



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People



Yurok Tribe builds Emergency Center

Facility will serve community for decades to come - See story on page 3



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YUROK ELECTION BOARD
ANNOUNCES THE CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR
NORTH, REQUA AND WEITCHPEC DISTRICTS

The following candidates were certified to run for Tribal Council Seats:

NORTH DISTRICT

Edward "Horse" Aubrey
Jack Mattz
Phillip L. Williams

REQUA DISTRICT

David L. Gensaw, Sr.
Ryan Ray

WEITCHPEC DISTRICT

Jewel Frank
Lucinda "Inday" Myers
Eugene "Gino" O'Rourke
Toby Vanlandingham

Primary Election Day is scheduled for October 14, 2020. All Yurok Tribal Members who will be 18 years of age by Election day, must register to vote by August 31st.

For more information regarding the election, call the Election Department at (707) 482-1350 or the tribal website: www.yuroktribe.org.

MRB needs Uber Driver

Mad River Brewing Company is in Blue Lake California, owned by the Yurok Agricultural Corporation. Mad River has had an influx of customers due to positive changes made in the last 6 months. We are looking for an Uber Driver in the area interested in specifically turning your location on to deliver food from Mad River Brewery. If you are already registered with Uber and approved please contact Linda Cooley, coo@madriverbrewing.com for more details. This is not a position employed by Mad River Brewery, we will be using a Yurok entrepreneur instead of reaching out elsewhere.

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The Yurok Tribe is building an 19,000-square-foot Emergency Operations Center in Klamath. The project receiving funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Tribe builds emergency operations center

The much-needed facility is located in Klamath, near Tribe's headquarters

The Yurok Tribe recently broke ground on a brand new, centrally located Emergency Operations Center in Klamath.

"This is a good day for the Yurok people," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "The new facility will serve the Tribe during the pandemic and it will provide a permanent base of operations for future emergencies. We are extremely excited about this project and what it means for our community."

"The emergency center is something we have needed for a really long time and I am very excited to see it finally become a reality. This critical piece of infrastructure will benefit the community for many decades to come," added Ryan Ray, the Yurok Tribal Council's Requa District Representative.

Once complete, the Emergency Operations Center will house the Yurok Incident Command Team. Should the need arise, a portion of the building can also be used to isolate mildly ill, COVID-19 patients until they are no longer contagious. The approximately 19,000 square foot facility will include: a spacious command center, several multipurpose rooms, kitchen, laundry facilities, fitness area, restrooms, showers and a locker room.

Located on Klamath Boulevard, across the street from the Yurok Tribe's Headquarters and the Yurok Justice Center, the emergency hub is situated in an ideal spot. The Tribal Council selected the site because of its proximity the most populated part of the Yurok Reservation. The centralized location also presents an optimal meeting place for tribal leadership, Incident Command and the Yurok Police Department.

The Yurok Emergency Operations Center is being constructed with funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In addition to the emergency infrastructure, the Tribal Council has strategically invested CARES Act dollars into a COVID-19 Relief Fund Program. The Yurok Alliance CDFI-administered program offers forgivable loans to help tribal business owners and entrepreneurs stay solvent during the current



Yurok citizen John Donahue is a TERO placement working on the Emergency Operations Center project.

recession. The Tribe has also sent \$1,250 checks to tribal citizens, over the age of 18 (by December 30, 2020), who are facing financial challenges because of the pandemic.

On March 13, the Yurok Tribal Council issued an emergency declaration, mobilizing more than 100 staff members to confront the many facets of this unparalleled public health emergency. On April 6, the Tribe closed the reservation to visitors and instituted a curfew. The Tribal Council also issued an order requiring residents to wear face coverings in public. To date, there have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases on the Yurok Reservation.

Pacific Builders, a Humboldt County-based construction firm, is building the new facility.

For more information, please visit yurokoes.org.

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• Ryan Ray, the Requa District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council

Tribe launches major internet project

Yurok Connect broadband speeds, coverage to significantly increase

The Yurok Tribal Council recently approved a \$2.1 million project that will significantly boost Yurok Connect's data transmission speeds and expand its coverage to many family homes that have never had access to the internet.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act-funded, Yurok Connect Broadband Project is expected to be completed before the end of this year. Launched in 2013 and administered by the Yurok IT Department, Yurok Connect is a Yurok Tribe-owned, wireless internet service provider.

"The Broadband Project will considerably enhance emergency communications on the reservation for decades to come," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "It will also create a wide range of additional benefits for tribal citizens, ranging from new economic opportunities to improved healthcare options. This is game changer for the Yurok Tribe."

"Yurok Connect customers and tribal government offices can expect to experience a night-and-day difference in the speed of our internet services," added Jessica Engle, the Director of the Yurok Tribe's Information Technology Department, who is overseeing this project on behalf of the Tribe. "This project is going to produce many positive outcomes, such as greater access to distance-learning platforms and virtual job opportunities, not to mention all of the other benefits associated with a fast internet service."

In addition to elevating the Tribe's emergency communications capacity, the Broadband Project will facilitate meaningful progress in several key areas, including: education, e-commerce, telehealth, natural disaster response and public safety. After the project is complete, Yurok Connect will offer a high-speed service, which is several times faster than what is currently offered. Students on the reservation will be able to participate in online learning because the high-speed service offers sufficient bandwidth to sustain digital teaching platforms. Yurok Connect customers will be able to quickly communicate with their primary care physicians and other types of healthcare providers. For the first time, Yurok artists and traditional tradespeople will be able to sell their professional-quality products to patrons all over the world.

