

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
PLANNING/ACTION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022  
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

**ROLL CALL:** 10:00am

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District (virtual); Mindy Natt, Pecwan District (virtual); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Lana McCovey, South District (virtual); Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District.

**ABSENT:** Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (travel)

**STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer (recorder); Maggie Poffenbarger, Deputy General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer.

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

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

**REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve the agenda with the addition of CA22-283, Elders Committee formation. Motion carries by consensus.**

**REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Cancel South District meeting  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – East District Meeting at Trinity River Elders Village (Hoopa)  
December 9 & 12 – Public Hearing Dates

**Human Resources**

HR22-023, Work Session for Attorney wages/qualifications  
Submitted by Rose Sylvia

**Council consensus to schedule work session for December 12, 2022 to discuss reclassification of attorney wages and qualifications.**

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

**Councilmember Crawford**

- Need direction on Committee and Board appointments

**Councilmember Williams**

- Attended Off Shore Wind summit in Samoa, CA

- 46                   • Thank you, Del Norte County, for votes, only lost by 10 percent for the School  
47                   Board

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49 **Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass**

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51 **Councilmember Ray**

- 52                   • Attended National Congress of American Indians conference  
53                   • Tribes across the Nation are focusing on language funding on an annual basis  
54                   • Elder trailer replacement in Requa

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56 **Councilmember McCovey**

- 57                   • Attended National Congress of American Indians conference  
58                   • Focused on Transportation, Infrastructure and Bridge replacement  
59                   • Google Suite willing to provide online in person trainings  
60                   • Attended Offshore Wind Development session

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62 **Councilmember Provolt**

- 63                   • Attending Climate Change conference in Egypt will report back to the  
64                   membership

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66 **Councilmember Natt**

- 67                   • Report Fish Wars documentary meeting

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69 **Chairman James**

- 70                   • \$15 million Regional Wellness Facility  
71                   • Will attend White House Tribal Nations event  
72                   • Attended National Congress of American Indians  
73                       o Participated on panels for Google and Dam Removal  
74                   • Advocating at the State with agencies and legislators on MMIP  
75                   • Working on roundtable with Governor on MMIP  
76                   • Dam Removal signing will be in December  
77                   • Thank you to staff for Fall Feast and Veterans Honoring event  
78                   • Off shore wind strategy and Town Hall meetings

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80 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT**

81 Nicole Provolt: I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Councilmember Williams for  
82 running for the school board. It's so important. It's such important work and I'm proud of him  
83 for putting himself out there, to do that for our people, in a tough community. And I hope that  
84 more tribal members can consider doing this themselves. It's really easy to say what needs to  
85 be done, what should be done, but to put yourself out there. To really be willing to do the work  
86 is really admirable. So, I just wanted to say that. Thank you, Thank you.

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88 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** None.

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90 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** None.

91 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
92 ICWA Hearing (Councilmember Vanlandingham)  
93 Litigation Update (OTA)  
94 Fish Wars documentary (Councilmember Natt)  
95 Tribal Member Complaints (Councilmember Natt)  
96 Wellness Center (Chairman James)

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98 **NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION:**  
99 YTED Food Sovereignty employees; Mia Wapponer, Amos Wright and Amanda Martinez.

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101 **CONSENT ITEMS:**  
102 **Administration Division**

103 *Education Department*  
104 EDU22-039, Dreamcatcher Grant  
105 Submitted by Autumn Jimenez

106 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to retroactive**  
107 **Council Approval for submission of the Dreamcatcher grant, awarded at \$1,000. Motion**  
108 **carries by consensus.**

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110 **Natural Resources**

111 *Fisheries Department*  
112 FISH22-071, California Department of Fish & Wildlife Grant Submission  
113 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

114 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve to**  
115 **submit a proposal to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for emergency fisheries**  
116 **related restoration of areas impacted by the McKinney Fire and associated debris**  
117 **flow. Motion carries by consensus.**

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119 **Emergency Services Division**

120 *Office of Emergency Services*  
121 OES22-004, Homeland Security Grant  
122 Submitted by Amos Pole

123 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to retroactively**  
124 **approve Yurok OES to apply for FY 2022 Cal OES Homeland Security Grant in the amount of**  
125 **\$499,979 for equipment, plan updates, and training to educate, support, and mitigate against**  
126 **terrorist threats on the Yurok Reservation. No match is required. Indirect is Covered. Motion**  
127 **carries by consensus.**

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129 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

130 **Administrative Division**  
131 *Human Resources*

132 HR22-026, Fiscal Job Descriptions  
133 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

134 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve job**  
135 **description for Fiscal Department. Buyer I-III, Contracting Officer, Senior Contracting Officer,**

