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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
PLANNING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023,  
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

6 **ROLL CALL:** 10:03am

8 **PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East District (10:04am); Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District

13 **ABSENT:** Mindy Natt, Pecwan District (personal reasons)

15 **STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Kori Cordero, Office of Tribal Attorney; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

19 **QUORUM:** 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

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

24 **REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

24 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to accept the agenda with additions of OTA23-016, Jadewood Contract (Executive Session at 2pm), CA23-071 Yurok Wellness Village location selection. Motion carries by consensus.**

28 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):**

29 Several new employees were introduced including new staff now working in the Yurok Environment Program, Facilities, Education, Health & Human Services, Language and Information Technology (IT).

33 **RATIFICATION OF POLL VOTES:**

34 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

35 OTA23-002, Chief of Judge for Tribal Court  
36 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

37 **Motion made by Councilmember Crawford/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll taken on February 28, 2023, to approve attached contract and appoint Judge Abinanti as Chief Judge pursuant to Chairman James Constitutional authority, with advice and consent of Council, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

42 OTA23-018, State of Emergency Declaration Due to Winter Storms  
43 Submitted by Alex Mesher

44 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken on March 2, 2023, to approve Resolution #23-30, Declaring State of Emergency due to winter**

46 **storm impacts to the Yurok Reservation and surrounding area, with OTA edits. Motion carries**  
47 **by consensus.**

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49 **Executive Office**

50 ExDir23-010, Emergency Funding for Resolution 23-30

51 Submitted by Don Barnes

52 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Crawford to ratify a poll vote taken**  
53 **on March 2, 2023, to approve \$100,000 for essential contract(s), services, and supplies to**  
54 **support Tribal response efforts as a result of Resolution 23-30, State of Emergency**  
55 **Declaration Due to Winter Storm Impacts to the Yurok Reservation and Surrounding Areas.**  
56 **Funding to come from the Tribal Consistency Fund. Motion carries by consensus.**

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58 **REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

59 **Health & Human Services Division**

60 *Education Department*

61 EDU23-011, Yurok Language Program Update Planning Session Request

62 Submitted by Victoria Carlson

63 **Council consensus to approve March 16, 2023, for a work session with the Yurok Language**  
64 **Program for a 1-hour Work Session to discuss Yurok Language updates and planning for**  
65 **funding.**

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67 *Tribal Court*

68 TC23-008, First Responder Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant Process Update

69 Submitted by Erin Butler

70 **Council consensus to approve March 21, 2023, after Council Finance Meeting for a work**  
71 **session to update the Yurok Tribal Council on First Responder – Comprehensive Addiction and**  
72 **Recovery Act (FR-CARA) Support Services Grant.**

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74 **Finance Department**

75 FIN23-009, FY 2020 Financial Statement Work Session Request

76 Submitted by Michael Maranger

77 **Council consensus to approve Fiscal Department Working Session to review the 2020 financial**  
78 **statement and findings. Set for March 21, 2023.**

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80 FIN23-010, Meeting with Umpqua Bank Work Session Request

81 Submitted by Michael Maranger

82 **Council consensus to approve Fiscal Department Working Session to setup a meeting**  
83 **between Tribal Council and representatives of Umpqua Bank. Set for March 21, 2023, at**  
84 **9:00am, small conference room Klamath Tribal Office.**

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86 FIN23-011, Yurok Customers Websites Work Session Request

87 Submitted by Michael Maranger

88 **Council consensus to approve adding this request to March 21, 2023, Fiscal Department is**  
89 **requesting a Working Session to review the new customer website for Yurok Connect and**  
90 **PUD customers.**

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92 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

93 **Councilmember Williams:** Pass.  
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95 **Councilmember Crawford:** I appreciate any suggestions form members who sit on health  
96 boards. There is a need for a dialysis center for the East area. It would be great to find funding,  
97 location either in Hoopa or Willow Creek. I would appreciate any help in that regard.  
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99 **Councilmember Natt:** Not present.  
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101 **Councilmember McCovey:** I know the weather is bad. Please know that the Council is working  
102 really hard to meet the needs of the membership. A cyclone is coming in again and dumping a  
103 bunch of water. Stay aware, be aware.  
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105 **Councilmember Ray:** I had my District meeting (Monday) night, we talked about the  
106 Beautification Grant with Transportation Department. There is a lot of information that I  
107 believe Planning Department should be carrying that load. There are the baseball field  
108 renovations could be incorporated into this grant. I need the Planning Director, Michael, to  
109 make a connection with Patti Ulmer-Gensaw.  
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111 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.  
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113 **Councilmember Provolt:** Council has been very busy, we met with CPUC, CEC and PG&E this  
114 past week at Cal Poly Humboldt pushing the need for energy resistance and independence for  
115 the Yurok Tribe. I want to thank all the staff and community members checking in on our elders  
116 and for cutting wood for elders. Really a heartfelt thank you. Stay safe.  
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118 **Vice Chairman Myers:** Pass.  
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120 **Chairman James:** I want to thank our Council and Staff. We are working around the clock. We  
121 are submitting grants and one of them for bringing alternative energy to Yurok Country. Our  
122 goal is to provide Microgrid systems first to the reservation and then to ALL Yurok Tribal  
123 members. There was a lot of good meetings, good conversations. We have declared a State of  
124 Emergency for the upper end of the Reservation. We are looking at the health and safety of our  
125 membership. Our efforts regarding Murdered, Missing of Indigenous Peoples has come a long  
126 way. If any staff want to attend the candlelight vigil for May 2, 2023. AB 273 is our Foster Care  
127 Bill that is supported by several Tribal Departments. We are getting more support from other  
128 Tribes, like San Manuel. March 14 is the hearing date for the Foster Care bill. Everyone is  
129 working so hard on this, everyone on the screen and in this room to help our families. We

