

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022
WEITCHPEC TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 1:00pm

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Lana McCovey, South District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District.

ABSENT: Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman

STAFF: Earl Jackson, Deputy Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Baum, Office of Tribal Attorney; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR/AGENDA ITEMS

Fisheries

FISH22-065, Planning Session Request RE: 2019 Disaster Relief Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Council consensus to schedule October 17, 2022 for the Fisheries Department’s request for a Planning Meeting with the Tribal Council to discuss a spending plan for the 2019 Klamath River Fishery Disaster Relief Award.

Human Resources

HR22-019, Yurok Tribal Police Wage Schedule Planning Submitted by Rose Sylvia

Council consensus to approve scheduling October 20, 2022, for a Planning Meeting with the Tribal Council to discuss the Yurok Tribal Police Wage Schedule FY 2022 10% increase, FY 2023 5% increase, and FY 2024 5% from the current wage schedule.

Council

CA22-231, Planning Session Request RE: Redwood Park Conservancy

44 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

45 **Council consensus to approve scheduling the October 26, 2022 Council Planning Meeting with**
46 **Redwood Parks Conservancy to meet the new Executive Director and Development Director**
47 **and to review and discuss goals that support Yurok Tribal interests.**

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49 **CALENDAR**

50 December 27-29, Council Meetings-cancel those meetings

51 October 21-23, United Indian Health Services Board Retreat

52 October 30-November 4, NCAI at Sacramento (McCovey/Hodge/Provolt)

53 November 10-13, Veteran's trip to Washington, DC (Williams)

54 November 13-18 Klamath Fish Passage Summit (Myers)

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56 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES:** None provided.

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58 **COUNCIL CHECK IN**

59 Councilmember Provolt:

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 - We had great discussion with the Hoopa Tribal Council during this morning's meeting
- 61 regarding the Yurok Lands Act.

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63 Councilmember Natt: Pass.

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65 Councilmember Ray: Pass.

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67 Councilmember Hodge:

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 - Attended the MMIP Summit events, very good events.
 - October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; ladies get your mammograms. If you have cancer history in your family, you should request the diagnostic mammogram, there is a big difference between the mammograms exams and images.

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73 Councilmember Williams:

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 - I am still campaigning for Del Norte School Board seat.
 - Was able to dance with Bird Singers at the MMIP Cultural sharing parts. Great job to all staff.

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78 Councilmember McCovey:

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 - There has been an expansion of United Indian Health Services hours of services. This is very exciting for clients.

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82 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

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84 Vice Chair Myers: Not present.

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86 Chairman James:

- 87 • It was a great cultural sharing event for the MMIP event at Sue-meg State Park, followed
88 by a day of information sharing, stories and testimonies of MMIP in Arcata, very nicely
89 put together. Thank you to all our staff that helped put those events together.
- 90 • Very exciting meeting with the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, looking for a letter of
91 support from them for our land's legislation.
- 92 • We also discussed other ways that we could work together with Hoopa.

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94 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

95 Rose Sylvia: Rose, from Pecwan. I wanted to talk to today about my niece and her children. I
96 want to mention that the Tribe really needs to work on whatever their process is with these
97 parents and their kids. You have an ICWA program and it's not clear. So a parent goes in
98 thinking that ICWA is there to help them. I think that there needs to be information that's given
99 to parents that says, you need to get your own attorney that we're only here for this and not
100 wait until you're actual in court and then the second thing is TANF is separate program. So, my
101 niece got her kids back and she's had them for over a month, going on two months. And she has
102 not received any service from this Tribe, she's completely eligible, no emergency services,
103 nothing. The only thing that she's received is that every time CPS got called or the cops, the
104 Tribe made sure that they had contact with her. And so, for me that's like crazy that you can
105 make sure that you can contact that parent to ensure that the cops can talk to them, or CPS can
106 talk to them, but you can't contact that parent to finalize the forms that need to be completed
107 to get help. This is a big problem and concerns for families struggling to get and keep their kids.

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109 Donna Matilton: I just wanted to say Rose is right about what she just talked about. I've been
110 around a lot of cases with Indian Child Welfare, and I truly believe that Indian Child Welfare
111 should appoint some advocate for the parents to help them to and help them get their kids
112 back. I went to a couple meetings that said the mother wasn't parenting, but once they get into
113 that system, the parent, especially the mother, they don't know what to do. They're afraid to
114 correct their kids. They're afraid if they swat their kids, someone will turn them in. I mean,
115 every system starts working against these families. And yeah, sometimes they do make bad
116 choices, but I'm saying that we need an advocate to try to get these kids back with their parents
117 and to help them get settled again.

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119 They will go in and inspect that. They have, you know, beds for them and they go into the
120 refrigerator, look, to make sure they have food and they're expecting all this, you know, these
121 parents have to step up and, and they don't have the means to do it. Parents that have their
122 kids are struggling. I'm an advocate for elderly people and for, uh, kids in school and special
123 needs and some of our parents, they got lost in the system. They don't know how to parent.
124 And then we always talk about, uh, oh, our grandmothers went away and got taken away and
125 had to go to boarding school. Well, think about what happened way back then.

