

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
PLANNING MEETING  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
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- ROLL CALL:** 10:27am
- PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Lori Hodge, East District; Lana McCovey, South District; Phillip Williams, North District
- ABSENT:** None
- QUORUM:** 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present
- STAFF:** Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations; Don Barnes, Executive Director; Dawn Baum, Office of Tribal Attorney; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder)
- OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

**REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**  
**Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to accept agenda with addition HR 21-016, HR 21-017 and YTEP21-055. Motion carries by consensus.**

**REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**  
Tabled to tomorrow, 10/28/21

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**  
Councilmember Ray: I will give an update on the last NCIDC meeting. NCIDC does have youth funding available if we need youth interns. They do have funding to hire youth intern so we can utilize them to help with landscaping or whatever it may be. They do have funding for a couple of guys to come work. So just wondering if there are any departments that need funding to hire workers or interns. NCIDC has money.

- Councilmember Hodge: Pass
- Councilmember Williams: Pass
- Councilmember McCovey: Pass
- Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass
- Councilmember Natt: Pass

46 Councilmember Provolt: Pass

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48 Vice Chair Myers: Pass

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50 Chairman James: I'll be brief. Winter is here. We want to get LIHEAP information out. We need  
51 to get wood vendors ready. I'm sure our staff are ready but we want to make sure the services  
52 get out for our people. And I know our staff a lot going on but I just want to get our resources  
53 and our wood ready. Thank you.

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55 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

56 OTA21-096, Litigation Update

57 CA21-200, Investigation Results

58 IT Personnel (Vice Chairman Myers)

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60 **CONSENT ITEMS:** None provided.

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

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64 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

65 **EDUCATION**

66 EDU21-036, 2021 ANA Grants

67 Submitted by Victoria Carlson

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**The Yurok Language Program would like to request a planning session to provide an update and description of the new grant funding recently awarded by the administration for Native Americans. Presentation given, discussion only, no action.**

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71 **TRIBAL COURT**

72 TC21-019, Humboldt Community Information Exchange

73 Submitted by Lori Nesbitt

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**To set a planning session date for Humboldt Community Information Exchange to show their presentation to Tribal Council. Set for November 24, 2021 or second round in November. Rescheduled to December 1, 2021.**

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77 **OFFICE OF TRIBAL ATTORNEY**

78 OTA21-095, Annual OTA Priority Setting

79 Submitted by Dawn Baum

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**Discussion of work priorities by the Office of Tribal Attorney for Fiscal Year 2022. To set a work session with Council Operations and Executive.**

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83 OTA21-096, Litigation Update

84 Submitted by Dawn Baum

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**Discussion of latest developments in opioid, Juul, and COVID-19 Business Interruption Insurance litigation with outside counsel Dan Drachler. Executive Session, discussion only, no action.**

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89 OTA21-097, Intervenor Compensation Rules  
90 Submitted by Kori Cordero

91 **Discuss Intervenor Compensation Rule. Executive Session, discussion only, no action.**

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93 **COUNCIL:**  
94 CA21-203, Requa Resort Planning  
95 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

96 **Discussion action on Requa Resort. Executive to work with YEDC, YYEP and Fisheries to set a**  
97 **date for a work session.**

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99 CA21-201, Policy Recommendations  
100 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

101 **To approve a continued contract with Big Fire Policy and Law Group, LLC to work with the**  
102 **Human Resources Director and the Human Resources Work Group to make recommended**  
103 **changes to the Yurok Tribe Personnel Policies. HR to work with Council Operations and**  
104 **Executive to set a work session with Counsel and the Human Resources Work Group to**  
105 **review the work completed.**

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107 **Human Resources**  
108 HR21-016, Job Descriptions  
109 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

110 **Approved job descriptions Administrative Assistant IV- Education, Database Manager -**  
111 **Education, Contracts/Grants Specialist – Education, Trauma Coach- Education, Data Analyst -**  
112 **ICWA, Tribal Archivist, and Public Relations Manager. Discussion only, no action.**

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114 HR21-017, Executive Branch  
115 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

116 **Discuss proposal to change Executive Branch to include CO Director as providing general**  
117 **overnight to Directors in this Division. Modify job description to reflect new title and pay**  
118 **grade. Discussion only, no action.**

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120 **LUNCH 12:18pm-1:20pm**

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

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124 **AGENDA ITEMS:**  
125 YTEP21-055, Food Sovereignty Land Use MOU  
126 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

127 **~~Approve the proposed MOU and addendum prepared by OTA for the YTEP Food Sovereignty~~**  
128 **Division to develop Food Villages and Food Production Sites on the parcels outlined and**  
129 **mapped in the attached documents. Agenda item pulled by Chairman James.**

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131 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 2:09pm-4:00pm

132 OTA21-096, Litigation Update  
133 CA21-200, Investigation Results  
134 IT Personnel (Vice Chair)

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136 Action out of Executive Session:

137 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

138 To approve the ten recommendations made in the report by Big Fire Policy & Law Group, LLC  
139 to ensure complaints are followed up in a timely manner and completed to resolution.

140 **Directive to the Executive Director, to contact Big Fire Policy and Law Group to inquire about**  
141 **costs to retain them to do investigations, the cost to help develop policy changes, and a**  
142 **process on how confidential records should be set up. Identify a timeline to complete items**  
143 **and to also provide Council training including guidance on integrating Workplace Safety**  
144 **Position within the Tribal structure.**

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146 **PUD WATER SYSTEMS UPDATE:** Tabled to next Planning Meeting.

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

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150 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

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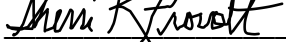
152 **ADJOURN:** 4:06pm

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154 **MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**November 10, 2021**

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**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

**Date**