136 **Procurement Manager Shipping and receiving Clerk I-III, Shipping and Receiving Supervisor**  
137 **and Travel Coordinator and organizational chart. Motion carries by consensus.**

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139 HR22-027, TERO Job Descriptions  
140 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

141 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to approve TERO**  
142 **job descriptions Maintenance Worker I-III, Administrative Assistant II, and Crew Leader.**  
143 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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145 HR22-025, Promise Program Job Descriptions  
146 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

147 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve job**  
148 **descriptions for the Education Promise Program K-12 Coordinator and Early Learning**  
149 **Coordinator. Motion carries by consensus.**

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151 *TERO Department*  
152 TERO22-004, New Positions within Department  
153 Submitted by Manuel Sanchez

154 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to approve the TERO**  
155 **Departments to increase the FY23 Budget by \$101,159 to hire three new positions to increase**  
156 **services and community projects. The funds will come TERO Fees accrued through the**  
157 **FY22. Motion carries by consensus.**

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159 **Executive Branch Division**  
160 THPO22-010, Ethnographic JPA  
161 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

162 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve and authorize**  
163 **Chairman James to sign the Joint Powers agreement with Caltrans for the Yurok Ethnographic**  
164 **Study at Last Chance grade. The Contract amount is \$85,000. Motion carries by consensus.**

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166 *Finance Department*  
167 FIN22-011, Indirect FY2023 Budgets  
168 Submitted by Michael Maranger

169 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the**  
170 **fiscal year 2023 budget modifications for the Office of the Attorney General, Facilities**  
171 **Department, Grants and Compliance, and the creation of budgets for the Procurement**  
172 **Department and Shipping and Receiving Department. Motion carries by consensus.**

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174 **BREAK 11:33am – 11:45am**

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176 **Office of Tribal Attorney**  
177 OTA22-066, Christine Williams Contract  
178 Submitted by Dawn Baum

179 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve**  
180 **contact extension for an additional \$10,000 through December 31, 2022, with Christine**  
181 **Williams, authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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183 OTA22-067, Emergency Legislative Amendments to Supreme Ordinance  
184 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger  
185 Requested motion: to review and approve proposed emergency legislative amendments to the  
186 supreme ordinance to allow Yurok Corporations to waive their sovereign immunity.

187 **Council consensus to table until Work Session is scheduled.**

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189 **Executive Office**  
190 *Prosecutor's Office*  
191 PRO22-010, 2022 Fund for A Just Society  
192 Submitted by Rosemary Deck/Brie Bennett/OTP

193 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively**  
194 **approve Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) to apply for 2022 Fund for a Just Society in the**  
195 **amount of \$10,000.00 from the Unitarian Funding Program. Match is not required. Funding**  
196 **will be used to host MMIP Roundtable meetings, print materials, and for website/database**  
197 **creation for MMIP partner tribes to use. Indirect is covered. Motion carries by consensus.**

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199 Vice Chairman Myers arrives 11:55am  
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201 **Health & Human Services**  
202 *Education Department*  
203 EDU22-010, Contract with Cal Poly Humboldt  
204 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

205 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to review and**  
206 **approve this contract with Cal Poly Humboldt and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries**  
207 **by consensus.**

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209 EDU22-032, Contract Amendment – Cal Poly Humboldt  
210 Submitted by Josh Norris

211 **Motion to approve the contract amendment between the Yurok Tribe and Cal Poly Humboldt**  
212 **to extend timeframe from 9/30/22 to 12/31/26, the amount from \$100,000 to \$664,364, and**  
213 **approve the revised Scope of work. Cal Poly Humboldt/CCRP is the evaluating agency for**  
214 **Klamath River Promise Neighborhoods. Combined with EDU22-010.**

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216 EDU22-042, Budget Modification for Project 7100  
217 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

218 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to review and approve**  
219 **the Budget Modification for project 7100. Motion carries by consensus.**

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221 **Natural Resources**  
222 *Fisheries Department*

223 FISH22-072, North Coast Resource Partnership  
224 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

225 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford approval of Resolution**  
226 **#22-126 authorizing a grant submission to North Coast Resource Partnership for restoration**  
227 **of areas impacted by McKinney Fire associated debris flow. Motion carries by consensus.**

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229 FISH22-073, Bureau of Reclamation for Fisheries Restoration  
230 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

231 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham approval of**  
232 **Resolution #22-127 authorizing a grant submission to the Bureau of Reclamation for a**  
233 **fisheries restoration project on Clear Creek. Motion carries by consensus.**

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235 **Council**

236 CA22-283, Elders Advocate Committee  
237 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

238 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to direct Executive Director**  
239 **and staff to create an Elders Advocate Committee and develop a plan internally among the**  
240 **departments to deliver and coordinate services to Tribal Elders. Motion carries by consensus.**

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242 **LUNCH: 12:30pm -1:30pm**

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

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246 **Council**

247 CA22-254, R&D Presentation  
248 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

249 **Presentation from R&D Facilitations regarding the Margaret Keating School. Item pulled.**

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251 CA22-259, Chip Sealing Equipment  
252 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham  
253 Requesting an update on the previously approved purchase of Chip Sealing Equipment.

