

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024
WEITCHPEC TRIBAL OFFICE
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

ROLL CALL: 10:30am

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

ABSENT: Sherri Provolt, Orick District (excused); Lana McCovey, South District (excused)

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

QUORUM: 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with additions of CA24-105 Orick Rodeo donation, CA24-107 Nelson Road, CA24-106 Jack Norton and Weitchpec Elementary Yearbook donation, CA24-108 Heavy Equipment Operator training, FISH24-032 Prairie Creek Elk Meadows Access Agreement, FIN24-012 Reinstatement of TERO fees, OSG24-008 Bears Ears letter of support, and OTA24-015 AFCARS letter of support. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

May 23/24-Salmon Run
May 24-Culture Committee Meeting in Klamath
May 25-Indigenous Fashion Show @ Bear River
May 29-Elders Summit in Klamath
May 30-Council Corporations Quarterly Meeting
June 8-Suicide Awareness Walk @ Weitchpec 9am

COUNCIL CHECK IN

Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

44 **Councilmember Provolt:** Medical Leave

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46 **Councilmember Natt:** Pass

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48 **Councilmember Ray:** Pass

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50 **Councilmember Williams:** Pass

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52 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass

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54 **Councilmember McCovey:** Absent

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56 **Councilmember Crawford:** I am excited to see the bids for the Willow Creek East District
57 kitchen project. Thank you, Michael & Council. Last weekend there was a girls softball game in
58 Willow Creek, I volunteered to be the umpire! It was a good day for the softball game, the sun
59 was out and lots of tribal members. I was impressed with one of the softball girls, she hit the
60 ball out of the field! It was a big accomplishment & we have some good athletes, Other than
61 that graduation is upon us, always remember that the kid who barely made it by they struggle,
62 this is a new chapter in their life and let's celebrate as equally as proudly as all others. Thank
63 you.

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65 **Chairman James:** Again, the elder's summit is next week. I know we have an elders list
66 regarding the fish, maybe it's updated. I know Eli and I are updating that. Barry, you reminded
67 me of the elder's fisheries hand out this year, so we want to make sure elders are on that
68 distribution list and they have contact information, so we have staff present there to record
69 that information and update it. I look forward to next week. Thank you.

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71 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

72 Alita Redner:

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74 • I'm here just to talk paying attention to the details within our communities. At the new
75 village, there is crumpled or mangled debris left over from the culverts being removed.
76 There are little kids that live at the top of that hill drive by that every day.

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77 • And a part of your role as a leader is to be able to pay attention to those details. So, I
78 don't know if Toby's seen that, you know, when he was up there snooping around at
79 Isaac's or not, but they're still there. It's been two years. So, if we can address that.

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81 • When you declared a state of emergency I lost my job during that big snowstorm, but
82 we tried to declare a state of emergency. I had a limb come through my roof. We're
83 going to be going into the third year of another winter or season.

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85 • It's easy to sign a state of emergency and it's easy to, you know, declare that it's over.
86 But where is the follow through in the middle? There's a lot of elders that also received

87 damage to their homes and to their property and nobody delegated executive, I would
88 say, specifically delegated a follow through for declaring and supporting the damage
89 that had been done during that state of emergency.
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- 91 • I also know that the Hupa Tribe had partnered with Tribal Nations during that time, and
92 we could have had an opportunity to address the needs.
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- 94 • While they were here we went over there to fill out and participate, and I believe that
95 they were asking the (Yurok) Tribe for \$25, 000 to offset some of the cost, but you didn't
96 do that, so again, I just ask, as leaders, where is your follow through in the detail?
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- 98 • I also just want to talk about housing and planning. That just to make sure that you are
99 following through on what are they supporting, you know, what are they supporting?
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- 101 • I've been number 4 on the housing list for 15 years for self-help. I'm over it, I will not fill
102 out that application.
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- 104 • I carry boards on my back to build a bedroom. And it's not my responsibility, and I'm not
105 trying to say that we need that, you know, we're very capable, but as a village here, as
106 the Village of Weitch-pus, we are near extinction, but I'm here to say that this village is
107 not open, and it's not free, and so whenever you're planning and your Housing
108 departments are inserting and following through, please, Please support us, as leaders
109 in that effort because we haven't been supported for a very long time.
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- 111 • At the end of the day, I'm a Yurok mother raising my kids on the river bar, and I just, if I
112 have a chance, I'll stand by that every day, every single day. Thank you.
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114 Charlene Colegrove:

- 115 • And it's true. I mean, Weitchpec is just dying. I mean, there's nothing here anymore like
116 it used to be. We can't even come down here and have a family dinner anymore. It's all
117 tribal and this and that and, you know, it's kind of sad. We're still here sticking together
118 about housing. I'm number eight on the list.
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- 120 • So here, 2027, we'll get help. Now, what's up with that? I didn't know. But anyway,
121 we're surviving up here, but we'd like to have a little extra help now and then. We used
122 to do fish. It took that away from us. It took the community building away. We can't
123 come on the grounds. We're tribal members. I mean, we're not employees.
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- 125 • That isn't right. This used to be a community place. We made it from scratch. So
126 anyway, I'm going to do stuff. I hope everybody's safe for the Memorial weekend. That's
127 really kind of on my heart here. Rodeos are coming up, traveling, all of that. And so
128 anyway, I have some more comments. I'll come to complain, and let you know what else
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- You know, it's all good. You know, we can't, can't think bad, but. I'd like to, I'd like to see the brush crews cut our bushes. You know, it's not a dump up here. This is a reservation. We should be better than that. There's a place down at Tulley Creek, going to Tulley Creek Road. We always park there to be cool.
- No, we can't because it's hard to get down there to that office. But what about us? I mean, we were there all the time in the summertime. Don't shut us out. Cut the brush around the creeks. I mean, this looks like a ghetto, not to mention Bluff Creek. We should be proud to go up there.
- Can't somebody cut the brush? Make us proud again. That's how I feel. So, anyway, that's all I'm going to say. I could stand here and talk all day about that. Which dance is coming up. Dance rounds are still not ready. So, where are we? So, it's sad. Yeah. I am not leaving. So, we're going to try to do our best.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel (Councilmember Ray), Road work (Councilmember Vanlandingham), Personnel (Councilmember Crawford), Personnel (Councilmember Natt)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division

Fisheries Department

FISH24-031, Humboldt Bay Eelgrass Letter of Support

Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to authorize the Fisheries Department to submit the attached letter of support with Chairmans signature regarding an Eelgrass study in Humboldt Bay being proposed by one of our partners. Motion carries by Consensus.

Office of Self Governance

OSG24-005, AB2913 Letter of Support (retro)

Submitted by Amanda Ammon

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve Chairman signing Letter of Support for AB 2913, as introduced, Gipson. Open unsolved murder: review and reinvestigation. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Executive Office

Fiscal Department

FIN24-011, Fiscal Year 2025

Submitted by Michael Maranger

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers for Council to approve the fiscal year 2025 annual budget. Motion carries by Consensus.

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174 **Office of Self Governance**
175 OSG24-006, Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council
176 Submitted by Amanda Ammon

177 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to select a Yurok**
178 **Tribe representative, Councilmember Williams, to be considered for nomination to the**
179 **Government Accountability Office Tribal and Indigenous Advisory Council. Motion carries by**
180 **consensus**

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182 **BREAK: 11:21-11:31**

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184 **AGENDA ITEMS**
185 CA24-094, Yurok Tribe Philanthropy Plan/Job Description
186 Submitted by Chairman James

187 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Yurok**
188 **Tribe Philanthropy Plan and Job Description, directive to Chief of Operations and appropriate**
189 **staff to move forward with job description(s), organizational chart and foundation bylaws.**
190 **Motion carries by Consensus.**

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192 FIN24-012, Reinstatement of TERO Fee for YTCC and Per-Gish Construction
193 Submitted by Michael Maranger

194 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to approve Resolution**
195 **24-049 with edits to authorize the reinstatement of the TERO fee for the Yurok Tibe**
196 **construction corporation and Prey-Go-Neesh Construction Corporation on all new contracts**
197 **and services effective May 22, 2024. Motion carries by consensus.**

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199 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
200 Lori Hodge:

- 201 • I am wonder about the wording of “ancestral territory.” Unless that is a specific
- 202 description
- 203 • I also wonder how that will affect sales tax and permitting requirement if you are not
- 204 specifically on the Reservation. What will using the term of “ancestral territory” will
- 205 impact that?
- 206 • TERO Fees might be duplicative, the TERO fee is in lieu of sales tax on the Reservation,
- 207 but if it’s ancestral territory, that might not be the case. I just want to make sure Council
- 208 is considering that.
- 209 • I would hope we reached out to the Corporations and their Boards so that they were
- 210 aware of this action before Council.

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212 OTA24-015, AFCARS Comment and Engagement Letter
213 Submitted by Alex Mojado

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Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively approve the attached comment letter RE: adoptions and Foster Care analysis and Reporting System, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (RIN 0970-AC98 and the attached Pro-bono Engagement Letter with Democracy Forward. Motion carries by consensus.

