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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024
WILLOW CREEK TRIBAL OFFICE
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

ROLL CALL: 10:05am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Maggie Mais, Deputy General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer, Megan Siaosi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Natural Resources Division

NR24-002, Carbon Management

Submitted by Tim Hayden

Motion made by Councilmember Crawford/Councilmember Ray to schedule April 10, 2024, Council Planning Session to plan and prepare for the expected 2024 Phase I Carbon Project Offset Issuance from the CA Air Resources Board, options and strategies for carbon offset sales agreement(s), project management and land management requirements, and budget planning. Motion carries by consensus.

Fisheries Department

FISH24-007, Fisheries Trinity River Planning Session Request

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Council consensus to set February 27, 2024, for a Planning Session with the Fisheries Department would like to request a planning session with Tribal Council to provide updates and receive feedback regarding ongoing Trinity Rivers issues. Motion carries by consensus.

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47 **Executive Branch**
48 *Office of Tribal Attorney*
49 OTA24-003, Water Rights Work Session
50 Submitted by Alex Mesher

51 **Council consensus to set February 21, 2024, to schedule a 1-hour confidential work session or**
52 **planning session to update Council on progress towards securing Tribal reserved water rights.**
53 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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55 **CALENDAR:**
56 February 23, 6pm-7:30pm South District Meeting, Postcards to be mailed. Online only.
57 March 30, Easter Egg Hunt at the Golf Course in Willow Creek
58 February 25-March 18, Councilmember McCovey will be attending online only.
59 February 16, California Native Vote, and True North will be hosting a District 2 Assembly
60 Member Forum at Blue Lake Casino starting at 5:30pm.

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62 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

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64 **Councilmember Williams:** We had our Annual Corporations meeting recently. I want to thank
65 our Corporations CEOs for their presentations. They did a great job, and we'll continue to
66 improve that process. Some of the questions got me thinking, I have been pouring over
67 ordinances and policies. A lot of the information comes from the Constitution. It lines out how
68 we operate. I also want to talk about why I participated. I took a chance on something I felt
69 was necessary for us to do. Something I hear from the people is that they want per-cap, and
70 before I was on Council I felt the same way. Once you do the math, for six thousand, five
71 hundred people, if we were to give out one thousand dollars. That would take over six and half
72 million dollars. I have family who are enrolled Ho-chunk, and that Tribe is about our same size
73 about six thousand people. The difference is they have about 5 or 6 casinos. I also liked the idea
74 of our corporations being able to provide jobs and revenue. The Tribal membership has a
75 chance to hold us accountable every 3 years, if they don't like the job we are doing, they can
76 vote us out. In the community I live in I see them at Walmart and Home Depot, and I see our
77 younger Tribal members with shopping carts full. It makes me proud.

78 **Councilmember Crawford:** Pass.

79 **Councilmember Natt:** Pass.

80 **Councilmember McCovey:** We just hosted an Offshore Wind Conference and I think it shows
81 we have lots of questions. Also, the UIHS Board will be having a meeting with PCR on February
82 16th, so if you have any issues with PCR or know anyone with issues with Purchased Referred
83 Care (PRC) please email me and I can bring those issues forward. One of things I heard at
84 Winter Celebrations was that members are upset about the Culture classes constantly being
85 cancelled or there were not enough materials. It's unacceptable, it's not fair for the largest
86 District to have miss out, they want to participate. I am not sure if it's a contract thing or what.

87 **Councilmember Ray:** Pass.

88 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

89 **Councilmember Provolt:** Good morning, I just wanted to give a thank you to some staff who
90 came out to my district meeting on a Saturday. Kudos to Barry McCovey, Rosie Clayburn and
91 Jim McQuillen. I know they are busy with family and personal obligations and to participate and
92 make time to attend this meeting was much appreciated well attended.

93 **Vice Chairman Myers:** Pass.

94 **Chairman James:** Monday, I attended the Pro-Temp swearing in that recently occurred in
95 Sacramento. It was a packed house; it was good to be in that room. I was able to congratulate
96 Senator McGuire. I did have a meeting with Assembly Member Ramos, it's been a year since the
97 Feather Alert and so now we are looking at how we can improve it. Next week we will be
98 traveling down for MMIP, we are working on pushing bills that 3 or 5 years there were not even
99 on the table. This is the work of the Tribes working together. We had an Offshore Wind
100 conference that was well attended in Eureka.

101 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

102 Jewel Frank:

- 103 • Looking forward to the next Weitchpec District Meeting, and I would like to know the
104 definition for discretionary funds and how they are used.
- 105 • Tribal Membership attending Tribal Meetings/District Meetings, it's difficult to attend
106 meetings. We need to encourage our members to attend. Maybe offer transportation?
- 107 • Communication has always been an issue, from the Tribe to the Membership.
- 108 • Corporation meeting, first year the room was full, second year was half full and mostly
109 elders. I get disheartened. It's hard out here.

