

1 **YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
2 **PLANNING MEETING**  
3 **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021**  
4 <https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>

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6 **ROLL CALL:** 10:00am

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9 **PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick  
10 District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East  
11 District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District;  
12 Phillip Williams, North District

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14 None

15 **ABSENT:**

16 Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director;

17 **STAFF:** Dawn Baum, General Counsel; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder)

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19 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

20 **QUORUM:**

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

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24 **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

25 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Ray to accept agenda with addition of CA21-**  
26 **101. Presentation scheduled at 11:45am. Motion carries by consensus.**

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28 **CALENDAR**

29 **THPO21-005, Culture Committee & Council Joint Meeting**

30 **Council consensus to set June 25, 2021 at Morek Won to set the Culture Committee and Council's**  
31 **Yearly Joint Meeting.**

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33 June 30- North District meeting 6-8pm

34 June 28-July 9 – Chairman James, personal time

35 Sregon Brush Dance – July 8-July 11

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37 **COUNCIL CHECK IN**

38 Councilmember Provolt: Pass

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40 Councilmember Natt: I want to give a shout out to the TERO Department for their help setting up the  
41 cleanup for the playgrounds at Wautek. It was a great event. I want to give a thanks Head Start  
42 employee, Naomi Ames, it's been years that building has worked there.  
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Councilmember Ray: Pass.

Councilmember Hodge: Pass

Councilmember Williams: We had a Natural Resource (NR) meeting this last week. I wanted to remind Council to check-in with your NR committee members if your delegate cannot show up, to let their alternate know so they can show up. NR Committee, according to their Bylaws, wants to meet with Council and they are putting together their agenda.

Councilmember McCovey: Pass.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

Chairman James: Thank you to our staff who worked hard during the budget sessions, we approved a 79 million budget. We received 30 million in our first payment from American Rescue Plan. Our staff are working around the clock to get tribal member relief checks out in the mail.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Property Acquisition (Williams), CA21-095 Family Code (Hodge), Personnel (Provolt), Personnel (Natt)

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

Rose Sylvia: I have a few comments. I know we are in a drought. Wautek has a laundry mat, right now its open to the world. I think we need to lock it down and have it open just for the community members who live there. During the playground clean up at Wautek, one of the community members asked me about the Tribe's truck and if they can clean up the stuff behind it that still remains from the fire. When I go up to Weitchpec, I notice that water truck is filling up right there at Martin's Ferry. It is the Blue Water truck with Kepel Construction. Is this a permitted thing from the Tribe? We need to be careful. It comes across as a free reign up here, no one is here to monitoring and tracking these things.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Executive Office**

Mike Searcy presents  
ExDir21-05, Emergency Wildfire Mitigation Plan  
Submitted by Don Barnes

**Request Council to approve Yurok Fire Department Community Protection Proposal with funding to come from forthcoming American Rescue Plan funds. American Rescue Plan Funds may be replaced be any potential California State Drought Mitigation funds. Discussion only, no action.**

**Health & Human Services**

Alita Redner presents  
YHHS21-016, Generator Update

88 Submitted by Alita Redner

89 **To review Generator Program Distribution update, shipping cost and Program statue. Update**  
90 **provided by Alita. Discussion only, no action.**

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92 **Information Services**

93 IT20-040, Standing Item for IT Director, Jessica Engle to give update(s)  
94 Submitted by Jessica Engle

95 **Work session recently. No update necessary.**

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97 **BREAK: 10:50am -11:03am**

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

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101 **AGENDA ITEM:**

102 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

103 Maggie Poffenbarger presents  
104 OTA21-064, Hemp Ordinance  
105 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

106 **Council consensus to schedule June 30, 2021 at 1pm a work session to review the proposed**  
107 **amendments to the Hemp Ordinance.**

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109 OTA21-065, Controlled Substance Ordinance  
110 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

111 **Council consensus to schedule June 30, 2021 a work session to review proposed amendments to**  
112 **controlled substance Ordinance and direct staff to hold public comment session on proposed**  
113 **amendments.**

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115 **Public Health**

116 Hollie Strahm presents  
117 PH21-004, COVID-19 Prevention & Control Plan (review)  
118 Submitted by Hollie Strahm

119 **Review COVID-19 Plan for worksite operations and attached resolution and authorize Chair to sign**  
120 **and Secretary to attest. This guidance includes prevention, control, vaccination, testing efforts, and**  
121 **additional guidance for events and meetings. Discussion only, no action.**

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123 **Council**

124 CA20-101, Cal Trans Presentation to Council  
125 Submitted by Don Barnes

126 **Cal Trans request 30 minutes on Council's Planning Agenda. Presentation on the ethnographic**  
127 **studies they are preparing in relation to the Last Chance Grade Project. Discussion only, no action.**

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129 **LUNCH: 12:30pm -1:15pm**

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

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133 **AGENDA ITEM:**

134 **Public Utilities**

135 Mike Searcy presents

136 YPUD21-006, YPWS Water Systems Update

137 Submitted by Mike Searcy

138 **To update Council regarding the Water and System Status as of June 1, 2021, and to discuss the**  
139 **YPUD Board Approved Drought Contingency Plan's operation and implementation. Update given by**  
140 **Mike Searcy.**

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142 **Council consensus to add YPUD21-006, Yurok Public Water Systems update to Council Planning**  
143 **agenda for the remaining time of this drought.**

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145 **Council**

146 CA21-044, Tribal Fees Discussion

147 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

148 **To have all tribal departments and entities provide to OTA a listing of all fees charged by their**  
149 **dept./org., along with description, policies, and/or procedures that applies to the fee charged.**  
150 **Procedures should include accounting. To be completed by June 10, 2021. Item tabled to end of July**  
151 **beginning of August.**

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153 CA21-084, Yurok Hemp License Application

154 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

155 **Action to approve license for the cultivation of hemp to the Nejah Chyue project, pending**  
156 **background checks per ordinance. Set license fee at \$1500 for no more than 10,000 square feet grow**  
157 **space, direct OTA to issue license. Chairman tabled.**

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159 CA21-094, Artisans Fair

160 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

161 **Discussion/Action on a rotating Artisans Fair. Discussion only, no action.**

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163 CA21-097, In Person Council Meetings

164 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

165 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to set an in-person Council**  
166 **Meetings starting July 14 & 15, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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168 **Tribal Heritage Preservation Office**

169 THPO21-006, Summit Gathering planning

170 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

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**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the Yurok THPO to work on hosting the annual THPO/SHPO Summit for the State of California on November 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 2:48pm -3:21pm  
Property Acquisition (Williams), CA21-095 Family Code (Hodge), Personnel (Provolt), Personnel (Natt)

Items out of Executive Session:  
CA21-095, Family Code Ordinance RE: Garnishment  
Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

**Directive to Executive Director and Office of Tribal Attorney to review and assess all personnel and operational policies when developing and updating Ordinances / Codes so they are in alignment. Directive to Executive Director and Office of Tribal Attorney to update Personnel policy to align with current Family Code.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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

**ADJOURN:** 3:28pm

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**July 15, 2021**

  
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**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

07/21/2021  
**Date**