The Yurok Reservation, located in far Northern California, is in one of the most technologically disadvantaged parts of the state. Since its inception, Yurok Connect has secured several grants to gradually expand coverage on the reservation, where the steep,




Yurok citizen Walter Hoffman runs Yurok Connect on the west side of the reservation.

forested terrain makes it particularly challenging and expensive to install broadband equipment. Prior to receiving the CARES dollars, the IT Department developed a detailed plan for the Yurok Connect Broadband Project and acquired a grant to implement a portion of the now completely funded undertaking. The department also obtained funding to hire EnerTribe, a Native American-owned firm, to engineer and construct the electronic infrastructure. EnerTribe is currently re-engineering and building up the Yurok tower sites to accommodate better broadband speeds. The towers will also be equipped with cutting-edge, superior quality hardware to support fast internet velocities.

"We are thrilled to be working with our big brother and sister tribes at such a critical time. The pandemic has impacted Indigenous communities globally in such a devastating way and if broadband can help make it just a little easier for our tribal governments to operate, we are grateful to contribute," said EnerTribe CEO Forest James (no relation to Chairman James).

Simultaneous to the Broadband Project, the Tribe is working on strengthening emergency communications in other substantive ways. Many of the family homes outside of the current internet coverage area also do not have telephone services. The Yurok IT Department secured two grants to get the existing broadband towers cellular ready and to begin a search for commercial carriers



to take advantage of this opportunity, which will vastly expand cellphone reception on the reservation. The department and EnerTribe are actively looking for a cellular provider to offer this much-needed service. This project is expected to be completed sometime next year

“The combination of the CARES Act funding and smart planning has accelerated our efforts to build a brighter future for the Yurok people,” Chairman James said. “I would like to commend the Tribal Council, the IT Department, EnerTribe and THPO for laying the groundwork to make these long-term reservation infrastructure improvements a reality.”

To date, the Tribal Council has strategically invested CARES Act dollars into multiple projects that address different challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis. For example, the Tribe broke ground on an approximately 19,000 square foot emergency operations center, which will serve as the headquarters for the Yurok Incident Command Team. CARES dollars were used to start a forgivable grant program for tribal business owners and entrepreneurs. The Tribe has also sent \$1,250 in relief funding to tribal citizens who are facing financial challenges because of the pandemic and are over the age of 18 by December 30, 2020.

The construction of the new internet infrastructure received funding from CARES Act and the three separate organizations, including the Tribal Nations Grant Fund, US Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Launched in 2013, Yurok Connect offers inexpensive broadband internet to individuals, Tribal offices as well as Tribally owned and private businesses. The Yurok IT Department built the whole, wireless internet system from the ground up. The wireless internet service provider is a self-sustaining business administered entirely by Yurok citizens.

Editor’s note: Earlier this year, the California Public Utilities Commission funded the Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative, which seeks to install fiber-optic cable from Orleans to Orick as well as from Weitchpec to Wautec on the Yurok Reservation. This project is currently in the permitting phase and will complement the Yurok Connect Broadband Project.

Tribes team up on fiber optic project

Yurok, Karuk Tribes to install more than 100 miles of fiber optic line

The Karuk and Yurok Tribes’ Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative (KRRBI) recently received an additional \$10 million from the California Public Utilities Commission’s Advanced Services Fund to install more than 100 miles of fiber-optic cable in one of the most technologically and economically disadvantaged parts of the The Golden State.

“For the residents of far Northern California, this initiative will produce more positive outcomes than almost any other public infrastructure project in the last century,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “The installation of fiber will facilitate substantial progress in many different areas, ranging from public health to education and economic development to public safety. I would like to thank the CPUC for the funding to complete this pivotal project.”

“The installation of modern internet infrastructure will level the playing field in our rural communities. For the first time, young adults will have an opportunity to enroll in online learning programs, instead of making the 4-hour round trip to the nearest university. Native artists and traditional tradespeople will be able to engage in digital commerce. Our most vulnerable citizens will be able to take advantage of telehealth because of this project,” said Russell “Buster” Attebery the Chairman of the Karuk Tribe. “The benefits are endless. We greatly appreciate the CPUC’s investment in this historic undertaking, which will benefit all of the residents in our region.”

When it is complete, the Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative will provide high-speed internet to nearly 670 tribal and non-tribal households in addition to approximately 170 non-residential entities, including multiple health care clinics,



public schools and tribal offices. It will serve a wide variety of tribally owned and private businesses as well support economic growth. The fiber optic line will also improve the communications capabilities of local law enforcement and other first responders.

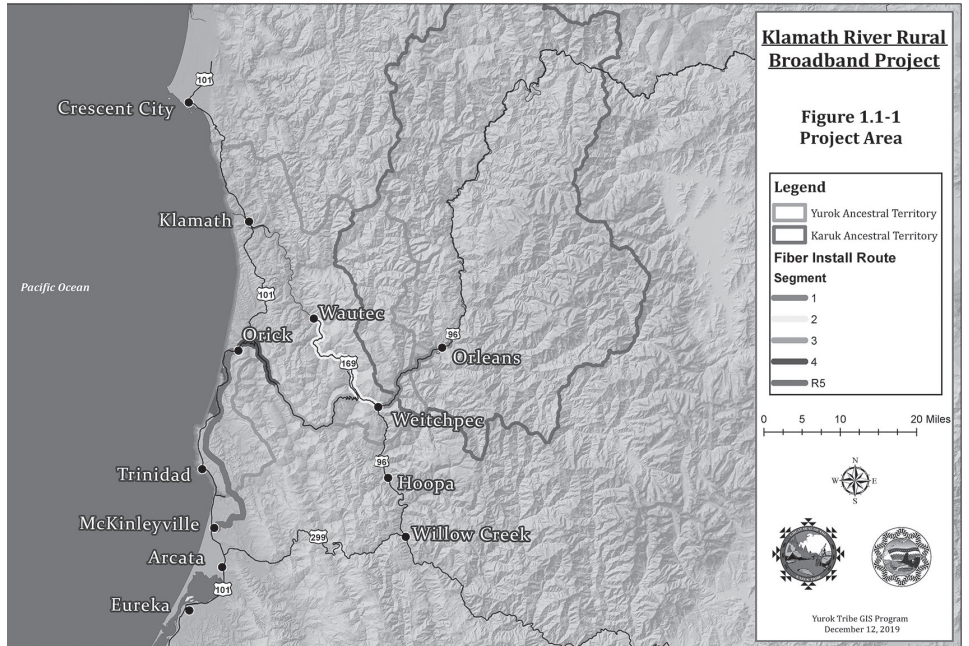
The approximately 104-mile-long fiber-optic line will travel from the communities of Orleans to Orick, and from Weitchpec to Wautec. In between Weitchpec and Wautec, it will branch over the Martin's Ferry Bridge, across Bald Hills Road and south to Orick on US Highway 101.