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127 A lot of our people, they don't know how to be parents. And I always look at their history.
128 Maybe it's because their grandmother and great grandmother lost that teaching of being
129 parents. And we look at the white men's view, we don't look at what happened to our people.
130 So I say we need to have an advocate for what Rose was talking about and a lot of other

131 parents. So that's what I would advise you guys to try to do something about that. And I've got
132 nieces and nephews that got taken away from their mother because she made bad choices and
133 they're adopted out now. They even changed their names and I think that's wrong to take
134 babies names away from them. I, myself adopted a child to California Legal Service or California
135 Adoption Services. I refused to change her name. I added mine, but I did not take her identity
136 away. And our tribe is doing that right now. And that's wrong. We need to stop that because
137 there are other ways. They don't have that right to take their identity. That's the only thing
138 these babies come into the world with is their identity. And our system is robbing them of that
139 identity. We're raising a lot of young babies that are going to grow up to be angry because of it.
140 That's all I have to say.

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142 Rose Sylvia: I honestly have one more thing. So I want to say this is not an isolated case. The
143 father had full custody of these children and he was murdered. And so then the family tried to
144 file for custody. She had to go to court to get custody and the court awarded her full custody of
145 her children. And so it is not an isolated case, but ICWA is the only one involved with her
146 because the family is turning her into CPS. They're calling the cops for every little thing and
147 that's the only contact that she's having with the Tribe and not for the good services that the
148 Tribe offered. So I want to say that this is not an isolated case, but that's the only contact she
149 has had with This tribe and it has only been for the County to track her down so the County
150 could talk to her, track her down because the cops have to talk to her all to defend whatever
151 the other family is saying. But it's not any about her and her custody that's already been
152 awarded. And so I want you guys to be clear on that part of it. Thank you.

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154 Nicole Provolt: Hello, I am from the Orick District, I just wanted to say I didn't have an
155 opportunity to go to the Annual Membership Meeting, but I did have several family members
156 who attended, and it sounded like it was very well done, and I just wanted to give thank you to
157 everybody that worked hard to put that together. And also I did attend the MMIP cultural event
158 at Sue-meg State Park. It was wonderful and I'm, very thankful for what our Tribe is doing with
159 all of that work. It makes me very proud. And my third comment is, it is very difficult to hear the
160 meeting participants through Zoom when you guys are in Weitchpec. I hope that's been
161 conveyed to you previously and at some point that it can be remedied because it is something
162 that is a great tool to be able to listen to these meetings. That's all. Thank You.

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164 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Legal (Williams), Personnel (Provolt)

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166 **CONSENT ITEMS:** None provided.

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168 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

169 **Human Resources**
170 HR22-004, Personal Policy Chapters 5-14
171 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

172 **Discussion on scheduling a Planning Meeting to review Personnel Policy Modifications.**
173 **Discussion only, no action.**

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175 **Council**

176 CA22-233, Status Update: Weitchpec Transfer Site – dumpsters
177 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

178 **Status Update: Weitchpec Transfer Site Dumpster Purchase (Planning and Facilities). Update**
179 **provided by Dean Baker, Facilities Director.**

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181 CA22-234, Status Update: Tulley Creek Community Center
182 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

183 **Status Update: Tulley Creek Community Center Update (Per-geesh Corporation and Panning**
184 **department). Item pulled.**

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186 CA22-235, Status Update: Paving Project
187 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

188 **Paving project shoulders (Transportation Program). Update provided by Brandi Natt,**
189 **Transportation Manager and Tim Hayden, Deputy Executive Director of Natural Resources.**

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191 CA22-237, Status Update: Starwein Road
192 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

193 **Motion to have staff provide an update to the Tribal Council and Tribal membership**
194 **regarding road improvement project(s) for Starwein Road. Update provided by Brandi Natt,**
195 **Transportation Manager and Tim Hayden, Deputy Executive Director of Natural Resources.**

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197 CA22-230, Status Update: Tulley Creek Fire Station
198 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

199 **Planning to provide an update on the Tulley Creek Fire Station punch list, washer and dryer,**
200 **and telephone issues. Update provided by Michael Gerace, Planning Director.**

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202 **PRESENTATION:** Darren Masten, Clear Cloud Solutions, Upland, California, Phoenix and Hoopa,
203 California-Safety Program for 8(a)

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205 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**
206 *-Status Update ICDBG. All districts will discuss at their District meetings.*

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208 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** None provided.

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

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212 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 3:30pm-5:00pm
213 Legal (Williams)
214 Personnel (Provolt)

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216 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

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218 **ADJOURN:** 5:05pm

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220 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

October 27, 2022

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

10/31/2022

Date