OSG24-008, Bear Ears Sign-on letter
Submitted by Megan Siasosi

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Vice Chairman Myers to authorize Chairman to sign the attached Bears Ears Commission Tribes Tribal Letter Sign on letter initiative to support their collaborative management efforts for the monument to the Secretary of Interior. Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division
Fisheries Department
FISH24-027, 2020 Fishery Disaster Spend Plan
Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the 2020 Klamath River Fishery Disaster Spend plan as developed by Tribal Council 100% of the \$405,778 to Tribal Member Commercial Fishers. Motion carries by Consensus.

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CA24-085, Kitchen for Willow Creek Tribal Office
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

Motion made by Councilmember Crawford/Councilmember Williams for appropriate staff to obtain estimates for a kitchen to be installed at the Willow Creek Tribal Office and identify funding for project. Motion carries by Consensus.

CA24-096, April 10 & 11, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve April 10, Council Planning Meeting and April 11, Council Action Meeting, Council Meeting Minutes with edits and corrections. Motion carries by Consensus.

CA24-097, April 23, 24, & 25 2024, Council Meeting Minutes
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve April 23 Council Gaming and Finance, April 24 Council Planning, and April 25 Council Action Meeting, Council Meeting Minutes with edits and corrections. Motion carries by consensus.

LUNCH: 12:17pm-1:00pm

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

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259 **Klamath Irrigators Meeting:** 1:00-1:25

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261 **AGENDA ITEMS**

262 CA24-102, Indian Health Services Funding – Letter of Support

263 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

264 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to authorize**
265 **Chairman to sign letters of support to the California State Assembly and Senate, to reinstate**
266 **funding to Indian Health Programs. Motion carries by Consensus.**

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268 CA24-103, Delegates for Offshore Wind

269 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

270 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve**
271 **Councilmembers Vanlandingham and Williams as the Yurok Delegates to Offshore Wind for**
272 **any conferences, meetings and other discussions with developers. Motion carries by**
273 **Consensus.**

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275 CA24-104, Offshore Wind Power Travel

276 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

277 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
278 **Councilmembers Vanlandingham and Williams and any interested Councilmember to the**
279 **Offshore Wind Power Conference, October 28-30, 2024, in Atlantic City, NJ. Motion carries by**
280 **Consensus.**

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282 CA24-105, Orick Rodeo donation

283 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

284 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
285 **sponsorship in the amount of \$250 Pecwan District Community Fund, \$250 Vice Chair**
286 **Community Fund, \$100 Weitchpec District Community fund for the 2024 Orick Rodeo. Motion**
287 **carries by consensus.**

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289 CA24-106, Jack Norton & Weitchpec Elementaries School Yearbook

290 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

291 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/ Councilmember Vanlandingham Two donate for Jack**
292 **Norton and Weitchpec Elementary 2024 school yearbook (one book combined) \$400.00**
293 **Pecwan District Youth Fund, \$250 Weitchpec District Community Fund and \$75 E District**
294 **Community Fund. Motion carries by consensus.**

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296 CA24-107, Nelson Road

297 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

298 **To direct staff to work with Steve’s Welding owner, Steve Portzer to address road issues on**
299 **Nelson Road (Yurok Food Commodities) in Crescent City and have Rich Nelson present for**
300 **Agenda Item. Discussion only, no action.**

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302 CA24-108, Heavy Equipment Operator Training
303 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

304 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to mandate TERO and**
305 **Promise Neighborhood to coordinate efforts and work together for the benefit of all Tribal**
306 **members. Both Departments report back to Council on a monthly basis, via a standing Action**
307 **Item on the Council Agenda. Motion carries by consensus.**

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309 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

310 James Dunlap:

- 311 • If I could, before you leave, I just wanted (to say), I was curious as to why the delay in
312 the 2023 fishing disaster.
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- 314 • I know the non-tribal fishermen have already submitted their, their spending plan. To
315 the Department of Commerce and at last (meeting) when I talked with the Fisheries
316 Department, they have yet to file the claim for the 2023 season.
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- 318 • And I'm just wondering, when are we going to get sort of caught up on the 2023
319 spending plan or even filing for filing the claim? for the 2023 season.

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321 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:26pm -3:20pm Personnel (Councilmember Ray), Road work (Councilmember**
322 **Vanlandingham), Personnel (Councilmember Crawford), Personnel (Councilmember Natt)**

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324 CA24-099, Land for Sale
325 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

326 **Executive Session: Action/Discussion regarding potential land purchase by Food Sovereignty**
327 **Program. Land located in Requa District near Highway 101.Council consensus to table item.**

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

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331 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers

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333 **ADJOURN:** 3:25pm

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335 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

July 8, 2024

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339 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

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Date