Delivering internet speeds comparable to those found in cities, the project will create a redundant link for the Karuk Tribe's Áan Chúuphan ISP and Yurok Tribe's microwave network and will establish a third redundant link for Humboldt County. Redundancy, as it relates to internet equipment, is required for maintaining connectivity during a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, a flood or a forest fire, all of which frequently occur in this region.

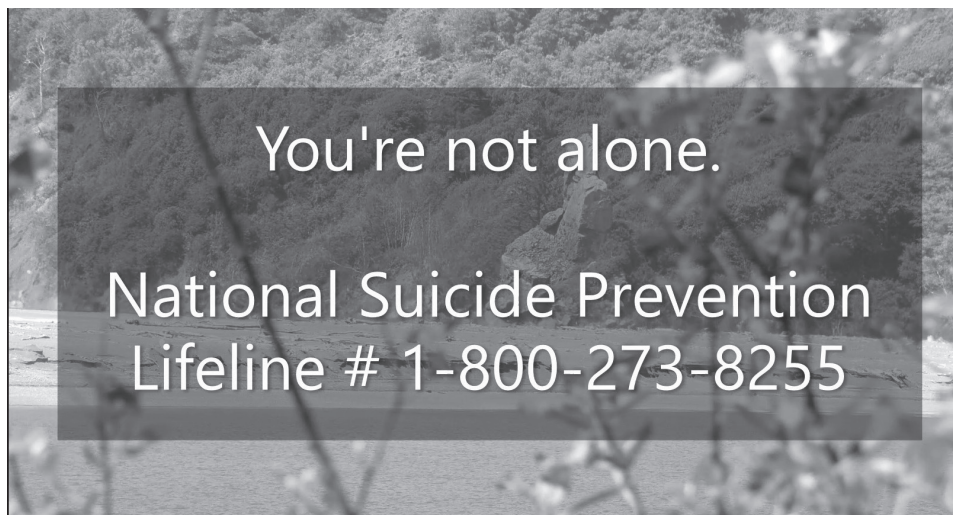
The Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative was established in 2013, when the Karuk Tribe secured a highly competitive, \$6.6 million dollar grant from the CPUC's California Advanced Services Fund. Shortly thereafter, the Yurok Tribe and Karuk Tribe together contributed another \$8 million in matching funds toward the undertaking to fundamentally improve the lives of hundreds of families in this remote and chronically underserved area.

Next steps

- The Karuk and Yurok tribes will conduct market study analysis and comprehensive business plans for operations once KRRBI is complete.
- The Karuk and Yurok Tribes will apply for the FCC Tribal Priority Spectrum Window that opened in February 2020 and closes in August 2020 to gain licenses in the 2.5 GHz spectrum.
- An RFP will be posted seeking a contractor to obtain the easements for the KRRBI fiber route.



- A comprehensive environmental analysis is underway to meet federal and state environmental regulations. Completion of the EA is expected in mid-2021
- Construction may begin once the EA is complete. An RFP for construction is expected in mid-2021, with construction starting in the fall.



“FOR THE RESIDENTS OF RURAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, THIS INITIATIVE WILL PRODUCE MORE POSITIVE OUTCOMES THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN THE LAST CENTURY”

- Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe



COVID cases rise in Humboldt, Del Norte

Yurok Public Health Officer advises local residents to be extra cautious

In response to a rising number of COVID-19 cases in the local area, the Yurok Public Health Officer would like to remind everyone to remain consistent in following all personal safety recommendations.

In the last week, the number of confirmed cases increased on the neighboring Hoopa Reservation. In Humboldt County there have been 70 new cases since July 15. To date, there have been no confirmed cases on the Yurok Reservation. However, Yurok citizens living off the reservation have tested positive for the illness and the Tribe has offered assistance to these individuals.

“We encourage the Tribal membership to exercise caution because of the local increase in cases,” said Angie Brown, the Yurok Tribe’s Public Health Officer. “It is extremely important for everyone to consistently practice all personal safety measures. Wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, routine hand washing and avoiding gatherings large and small are the most effective actions we can take to keep our community safe. It is also advised to forgo all visits with anyone outside of your immediate household.”

The Public Health Officer also recommended that residents, who believe they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, including a fever and difficulty breathing, get tested for COVID-19. The local tribal healthcare providers, such as United Indian Health Services and K’ima:w Medical Center, are currently testing symptomatic individuals. Del Norte, Humboldt and Trinity Counties are offering free tests for non-symptomatic individuals. For additional information about testing in your area, please see the following links:

- <http://unitedindianhealthservices.org/coronavirus/>
- <https://kimaw.org/>
- <https://www.covid19.dnco.org/testing>
- <https://humboldt.gov/2787/COVID-Test-Registration>
- <https://www.trinitycounty.org/mobile-test>

If you are non-Tribal citizen living on the reservation and you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your primary healthcare provider to schedule a COVID-19 test.

On March 13, The Yurok Tribal Council proactively issued a state of emergency declaration to activate the Tribe’s Incident Command Team, which has been working around the clock to address the many facets of this crisis. Currently, the reservation is closed to non-emergency personnel. The Yurok Tribal Council has instituted an order requiring residents to wear masks when outside of the home. Also, all tribal offices and non-essential businesses are closed to the public.

