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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
WILLOW CREEK TRIBAL OFFICE**

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: Earl Jackson, Deputy Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Kori Cordero, Office of Tribal Attorney; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers /Councilmember Williams to the agenda with additions of FIRE23-003, CFMC Work Plan. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDER:

February 24-Culture Committee Meeting cancelled due to weather conditions.
March 14-Federal Water Assessment Team visit.
March 20-22-Follow up Ashland Basin Workshop
April 11-13-Water Meetings in Sacramento
April 11-Federal Water Assessment Team visit.

Natural Resources

Fisheries Department

FISH23-023, Klamath Beach Road Planning Session Request
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Council consensus to set March 8, 2023 1 hour for a Planning Session with Tribal Council to discuss the Klamath Beach Road Improvement Project.

FISH23-024, Tribal Spring Fishery Planning Session Request
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Council consensus to set March 8, 2023 1 hour for a Planning Session with Tribal Council to discuss options for the 2023 Tribal Spring Fishery.

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Public Utilities

YPUD23,001, Upriver Emergency Water Program Planning Session
Submitted by Mike Searcy

Council consensus to set March 15, 2023 at Tulley Creek starting at 10am for a Work Session to discuss a joint community outreach meeting with the Upriver Emergency Water Program with members from PUD, Planning, OES, and Environmental to inform the community about drought and how we are planning to respond.

Office of Tribal Attorney

OTA23-016, Jadewood Capital Presentation
Submitted by Kori Cordero

Council consensus to set March 8, 2023, at 2pm an in-person presentation by Yurok Tribe Contractor Jadewood Capital regarding potential broadband acquisition. Presentation is confidential.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass

Councilmember Williams – I attended a Promised Neighborhood meeting at Crescent Elk Middle School. Thank you to the staff that was there and that presented for the Education Department. True North also mentioned that our Promised Neighborhood model is looking to Nation wide as a model.

Councilmember Crawford – Pass

Councilmember Ray – Pass

Councilmember Natt – I apologize for not attending in person today, welcome everyone and I hope this day is a good one.

Councilmember Provolt – Thank you to the Council and staff here today, glad we all made it safely.

Councilmember McCovey – Glad to have the Willow Creek building open finally. Everyone stay safe. I have heard that our 3rd Street building in Eureka will also be opening soon.

Vice Chairman Myers – Thank you all for coming today. This building turned out wonderful.

Chairman James – We will look at the weather tonight and tomorrow to determine if we will have tomorrow’s meeting. We want everyone to be safe.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

89 Margo Robbins:

- 90 • Regarding offshore wind energy, the press gives the impression that whole tribe is for
91 this project and that's not true. I am not and I don't think the Tribe has taken a position
92 yet, but the media makes it sounds like they have.
- 93 • KTJUSD is thinking about shutting down Jack Norton Elementary School, and the Tribe
94 needs to be consulted on this matter.

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96 Charlene McLaughlin:

- 97 • I called Elders Social Worker. She said I have already received help and am not able to
98 additional assistance. I have equipment in my car that they "helped" me with, but I hope
99 that they don't use that against me. You're doing a good job Chairman. I see you are
100 busy going to Sacramento, here and there. It's good stuff.

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102 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 103 CA23-026, Fee to Trust and Land Back
- 104 CA23-053, Legislative Agenda
- 105 CA23-056, Removal from Boards & Committees.
- 106 Natural Resources (Williams)

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108 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

109 **Public Utilities**

- 110 YPUD23-002, Organizational Future
- 111 Submitted by Mike Searcy

112 **Council consensus to set March 15, 2023 at 1pm to hold a work session at Tulley Creek to**
113 **discuss YPUD Organizational Chart based on Ordinance and need for the expansion due to**
114 **Energy and Water Infrastructure grants that have been awarded and/or are in the process.**

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116 **EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM(S):**

- 117 FIRE23-003, Cultural Fire Management Council 2023 Work Plan
- 118 Submitted by Rod Mendes

