and it's positive, it doesn't  
50 do anything. You still have to isolate yourself, then if you get symptoms then you move forward  
51 with your doctor. It's important that if you are in contact with someone that you know, or you  
52 have been in a situation you are worried about then it's important to isolate yourself, shelter in  
53 place for ten days just make sure. We did talk about the clinic updating all their IT system, that's  
54 coming along really well. They are really excited about our broadband program and waiting to  
55 serve the reservation area. One of the things with COVID, we have been really rolling out the  
56 telemedicine portion of health care for clients.

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58 Councilmember Hodge: I just want to announce I'm having a virtual district meeting on Monday  
59 from 4-5pm. Can we put on the emergency number on the screen for tribal members to access?  
60 I think it's important to remind people of that number to use if needed.

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62 Councilmember Natt: I attended the NCIDC Special meeting through the webcam. The Special  
63 Meeting was about approving the CSBG funding so we can apply for that grant. I guess it's for  
64 COVID issue and to bring services to tribes and tribal members. So there's going to be COVID  
65 money, hopefully we get the grant. I attended the Ethics Review committee. That went good  
66 and just want to thank all the staff that made it go smoothly.

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68 Councilmember Provolt: I had the privilege of being asked to attend a Trinidad Watershed  
69 meeting, which was unexpected but I was glad I attended. It is related to the water issues here  
70 at Trinidad area. I will send Council an update on the Trinidad Watershed Committee, looking at  
71 the various creeks and water systems in this area which does affect many of the Orick District  
72 area. Thank you.

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74 Councilmember Aubrey: I have received a couple of complaints. One of them is how Operation  
75 Yurok rolled out and a lot of people aren't happy with that. I think it's time to rescind the Zero  
76 Tolerance order and create a policy on how much people can grow medically. We also need to  
77 head down the road of regulatory authority and jurisdictional over commercial cannabis on our  
78 reservation. The second complaint I received is on a tribal member that was campaigning in the  
79 North and tested positive for corona virus. Now he was out campaigning and a lot of members  
80 are worried he might have passed it on to the membership. Thank you.

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82 Councilmember Ray: A few weeks ago, Chairman and I met with Bob Berkowitz, Del Norte  
83 Supervisor up in Crescent City. The topics we had discussed included the displeasure the Tribe  
84 over his colleague inviting everyone down for the Log Cabin and that whole scene that played  
85 out. We talked about taxes and that the taxes that come from Klamath never make their way  
86 back. We talked about the Hunter Creek Park transfer and how that's all playing out. We are

going to have a follow up meeting soon to go over it again. We talked about Klamath Fire and how we can join forces to work with them. We will have some follow up discussions later on at another meeting. I've been getting a lot of mixed emotions and opinions about the reservation closures. I'm right there with them. I know we have a sign up but it all comes down to it, we need enforcement. If we keep the sign up we need to get out there and start doing things different. Businesses are open, only ones shutting down are tribal, there's some nontribal. We need to get on enforcement, I'm hoping to have that discussion today. We really need to start digging into this thing, the cases are going up. If you're not a local, from out of town, don't even get out of car. That's how I feel about it. I'm looking forward to having that conversation later.

Chairman James: Last week we had a discussion regarding the Forest Service and staff regarding the two fires there further up the Klamath River. They are about 10 miles east of the Klamath River, so our staff is monitoring those fires. We also have a scheduled hearing, not an official hearing with Congressman Huffman and PacifiCorp next Friday. We are looking to plan and host that at HSU. It's also contingent on upon the flare up with COVID. We have been working with Congressman Huffman and Governor Newsom to do the right thing regarding dam removal. That's all I have for right now.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Business Opportunities

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **OFFICE OF SELF GOVERNANCE**