Residents can find up-to-date information about the Tribe’s

response to this crisis by visiting Yurokoes.org. Community members in need of assistance are encouraged to call the COVID-19 hotline. The hotline number is 1-888-225-8952.

The lack of confirmed cases on the reservation is a testament the Tribe’s early activation of the Incident Command Team and the implementation of several safety orders that were put in place to minimize the spread of the virus. Yurok Reservation residents’ commitment to practicing all of the recommended personal safety strategies has also played an invaluable role in this effort and is critical to the continued success of the response to this crisis.

As of August 12, there have been 293 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Humboldt County and 104 in Del Norte County.

Due to the increasing presence of the virus near the reservation, the Yurok Incident Command team strongly encourages residents to follow all personal safety recommendations:

- Maintain a minimum of 6-feet of personal space from individuals outside of the household
- Always wear a face covering outside of the home (Wash reusable mask frequently, only use single-use masks once)
- Shelter in place – traveling outside of the county is not recommended
- Due to the reservation closure order, accepting guests from outside of the area is not permitted
- Do not attend gatherings large or small, including visiting extended family and friends
- Avoid all contact with anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms
- Disinfect common touch points in the home
- Practice cough and sneeze etiquette (cover your sneezes and coughs with your arm. Wash hands immediately after cough or sneeze for additional protection)
- Perform frequent handwashing – Wash hands every two hours for 20-30 seconds with water and soap)
- If you are ill, please self-isolate and contact your medical provider
- Reminder: If you feel slightly unwell and have one or more of the common symptoms of COVID-19, it is advised to stay home from work

For current COVID-19 updates, please visit the Yurok Tribe’s social media pages or Yurokoes.org or call 1-888-225-8952.

YIHA, CITY OF ARCATA TO CONSTRUCT 3

The City of Arcata, in partnership with the Yurok Indian Housing Authority (YIHA), is excited to announce the Arcata 30th Street Commons Project is now fully funded.

The Arcata 30th Street Commons Project was approved in 2007, and progress on this project was put on hold just after roads and utilities were constructed. Several prospective proponents attempted to reestablish the project, but were unable to due to financial constraints. The YIAH recently purchased the property and was able to overcome the fiscal barriers that halted the original project. The YIHA was awarded a 9% tax credit by the State of California in May as the first component of the funding.

With support from the BOOST Pilot Program, a partnership between the Institute for Local Government (ILG) and the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC), Enterprise Community Partners and the California Coalition for Rural Housing, the City collaborated with the YIHA to ensure support for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant submission. In June, The YIHA became the first Native American Tribe to receive an AHSC award. This \$11.4 million grant will fund the construction of 36 units of affordable housing in addition to several bike lanes, safe and accessible walkways, a one-mile active transportation multi-use trail and a pedestrian bridge that will connect tribal members and Arcata residents to surrounding neighborhoods and amenities.

“This project represents the first time that Yurok citizens will have access to affordable housing in an area where there is a university, a Native American health clinic, transportation and all of the other quality-of-life improving amenities Arcata has to offer,” said Richard “Dickie” Myers, the Chairperson of YIHA’s Board of Commissioners. “We are extremely excited about this partnership with the City of Arcata. We are equally proud to be the first tribe to receive an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant, which is going to create

numerous positive opportunities for tribal and non-tribal citizens.”

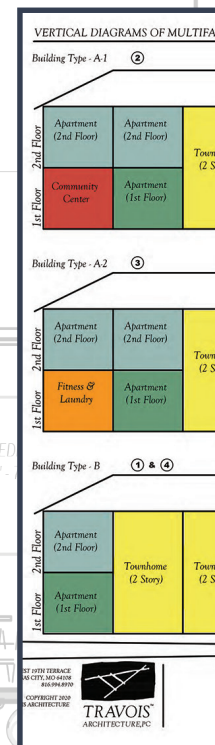
“It’s been a pleasure working with the Yurok Indian Housing Authority to bring this high-quality, amenity rich project to the community. We’ve worked diligently to ensure a successful project for the Tribe and the community at large, and we couldn’t be more excited to move forward with this project,” said the City of Arcata’s Community Development Director, David Loya, of the grant award.

The City of Arcata is currently participating in the ILG’s BOOST Pilot Program, which is designed to help local governments advance their climate and equity goals by building capacity, developing equitable plans, identifying meaningful projects and securing adequate funding to create a better Californian for all.

“The Institute for Local Government is proud to support the City of Arcata and the Yurok Tribe in their collaborative efforts to continue to build more equitable and inclusive communities,” said Erica L. Manuel, CEO and Executive Director of the Institute for Local Government. “The (AHSC) grant is a great example of our BOOST Program in action – helping local governments move the needle on climate change and equality while also increasing access to clean transportation, affordable housing, and economic opportunity.”

The Arcata 30th Street Commons Project is supported by the California Strategic Growth Council’s (SGC) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program with funds from California Climate Investments - Cap-and-Trade Dollars at work. SGC is a cabinet-level State body dedicated to healthy, thriving, resilient communities for all.

For more information and updates on this project, please visit yurokhousing.com.