254 **Directive to Executive Director to work with Transportation, Watershed, Natural Resources to**  
255 **develop a budget and plan for chip sealing equipment. Council Operations to research**  
256 **previous agenda item where funding was identified from carbon credit or ARPA for purchase**  
257 **of chip sealing equipment.**

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259 CA22-260, Septic Pump Truck Transfer  
260 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham  
261 Request Motion: Action/Discussion on Transferring the Yurok Septic Pump Truck to the Yurok  
262 Agriculture Corporation.

263 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Provolt to allow Yurok Agriculture**  
264 **Corporation to use Septic Pump truck for six (6) months and bring back a plan to Council.**  
265 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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267 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

268 Jim McQuillen: I saw the truck one time out front here when it was brand new. It was beautiful.  
269 It was stainless steel. I'm thinking of our ceremonies. I think the last time we raised funds for  
270 porta potties came to \$2,400 for 12 porta potties down the mouth. It could be a small business  
271 for someone. I know it's not the most popular job around, that's probably why it's sitting. But if  
272 it paid well enough, it could be a small business. And I know I had Roto Rooter come to my  
273 home to pump my septic. It was like \$1,200 bucks to pump it. Even if I paid my tribe half of that,  
274 that would be a small business investment. So, thank you for following up on this.

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276 Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz:

277 I live in the South District, but my home is in the East District. I had to help my mother pump  
278 her septic tank because it was overflowing and we're paying off \$3,000. So, I agree that if we  
279 could half that and have our pay it for our tribe, I would much rather do that. Thank you.

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281 **Council**

282 CA22-273, Turkey Prize Shoot fundraiser follow up

283 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

284 Requested Motion: Directive to Health & Human Services Department to plan and coordinate  
285 an Annual Turkey Prize Shoot Fundraiser for the Pecwan Community.

286 **Directive to YHHS Deputy ED/YHHS Department to work with appropriate Departments and**  
287 **bring back an agenda item when they have more information.**

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289 CA22-279, Western Indian Gaming Conference

290 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

291 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve Travel**  
292 **to the Western Indian Gaming Conference in El Cajon, CA, February 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for**  
293 **Councilmember Vanlandingham and other interested Tribal Council Members. Motion**  
294 **carries by consensus.**

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296 CA22-282, Offshore Wind/Climate Emergency Summit

297 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

298 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve travel**  
299 **for Councilmember Williams as a Keynote Speaker at the Offshore Wind/Climate Emergency**  
300 **Summit in Sacramento, December 4-5<sup>th</sup> 2022. All expenses will be covered by EOPA. Motion**  
301 **carries by consensus.**

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303 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to suspend the**  
304 **rules and add EDU22-045. Motion carries by consensus.**

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306 EDU22-045, R&D Scope of Work & Contract

307 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

308 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve the scope of**  
309 **work from R&D Facilitation in the amount \$9,000 from Education Department funding to**  
310 **specifically work with Margaret Keating. Motion carries by consensus.**

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312 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 2:22pm-4:00pm  
313 Fish wars documentary (Natt)  
314 Land complaint (Natt)  
315 Klamath Community Service District (Ray),  
316 Personal (Ray)

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318 Councilmember Williams left Executive Session at 2:40pm and Council Meeting for the day.  
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320 Vice Chairman Myers left Executive Session at 2:45pm and Council Meeting for the day.  
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322 Councilmember McCovey left Executive Session at 2:45pm and Council Meeting for the day.  
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324 No action out of executive session.  
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326 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to suspend the rules**  
327 **and add CA22-284 emergency assistance for two tribal staff. Motion carries by consensus.**

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329 CA22-284, Emergency Assistance  
330 Submitted by Chairman James

331 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve an**  
332 **emergency assistance donation for two tribal staff who need travel funds, hotel funds, etc.**  
333 **\$300 each out of emergency assistance (\$600 total) and \$250 out of Weitchpec's Community**  
334 **fund. Motion carries by consensus.**


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336 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.  
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338 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Ray.  
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340 **ADJOURN:** 4:02pm  
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342 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**December 1, 2022**

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346 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

12/02/2022  
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**Date**