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111 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):**

112 Aileen Rourk, Guidance Tech

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114 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

115 CA24-019, NA Legislative Coalition

116 Legal (McCovey)

117 Offshore (Mesher)

118 Amy Cordalis

119 Legal (Crawford)

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121 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

122 **Natural Resources**

123 *Environmental Department*

124 ENVR-003, NOAA Grant Opportunity

125 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

126 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to request Council**
127 **approval for the submission of a grant application to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric**

128 **Association in the amount of \$690,000 no match required and full indirect charges allowable.**
129 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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131 **Health & Human Services Division**

132 *Tribal Court*

133 TC24-001, ACF Family Violence Grant 2024-2026

134 Submitted by Vicky Bates

135 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**
136 **submission of the Administration of Children and Family Grant (ACF) 2024-2026 Family**
137 **Violence Prevention and Services Administration Act grant application and authorization for**
138 **Chairman to sign any necessary documents. Motion carries by consensus.**

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140 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

141 **Health & Human Services Division**

142 *Education Department*

143 EDU24-001, Eureka City Schools Contract Extension

144 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

145 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to review and**
146 **approve the contract extension with Eureka City Schools through September 20, 2025.**
147 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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149 EDU24-002, Request to approve multiple CCDF budgets.

150 Submitted by Elsie McLaughin-Feliz

151 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to review and**
152 **approve multiple CCDF Budgets. Motion carries by consensus.**

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154 **Natural Resources Division**

155 *Environmental Department*

156 ENVR24-004, Approve funding for Climate Project

157 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

158 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chairman Myers for Council to accept funding**
159 **in the amount of \$5M from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the**
160 **Voluntary Community Driven Relocation Demonstration Project. Motion carries by**
161 **consensus.**

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163 *Carbon Project*

164 CARB23-003, Retro approval for Washington DC White House

165 Submitted by Javier I. Kinney

166 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to retro approve, and**
167 **authorize Javier I. Kinney, Carbon Projects Manager, to follow up with COP 28 invitations to**
168 **Washington DC to highlight Yurok Carbon Projects, Nation Building, Economics Initiatives,**
169 **secure finding, preparations for COP 29 with federal agencies. (Please see attached). Motion**
170 **carries by consensus.**

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172 **BREAK: 11:10am-11:25am**

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174 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

175 **Natural Resources Division**

176 *Fisheries Department*

177 FISH24-006, Fisheries Funding Submissions February 2024

178 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

179 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**
180 **Fisheries Department to submit funding request identified in attached documentation for**
181 **high priority data collection and restoration project. Motion carries by consensus.**

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183 NR24-001, Green Diamond J-1900 Road Use Agreement

184 Submitted by Tim Hayden

185 ~~**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve the attached Road**~~
186 ~~**Use Agreement (RUA) with Green Diamond Resources Company for Road J-1900 on Yurok**~~
187 ~~**Tribe Allotment #1001 and approve Resolution 24-010 for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign**~~
188 ~~**Immunity in favor of Green Diamond Resources Company and authorize chairman to sign and**~~
189 ~~**secretary to attest. Motion withdrawn.**~~

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191 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

192 Jewel Frank:

- 193 • I am curious about what family allotment this belongs to. All these Yurok allotments are
194 sacrifices because of the unfair allotment practices. Some of us were able to remain
195 home. And some of us did not know what village they came from. I am just hoping for a
196 better day for us Yuroks.

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198 *Wildlife Department*

199 WILD24-002, Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Application

200 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

201 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to approve submission by**
202 **the Yurok Natural Resource Division of approximately \$49,706,046 grant application to the**
203 **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Inflation Reduction Act Climate Resilience**
204 **Regional Challenge opportunity, to support landscape and coastal restoration capacity**
205 **building and implementation, with edits, and approve all necessary Chairman signatures.**
206 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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208 **Community Development Division**

209 *Transportation Department*

210 T24-002, Safety Plan Update Adaption

211 Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

212 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember McCovey to approve the Yurok**
213 **Tribe Transportation Safety Plan Update for final approval and adoption. Motion carries by**
214 **consensus.**

215 For the record: Councilmember Provolt shared the need to work with Cal Trans to develop
216 traffic calming measures to include a turn lane from Bald Hills Road to Shoreline.

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Executive Branch

Office of Tribal Attorney
OTA24-004, Amended Workers' Compensation Ordinance
Submitted by Annie Perry

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Vice Chairman Myers to approve attached proposed final Workers' Compensation Ordinance. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-abs. Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-1, Not present-0. Motion carries.

Council

CA24-017, UIHS Board Alternate
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Resolution #24-009 appointing Councilmember Mindy Natt to replace Councilmember Williams as the Alternate to the United Indian Health Services Board. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-018, YHHS Committee Delegate
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Councilmember Natt to the YHHS Committee to replace Councilmember Williams. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-019, NA Legislative Coalition
Submitted by Chairman James

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize Chairman James to join and participate in formation of California Native American Legislative Coalition Political Action Committee. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-abs, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-1, Not present-0. Motion carries.

CA24-020, KN Letter of Support
Submitted by Vice Chairman James

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to formally move to a neutral position on the Koi Nation Fee to Trust Application. Motion carries by consensus.

LUNCH: 12:00pm-1:00pm
TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:00pm-2:54pm
Legal (McCovey)

262 Offshore (Mesher)
263 Amy Cordalis
264 Legal (Crawford)

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266 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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268 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

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270 **ADJOURN:** 2:47pm

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272 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

March 6, 2024

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275 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date