6-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

FAMILY BUILDINGS

VERTICAL DIAGRAMS OF SINGLE FAMILY BUILDINGS
 Building Type - Single Family w/ ADU ① - ⑬

DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

Building Type	Unit Size	Bedrooms	Baths	Conditioned Area	Change Area	Unit Area	Count	Other Area (Sq. Ft.)
Type A-1	1,200 SF	2	1	1,200 SF	0	1,200 SF	2	2,400 SF
Type A-2	1,200 SF	2	1	1,200 SF	0	1,200 SF	2	2,400 SF
Type B-1	1,200 SF	2	1	1,200 SF	0	1,200 SF	2	2,400 SF
Type B-2	1,200 SF	2	1	1,200 SF	0	1,200 SF	2	2,400 SF
ADU	400 SF	1	1	400 SF	0	400 SF	6	2,400 SF
Total							12	12,000 SF

SITE/UNIT KEY
NOT TO SCALE

Yurok Homes #3 - Arcata, CA

Application Drawing Package - March 5, 2020
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SHEET 2
DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN & PROJECT INFORMATION



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SHEET 6
Type A-1 - Elevation Renderings



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SHEET 9
Type A-2 - Elevation Renderings

ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT

SINGLE FAMILY

FRONT ELEVATION

NORTHEAST CORNER

SOUTHEAST CORNER ELEVATION RENDERINGS

FLOOR PLANS
 Scale: 1/8"=1'0"

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SHEET 3
Three Bedroom Single Family with Additional Dwelling Unit

Yurok joins State Board of Education

Jim McQuillen brings 30 years of relevant experience to the Board of Education

California Governor Gavin Newsom recently appointed longtime Yurok Education Department Director, Jim McQuillen, to the State Board of Education.

“I am honored to receive this appointment by Governor Newsom,” McQuillen said. “In this role, I will continue to advocate for our native students and for all students to receive equitable educational services.”

McQuillen is the first Yurok citizen to be appointed to the State Board of Education, which is California’s K-12 policy-making body for academic standards, curriculum, instructional materials, assessments and accountability. He brings to the Board 30 years of experience in positively influencing the lives of numerous students of all age groups.

“I will continue in my current position as I give it my best to represent the unique needs of our students, which is more important than ever before because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are more chances for students to fly under the radar or fall through the cracks due to distance learning. In this new reality, we need to develop novel methods of engaging students in the learning process, since they may continue to learn remotely going into the fall. I want to help our youth feel more connected to each other and the community as a whole through participation in safe activities that promote wellness and inclusivity,” McQuillen said.

As the Yurok Tribe’s Education Director, McQuillen oversees a staff of 75 employees, who are focused on improving scholastic outcomes for students of every age, ranging from toddlers to young adults. The Department consists of three Head Starts, the nationally recognized Yurok Language Program, a Higher Education Program and several other services that support the advancement of tribal youth.

McQuillen headed up the team that paved the way for the Yurok language to be taught in three separate school districts. He is also a recipient of the American Civil Liberties Union’s Chief Justice Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award. In 2017, the ACLU presented McQuillen with this prestigious accolade for bringing local Native American language, culture and history to numerous public-school classrooms in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

“Jim is a consistent champion for the students of the North Coast and I have no doubt that he will be an equally amazing



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advocate for youth throughout the state,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “Governor Newsom selected a great individual.”

McQuillen, a descendant from the Village of Turip, is a lifelong practitioner of the Tribe’s traditional culture. His family organizes an annual Brush Dance, which is a healing ceremony. In addition to his cultural upbringing, McQuillen holds a Master of Arts degree in Psychology from California State University, Sacramento, a Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPS) in school counseling, as well as a Marriage Family Therapy (MFT) license in California. He has been in private practice, a lecturer at Humboldt State University (HSU), and an Assistant Principal. He has been the Director of the Yurok Tribe’s Education Department since 2004 and will remain in this position while serving on the state board.

Members of the State Board of Education are first nominated for the position and then appointed by the governor. Each appointment requires confirmation from the California State Senate. Board members serve a four-year term. The 11 appointed members meet for two days every other month. The California State Board of Education meetings can be viewed live here: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/pn/lv/index.asp>

Chairmen offer opinions on dam removal

Yurok, Karuk tribal leaders encourage dam owner to stay the course

By Joseph L. James, Chairman of the Yurok Tribe and Russell 'Buster' Attebery, Chairman of the Karuk Tribe.

For nearly 20 years, Klamath River tribes and our allies have fought tirelessly to see the removal of four aging Klamath River dams. We have engaged in protests, attended countless meetings, commissioned technical reports, filed lawsuits, and negotiated directly with dam owner PacifiCorp and dozens of other stakeholders. For us, dam removal is absolutely necessary to restore our struggling fisheries, maintain cultural practices, and provide tribal members who struggle to make ends meet access to traditional subsistence foods.

At the same time, dam removal and fisheries restoration would help our neighbors who depend on agriculture as well, resulting in fewer regulatory burdens and greater water security for them. That win-win for struggling rural communities in the Klamath Basin helped bring us together to negotiate with the dam owner, PacifiCorp. It wasn't easy, but by building trust and respect one discussion at a time, we — along Oregon, California and PacifiCorp, owned by billionaire investor Warren Buffett — signed the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement in 2016.

It seemed a historic success. In exchange for supporting dam removal, PacifiCorp was assured that its financial contribution for such an effort would be capped at \$200 million. In addition, the agreement called for protecting the utility from liability by transferring the license of the dams to an independent nonprofit entity before the dam removal process starts.

Unfortunately, PacifiCorp is now rethinking its commitment to the agreement, after a ruling earlier this month by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The commission, which must approve the license transfer, decided that PacifiCorp could partially transfer the dams to the Klamath River Renewal Corp., the nonprofit created to manage the dam removal and related environmental restoration activities. But the commission ruled that PacifiCorp must remain a co-licensee.

FERC expressed concern that the nonprofit could face challenges in dam removal that may require PacifiCorp's expertise

in removing dams, which it has done in other watersheds.

While we hoped that FERC would allow PacifiCorp to make a clean break from the Klamath dams prior to their removal, the commission did not. While the merits of FERC's decision as a policy matter can be debated, it leaves PacifiCorp with a big decision: either forge ahead with the rest of the agreement, which still includes the \$200 million cap, protecting ratepayers and shareholders or walk away from the table and attempt to relicense and continue operating the dams on its own.