OSG20-003, Six Rivers National Forest G2G

Don Barnes presents agenda item

Requested motion: Request Council to authorize Office of Self Governance to schedule a Government to Government consultation with Six Rivers National Forest. Agenda items to be amended by Council but must include; 1. Elk Valley/ Fish Lake tree falling and take without Tribal Consultation 2. Red Mountain Clean up

**Council consensus to approve OSG to schedule G2G with Six Rivers Nation Forest – USFS for Sept. 2. Directive to Don Barnes, Dawn Baum (OTA) and Earl Jackson to engage Six Rivers in requesting an extension or amendment to current MOU which is expiring Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If necessary, request emergency action regarding MOU at next Council action session. Based on discussions with Six Rivers, if necessary, draft a Council Resolution identifying Wildland Fire Chief, Rod Mendes, as Agency Administrator Authorized Representative for Six Rivers National Forest.**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Rose Sylvia for discussion

HR20-010, Recreation Coordinator job description

**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Aubrey to approve Recreation Coordinator with edits and the two associated budgets as submitted. Funding to come from**

129 **Morgan Stanley Youth and Education x578 fund for the first two years. Motion carries by**  
130 **consensus.**

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132 **NATURAL RESOURCES**

133 Tim Hayden, Kim Mamaradlo and Bob Blanchard present agenda item  
134 NR209-007, Forestry Planning Session  
135 Planning session of update Council on the status of the 2020 timber sale planning and  
136 implantation, and preparations for 2021 timber sales

137 **Discussion only, no action.**

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139 **PLANNING**

140 P20-022, Software/hardware for Workplace Safety  
141 Pulled from agenda, already addressed previously

142 **Pulled from agenda.**

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144 **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

145 OES20-008, Rescind Closure of the Reservation  
146 Serene Hayden provides update

147 **Discussion only, no action.**

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149 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT 12:30pm**

150 Cecilia Moore: I have questions about the things I'm hearing in the community, hearsay I guess.  
151 Is there any active cases on the reservation? Are family members that have had contact? Are  
152 they being traced as well? People travel and don't test. I think we have been doing a really  
153 good job of keeping our reservation safe. Thank you. I hope we continue to lock down, it's  
154 getting pretty serious as cases grow.

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156 **COUNCIL**

157 CA20-148, Parolees on Reservation  
158 Discussion on developing an ordinance regarding Parolees on the Reservation. Currently the  
159 Yurok Tribe is not being asked whether a parolee will be welcoming on the Reservation when  
160 released from incarceration.

161 **Directive to Acting Executive Director to coordinate with departments and bring back**  
162 **suggestions regarding an MOU, Policy or Ordinance for Council.**

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164 **EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:35-2:45pm**

165 Business opportunity  
166 Personnel  
167 Litigation Update  
168 Disaster Relief funds

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**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Aubrey to suspend the rules to address OTA20-082 (previously listed on 8/6/20 Action agenda) due to urgent request for Council decision. Motion carries by consensus.**

**OFFICE OF TRIBAL ATTORNEY**

OTA20-082, Confidential litigation question

**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to retain outside legal counsel for litigation as discussed in executive session and approve filing a complaint on behalf of the Yurok Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Prayer provided Chairman James

**ADJOURN:** 3:07pm

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT 4:30pm**

Frances Ojeda: I was wondering about earlier in the day, my internet connect got lost. You were talking about people that got out on jail and returning on the reservation. You were talking about the John Simpson case. What was said about that?

Frances Ojeda: What happens when someone has a drone? And it's flown right into their house on private property? Is a person allowed to take care of the drone? My Uncle Gaylord is having issues on his property. They flew the drone to the bedroom window, it was buzzing around. It wasn't just one time, it upset my Uncle and Aunt. A helicopter also flew up there. I'm not sure if it had anything to do with the marijuana eradication. My Uncle lives way up the mountain, it upset my Uncle's goats and dogs. The drone flying around is an invasion of privacy. I would just like to find out the laws about that.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** August 20, 2020



**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

08/20/20

**Date**