130 wholeheartedly support this effort. I want to have letters ready to be signed. The more letters  
131 of support we can gather the better, if staff want to do that on their own free will. If we could  
132 have those ready by lunch today.

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134 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

135 Nicole Provolt: This comment is to our UIHS liaison, and not so much Council, but I want to  
136 share how absolutely ridiculous and difficult it is to get a dental appointment. A person has to  
137 call at the first of the month, but appointments are only available for a few weeks at a time and  
138 they fill up fast. They should be able to open up their schedules a few months ahead of time,  
139 not a few weeks at a time. I have a limited time to see my dentist due to my work schedule, and  
140 my dentist is only available certain days of the week. Those appointment fill up so fast that it  
141 takes me multiple calls at the beginning of the month to get a appointment. I hope this  
142 appointment system can be changed.

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144 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** OTA23-016 Jadewood, Personnel (Ray), CA23-071 Yurok Wellness Village

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146 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

147 **Natural Resources**

148 *Fisheries Department*

149 FISH23-023, Planning Session Klamath Beach Road

150 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

151 **Set for Planning Meeting March 8, 2023. The Fisheries Department request a Planning Session**  
152 **with Tribal Council to discuss the Klamath Bach Road Improvement Project. Invited guests**  
153 **from Del Norte County participated. Discussion only, no action.**

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155 FISH23-024, Planning Session Tribal Spring Fishery

156 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

157 **Set for Planning Meeting March 8, 2023. The Fisheries Department requests a Planning**  
158 **Session with Tribal Council to discuss options for the 2023 Tribal Spring Fishery. Item tabled**  
159 **by request of Director.**

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161 **LUNCH:** 11:47pm-12:47pm

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

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165 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

166 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

167 OTA23-017, Amended Worker's Compensation Ordinance

168 Submitted by Annie Perry

169 **Review changes to the Worker's Compensation Ordinance including expansion to cover all**  
170 **tribal employees, approve to go out for Public Comment. Item tabled to a work session.**

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172 **Council**

173 CA23-053, Yurok Tribe's Legislative Agenda

174 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

175 **Discussion on the Yurok Tribe’s Legislative Agenda. (PLANNING AGENDA). Item tabled.**

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177 CA23-068, CA20-272 \$13,000 for Equipment for TERO/Elders Programs  
178 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

179 **Discussion with TERO to provide update on CA20-272 which provided \$13,000 for equipment**  
180 **for Elder’s Assistance Program. Discussion only, no action.**

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182 **BREAK: 1:20pm -1:30pm**

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184 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:30pm -5:35pm**  
185 CA23-071 Yurok Wellness Village (Location Options)  
186 Personnel (Councilmember Ray)  
187 OTA23-016, Presentation by Jadewood Capital  
188 Litigation Update

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190 4:50 Chairman James leaves the meeting.

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192 4:55 Councilmember McCovey leaves the meeting.

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194 **No action out of Executive Session.**

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196 **AGENDA ITEMS:**  
197 OTA23-016, Presentation by Jadewood Capital  
198 Submitted by Kori Cordero

199 **Set for March 8, 2023 at 2pm. In-person presentation by Yurok Tribe Contractor Jadewood**  
200 **Capital regarding potential acquisition. Presentation is confidential. Discussion only, no**  
201 **action.**

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203 CA23-071, Yurok Wellness Village (Location Options)  
204 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief of Operations Officer

205 **Discussion/action for Executive Session at 3:30pm on March 8, 2023. Discussion only, no**  
206 **action.**

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

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210 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Executive Session.

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

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214 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Councilmember Crawford.

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216 **ADJOURN:** 5:36pm

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218 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** **March 22, 2023**

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

03/29/2023

Date