We are thoroughly convinced that staying the course we negotiated remains PacifiCorp's best option by far. The tribes and our partners have been working steadily toward our shared goal over the past several years, raising \$450 million to pay for dam removal, including \$200 million from PacifiCorp ratepayers. That additional \$250 million — from the State of California — would otherwise be unavailable to PacifiCorp and maintains California, Oregon, Tribes, fishermen, and conservation groups as allies.

If PacifiCorp chooses to terminate the agreement and instead attempt to relicense and continue operating these dams, it will not only face the uncertain costs to mitigate impacts to fish and water quality (projected to soar into the hundreds of millions of dollars), but it will also face new lawsuits, new protests, and a long list of disappointed decision makers that supported the agreement. What's more, it will drive Klamath salmon ever closer to extinction, which will have profound economic and cultural implications for tribes, commercial fishing families, and the agricultural community.

Although the FERC order last week means that Warren Buffett may not get what he wants but he can still get what he needs: the best deal possible for ratepayers and shareholders. We strongly urge PacifiCorp and Buffett's firm, Berkshire Hathaway, to follow through on their commitment to Klamath River tribes and communities to remove the dams as soon as possible. The Karuk and Yurok Tribes want to continue as PacifiCorp's partners as we work collaboratively to create a brighter future for communities throughout the Klamath Basin.

WE HAVE ENGAGED IN PROTESTS, ATTENDED COUNTLESS MEETINGS, COMMISSIONED TECHNICAL REPORTS, FILED LAWSUITS, AND NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY WITH DAM OWNER PACIFICORP AND DOZENS OF OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.

Contribute salmon to Elder Program

Fisheries Department provides program details to tribal elders, tribal fishers

Due to the modest forecast for the upcoming fall Chinook salmon season, the Yurok Fisheries Department is facilitating a small Elders Fishery this year. Here is a summary of what tribal elders need to know to acquire salmon and what tribal fishers need to know to contribute to the program.

The Yurok Tribal Council established the following parameters for the harvest of fish for the Elders Fish Program. To help offset fishing costs, tribal fishers will be reimbursed at a rate of \$1.25 per pound for the first 200 Chinook salmon donated for tribal elders. Donations will continue to be accepted after the first 200 fish have been collected. Additionally, interested tribal fishers may donate other fish species to the elder program.


All fish donated for the Elder Fish Program must be harvested in the estuary, gutted and quickly placed on ice. To the extent possible, fish monitors will accept donations while monitoring the fishery in the estuary. However, if monitors are too busy with other duties, or if there are more fish than they are able to accept at the time, then fish can be donated at the fish processing plant located at Requa from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on days the fishery is open. The fish eligible for compensation will be weighed using a hand-held scale.

Fishers are required to show their tribal ID card when providing fish for reimbursement and they will be issued a receipt at the time of donation for the first 200 fish. Checks for reimbursements will be mailed out to tribal fishers on a bi-weekly basis.

Due to ongoing issues associated with COVID 19, and minimal staff availability, there may be times when the above-mentioned arrangements will need to be modified – updates will be posted on the bulletin board next to the fish processing plant. For the safety of our staff, fishers, and the community, it is essential that social distancing be maintained while donating fish. This includes wearing a mask, staying outside of the processing plant where fish will be received, and maintaining at least six-foot distance from staff when donating fish.

Tribal Elders

If you are a Tribal Elder that would like to receive frozen vacuum-packed fish fillets (or portions of fillets) at the end of the season, please call the following number and leave your name, Tribal I.D. #, address, and phone number: 707-482-1350, ext. 1450. At the end of the season we will determine how many packets of fish we have, how many elders have requested fish, and then we will try to distribute the fish equally amongst those that have requested fish. Please don't stop by Requa to pick up fresh fish, as this will not be an option this year.



ATTENTION:
YUROK BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS!
YUROK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

If you are interested in any of the following, please let us know how we can help by completing the survey:

- Expanding your business
- Starting a new business
- Developing new ways to market your products
- Creating new ways to offer your products to your customers
- Assistance in navigating COVID-19 mandates and requirements

Yurok Economic Development Corporation is exploring ways to connect Yurok community members with tools to strengthen existing businesses and build new ones. Please complete our brief survey to let us know what your needs are by clicking on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BK832KT>

Yurok citizen completes police academy

James Kleinhans has the ideal background, demeanor for law enforcement

The Yurok Tribe would like to congratulate James Kleinhans for graduating from the College of the Redwood Police Academy.

“James has the ideal professional background and disposition for law enforcement. We are very fortunate to have James on our team,” said Jessica Carter, the Director of the Yurok Tribal Court.

“I am a strong supporter of the Yurok Tribal Court’s village-based system of justice. I am very grateful to the court for giving me this opportunity,” said James Kleinhans, a Yurok citizen, the Yurok Tribal Court’s Bailiff and Yurok Tribal Police Officer trainee. “I am proud to begin serving my people in this new capacity.”

James started working for the Tribal Court in March 2018 as a Bailiff/Process Server. After hearing that he would like to pursue a career in law enforcement, the Court and the Yurok Police Department offered him an opportunity to attend the police academy. In the next few months, James will complete an additional 720 hours of field training with the Humboldt County Sheriffs Office. Once James finishes field training, he will serve as the Yurok Tribal Court’s Bailiff and as a sworn Yurok Tribal Police Officer.



Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti congratulates Yurok citizen and Tribal Court Bailiff, James Kleinhans, who recently graduated from the police academy.

Tsurai Ancestral Society thanks Tribe

Tribe, Ancestral Society partner on the protection of sacred cultural sites



In 2018, the Yurok Tribe and the Tsurai Ancestral Society successfully advocated for the removal of a replicate lighthouse, which sat atop tribal grave site in Trinidad.

The Tsurai Ancestral Society would like to thank Friends of Trinidad Head, the Yurok Tribe, and all the community members who voiced their concerns over the years regarding the cell towers on Tsurewa (Trinidad Head).