119 ~~Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the~~
120 **2023 Cultural Fire Management Council Annual Work Plan with the provisions.1. All**
121 **prescribed fire burn plans will be submitted to Yurok Fire for concurrence regardless of land**
122 **status prior to submission to Cal Fire, 2. Yurok Fire will submit all Prescribed Fire Burn Plans**
123 **for trust Lands to the BIA, 3. Yurok Fire will provide the incident Commander for all Training**
124 **Exchange (Trex) events. Motion withdrawn. Item tabled to work session.**

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126 **Council**

- 127 CA23-016, Yurok Tribal Commitment to Klamath Water Tank
- 128 Submitted by Council Member Ray

129 **Action/Discussion on the Yurok Tribal Commitment of \$231k to the Klamath Water Tank and**
130 **potential funding source of the Yurok Tribal Contingency Fund. Item tabled.**

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132 **LUNCH: 12:00pm-1:30pm**

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134 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

135 Robert Kinney: Thank you for this place and food. Travel safe.

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137 Anita Bussell: Thankful for this building, but it doesn't have a kitchen. What kind of Indians
138 don't have a kitchen, no microwave, no stove, no refrigerator. I hope you have good security.
139 There are school buses that come through here which may need to be worked out.

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141 Lottie Ammon: All you need to do is contact Burnt Ranch (school district) and ask them to
142 change their parking regarding the buses.

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144 Charlene Colegrove: Thank you to Council for helping me fix my eyes. (Community donation)

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146 Lottie Ammon: What is the golf course going to be used for? Could we have a few of those
147 places be designated as Air BNB's? Or have the rafting company, we have famous rapids right
148 here. I understand we need housing, but I think bringing in revenue.

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150 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

151 CA23-054, Aawok Ada Charles Office of Emergency Building

152 Submitted by Council Member Ray

153 **Discussion/Action on staffing and operations of the Aawok Ada Charles Office of Emergency**
154 **Services Building. Directive to Executive Director to hold a meeting with all pertinent staff (ie**
155 **OES, Planning, Boys & Girls Club and invite Councilmember Ray.)**

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157 CA23-055, Sole Source Contracting

158 Submitted by Council Member Ray

159 **Discussion regarding Sole Source Contracting. Item tabled.**

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161 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:51pm-2:53pm**

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163 CA23-026, Fee to Trust and Land Back

164 CA23-053, Legislative Agenda

165 CA23-056, Removal from Boards & Committees.

166 Natural Resources (Williams)

167 Litigation update

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169 Action out of Executive:

170 **Council**

171 CA23-026, Fee to Trust & Land Back

172 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

173 **Council to identify and prioritize parcels for Fee to Trust. Discussion only, no action. Tabled to**
174 **Council retreat. Planning Department will follow up with an agenda item.**

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176 CA23-053, Yurok Tribe's Legislative Agenda

177 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

178 **Discussion on the Yurok Tribe's Legislative Agenda. (Planning Agenda). Item tabled.**

179 CA23-056, Removal from Boards & Committees
180 Submitted by Council Member Ray

181 **Motion to remove Lori Hodge from all Council Appointed Board Positions. Item tabled.**

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183 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chairman Myers to suspend the rules and add**
184 **CARB23-004 and CARB23-005. Motion carries by consensus.**

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186 CARB23-004, StatKraft proposed Sales Transaction
187 Submitted by Javier Kinney

188 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to review and approve the**
189 **draft term sheet of the prospective sale between StatKraft and the Yurok Tribe. If approved**
190 **to receive authorization to work with OTA and Executive to finalize requisite sales transaction**
191 **documents as needed. Motion carries by consensus.**

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193 CARB23-005, Hewlett Foundation Propose Carbon Offset Sales Transactions
194 Submitted by Javier Kinney

195 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to review and approve**
196 **the draft term sheet of the prospective sale between Hewlett and the Yurok Tribe. If**
197 **approved to receive authorization to work with OTA and Executive to finalize requisite sales**
198 **transaction documents as needed. Motion carries by consensus.**

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200 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None provided.

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202 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Executive Session.

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

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206 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

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208 **ADJOURN:** 3:02pm

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210 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** **March 9, 2023**

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214 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

03/14/2023

Date