The Tsurai Ancestral Society and Yurok Tribe hold Tsurewa in the highest regards as one of the most sacred places within the Tsurai Village. Over the years, the Tsurai Ancestral Society has advocated for protections of this important place and with the help of caring citizens, it appears one of those battles is coming to a long sought-after end. While the City of Trinidad has left the Tsurai Ancestral Society out of most planning discussions since the 2018 Memorial Lighthouse removal, we are cautiously optimistic about the upcoming removal of the pad and remaining structure for the cell towers.

The City of Trinidad is better for the active, caring citizens who step up to voice their concerns about environmentally and culturally destructive planning. We appreciate all of you and encourage you to stay active now, more than ever, as the City is developing policies that will affect us all for generations to come. Joining is easier than ever, by attending virtually or by phone. Visit the City’s website at <http://trinidad.ca.gov/> to obtain dates and meeting packets.

To learn more about the Tsurai Ancestral Society, visit www.tsuraivillage.org

Yurok Obituaries

Aawok Allen Clarence McCovey was a true renaissance man. A conversation with him might start with a detailed discussion on tribal politics, transition to a discourse about the legacy of clear-cut logging, progress further still into a dialogue on the best blues guitar players of the 1950s and conclude with finer points on parenting. Raised in Notchko, he was well-versed in the Yurok Tribe's traditions and history. As a longtime member of multiple tribal advisory boards, the beloved elder contributed much to the development the Tribe's most consequential fisheries, cultural protection and environmental projects. During the decades he spent with the Laborers Union, he helped shape the City of San Francisco into the modern metropolis it is today. Known for his quick wit and good humor, there was nothing more important to him than making his wife and children happy. The beloved Yurok elder passed away peacefully June 11, 2020 in Eureka, CA.

Allen was born June 22, 1941 in Hoopa, CA to Allen and Vada John McCovey. He was a proud member of the Yurok Tribe. He was known as "Buzz" to most and as "Tucson" to some.

As a young man, he met the absolute love of his life, Marilyn Robbins, at a swimming hole on Kepel Creek, where she was swimming with her brothers. The two were lifelong best friends and remained deeply in love for 58 years, until the day of his passing. After getting married in the early 60's, the young couple — similar to many others at the time — found few gainful employment opportunities in Yurok Country.

In 1967, Allen and his wife made the difficult decision to participate in the Indian Relocation Act Program, which provided professional training for Native American citizens and offered them an opportunity to create the best possible future for their children. The BIA moved Allen and his family to San Francisco, where he found a promising job as a Union Laborer. In the following decades, his capable hands touched most of the San Francisco skyline and the underground BART system, including the BART tunnel under the San Francisco Bay. He also worked on many of the school asbestos abatement projects. After the big earthquake, his focus shifted to retrofitting roads and bridges to withstand the next seismic event. During his time in the Bay Area, Allen made regular visits to Yurok Country, where he wanted to return as soon as it was feasible. Allen made it back home to Humboldt County before the Union gave him a special commendation for his 50-plus years with the organization. His last job was to dismantle the PG&E Nuclear Plant in Eureka. When asked if he was worried about working at a nuclear plant his response explained what he cherished most: "I

already have my kids, if I come home glowing it won't matter." Although Allen and his family had a good life in San Francisco, he was grateful to be back in Humboldt County, closer to his extended family and friends.

During his childhood in Notchko, Allen relished the ample time he spent with his grandmothers, Sadie McCovey and GG Elsie McCovey. He also enjoyed close relationships with his aunts and uncles, who saw him as much as his parents did. Allen conversed in fluent Yurok with his grandparents and other tribal elders. He was later enrolled in the language revitalization Master-Apprentice Program and dedicated many years of his life to working with Master Speaker Aawok Wally Nova on relearning what was lost.

Even though he lived in San Francisco for more than 25 years, there were many weekends when he would get off work on Friday, pile his family into the station wagon and head to his parents' house in Eureka and many times the trip continued onto Notchko. He loved the Klamath River and never hesitated to join when his friends wanted to go fishing on the Klamath. His Uncle Darrell and cousin Long Gone always had a boat ready for him in Orleans.

Allen loved his community and in his retirement he regularly provided his knowledge regarding wildlife and the environment as a member of several tribal committees. He served on the Yurok Culture Committee, which is the primary advisory board to the Yurok Tribal Council. As someone with a lifelong interest in

ecological revitalization, he was quite proud to be part of the team that established the Tribe's effort to reintroduce the critically endangered condor in Yurok Country. Next year, the condor will return after being absent for more than a century. As a board member, Allen was always conscientious of others points of view and put a tremendous amount of forethought into all of his recommendations. His primary goal was to make decisions that improve the environment and positively influence the lives of the Yurok people for the long term. That is why people listened when he quietly shared powerful words. Allen contributed to the Tribe in other ways too. For nine years, he worked at the Yurok Education Department's Summer Camps. The youth campers reveled in the stories he shared around the campfire about what life was like for their grandparents. The broad-shouldered man also scared away the occasional black bear that ventured too close to the camp site.

Allen was the oldest of his siblings and all his first cousins. He had a special place in his heart for each one of his relatives. He and his wife took a special joy in opening their home to host family and friends visiting San Francisco. A big fan of SF Giants and 49ers, his

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Allen Clarence McCovey

enthusiasm for the teams extended to his wife and children, who have many great memories of going to the games with him. He also enjoyed road travel. Allen and his family explored much of the western United States, camping at numerous national parks and visiting all of the Indian Reservations they passed along the way.

Taking life's challenges in stride, Allen would go to great lengths to make his wife and daughters laugh, especially in tense moments. He was extremely smart, but unassuming, as well as strong-minded and compassionate. With an immense love for his people and his homeland, he devoted countless hours to the betterment of the Tribe. Allen was a dedicated spouse, father and brother. Constantly surrounded by family and friends, he enjoyed a long and joyful existence. He will forever be missed by all who were blessed to have him in their lives.

Allen is survived by his wife Marilyn, daughters; Lana, Kathy, and Allyson McCovey, and granddaughters Theresia and Tannyce Bunch. His siblings; Rosa Davis (John), James Lee McCovey, Jene McCovey, Desma Williams, and Tami Cairns (Doug). His aunts; Syd Carroll, Carmen Moon (Fred), Betty Brown, and Mavis McCovey. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, too many to list separately. He is also survived by his "adopted in his heart" daughters, Kalene and Kim Contreras and granddaughters, Cristina and Janel Lara, and Kimberly Roybal.

He was preceded in death by his father Allen McCovey; his mother Vada John McCovey; brothers Dwayne, and James Edward; sisters: Betty

Ann McCovey, Jackie McCovey, and Vlayn McCovey-Bigovich. Nephew Faron Robbins who he raised as a son, and "adopted in his heart" daughter Kateri Contreras. Aunts Bernice Roubidoux (Howard); Ramona Trimble (Frank); Florence "Flossie" McCovey; Delores "Dee" Reed (Lawrence). Uncles Darrell, Charles "Big Boy" (Dicey), Stanley "Cart" (Ju-Ju), Howard "Edgie" (Janice), and Marion "Shoeshine" McCovey. His special friend Paul Hodge. His mother-in-law, Theresia Erickson Robbins Ross; His fathers-in-law, George Robbins Sr., and Sherwood Ross. His brothers-in-law, Frank Erickson, George Robbins Jr., and John Robbins Sr., his sister-in-law Florence Robbins.

The Pall Bearers included his nephews Thorin and Aldaron McCovey-Bigovich; Allen and Dwayne Davis; William Watts, Edward McCovey; Dick, Tyke, and Kapel Robbins; John Jr., Rodney "Rowds", and Ronnie Robbins; Lenard and Victor Stone; and Adrian Contreras.

Honorary Pall Bearers include: James McCovey; Kenneth and Ricky Roubidoux; Loren "Long Gone", Robert, and Terrance McCovey; Charles IV, Gordon, Marion "Inker", and Michael McCovey; Ron and Lenny "Butch" Reed; Richard Moon; Bradley Amos; Kelly Byrns; Greg Trimble; Frank McCovey; John, JR and David Davis; Frank and Walt Lara; Joe Hostler; Bob Borden; Joe, Tim and Kendall Hunt; David O'Neill; Richard "Dickie" Myers; Arlen Charles; Willard Carlson Jr.; Raymond and Marvin Mattz; Donald McCovey; Cliff Case; Thomas Bray; Earl Jackson; Troy and Travis Cairns; Frank Erickson Jr., Santi Atanacio; Oscar and James Gensaw.



The Yurok Tribal Council recently acknowledged all of the Yurok tribal government-affiliated staff working on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Featured in this photo are Pek-Tah Fuel Mart Manager Angelique Blake and Raymond Bacon, the Executive Director of the Yurok Economic Development Corporation.

The unparalleled COVID-19 emergency continues to evolve. In early August there was a spike in confirmed cases in Humboldt County. All residents are encouraged to be extra cautious because of the increase in illnesses. See page 7 for a comprehensive list of the most effective personal safety measures.



How to Create a Clean Air Room at Home

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Creating an in-home "clean room" is a good exposure reduction strategy for people who live in areas regularly affected by wildfire smoke—especially those with pre-existing conditions that increase the risk of air pollution-related health effects. It is also a good strategy for those who must work outside so that they can breathe cleaner air while indoors at home after work. A good choice for a clean room is an interior room with few windows and doors, such as a bedroom.

Some suggestions for creating and maintaining a clean room:

- Keep windows and doors closed.
- Set up a properly sized room air cleaner to help remove particles from the air while emitting little or no ozone. (IE: living room size vs a smaller bedroom.) (Don't use ozone generators)
- Run an air conditioner or central air conditioning system. If the air conditioner provides a fresh air option, keep the fresh-air intake closed to prevent smoke from getting inside. Make sure that the filter is clean enough to allow good airflow indoors. (Swamp coolers don't filter smoke)
- Do not vacuum anywhere in the house, unless using a HEPA-filter equipped vacuum.
- Do not smoke or burn anything, including candles or incense, anywhere in the house.
- Keep the room clean by damp mopping or dusting with a damp cloth.
- Long-term smoke events usually have periods when the air is better. When air quality improves, even temporarily, air out your home to reduce indoor air pollution.
- People in homes that are too warm to stay inside with the windows closed or who are at risk of smoke-related health effects should seek shelter elsewhere. Keep in mind that many particles will enter the home even if all of these steps are taken.

For additional information, see the EPA website

<https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/create-clean-room-protect-indoor-air-quality-during-wildfire>

<http://www.NCUAQMD.org>

<https://www.airnow.gov/>

Source: Wildfire Smoke: Guide for Public Health Officials



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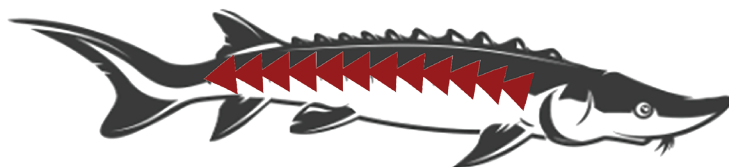
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Attention: Yurok Parents and College Students

The Yurok Education Department is seeking input on the needs of Yurok students during the COVID-19 crisis.

Parents of Yurok students and tribal citizens enrolled in a university are encouraged to fill out this survey of proposed culturally relevant extracurricular activities and education assistance opportunities. The questionnaire also seeks to ascertain what resources students require to effectively learn remotely. The survey will be sent automatically to Education Department staff. The department is working hard to assist students during this challenging time.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Here is a link to the survey: <https://bit.ly/30elwHA>

