

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSADY, MARCH 24, 2022
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

ROLL CALL: 10:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice 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: None.

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

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Ray to approve agenda with additions CA22-075, CA22-076, GC22-001, FISH22-019, THPO22-004, TC22-009, YHHS22-016, YHHS22-026, YHHS22-027, YHHS22-028 and OTA22-020. Motion carries by consensus.

Benefits

B22-001, Schedule Quarterly Update
Submitted by Elizabeth Turner

Council consensus to schedule Quarterly Update/Other lines of coverage for the Planning Session with Tribal Council for April 15, 2022.

Enrollment & Elections

EE22-006, Work Session Request
Submitted by Krystel Patapoff-Pruitt

Council consensus to request a follow up work session with Council, OTA, Executive, and Enrollment Director for possible referendums to be included in election. Set for April 5, 2022.

Public Health

PH22-002, Survey Results Presentation
Submitted by Hollie Strahm

Council consensus to set April 20, 2022, Council Planning Session for presentation from public health student, Lizzie Moore on survey results.

45 **CALENDAR**

46 April 16, Klamath River Clean up

47 Need to reschedule April Council work session to another date

48 Need to reschedule May Budget Hearings

49 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):** None provided.

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51 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

52 Vice Chair Myers: Pass

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54 Councilmember Hodge: Thank you all for being here. I do want to encourage everyone to get
55 out there and register to vote. Thank you

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57 Councilmember Williams: Pass

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59 Councilmember McCovey: Pass

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61 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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63 Councilmember Ray: I just want to let people know to get the applications in as there are a lot
64 of positions open within the tribe. Get your TERO applications submitted as the Day Labor will
65 beginning of next month. That's it. Get out and Vote.

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67 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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69 Councilmember Provolt: Pass

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71 Chairman James: This morning we had a walkthrough at the Stone Lagoon Visitors Center. On
72 April 7th and 9th this is a big event in the timeline of the Yurok Tribe as we co-manage this site
73 with State Parks. So looking forward to that upcoming event. I wanted to inform our
74 membership, and you heard from a couple of councilmembers, to get out and vote. I want to
75 echo that too. We have a lot of things happening here at the Yurok Tribe for our people, for our
76 natural resources, for our environment, with dam removal, and condor reintroductions, I just
77 want to know inform our tribal membership that the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
78 voted not to support dam removal. That hit homes to us as tribal leaders and we want to
79 reiterate the importance for our citizens to get registered to vote. Also the Humboldt County
80 elections are equally important. There are people that supports our work as a natural resource
81 tribe. Next week I'll be traveling to DC, leaving Monday and will come back Wednesday. I will
82 be in discussion on land back initiative with philanthropy entrepreneurs and trying to get some
83 money so we can use to get land bank for the Yurok Tribe. Thank you.

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85 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT**

86 Annelia Hillman: I just wanted to remind folks today at 6:00pm on zoom, there will be a dam
87 removal update. It will feature speakers from different tribal people. We'll be talking about the
88 salmon run and introducing a short film that was made about the salmon run. Thanks.

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90 Rose Sylvia: I just wanted to say I am not on the salmon run committee, but I have this idea and
91 they've been trying to spread the word. You know, when you see all of those big walks or runs
92 in the city, there's these big news broadcast of the thousands of people who participate. Our
93 salmon run has never advertised at such a level. Last year, Richard Myers was trying to mark all
94 the villages up from Klamath through the reservation. So this year I'm trying to get everybody
95 to come out, come represent your village, bring whoever and be there. When the runners go
96 by, bring your runners, bring your signs. My family is now trying to get a group to represent
97 Wautek and Koo-tep, they're bringing in some runners to represent Wautek. My family is going
98 to be at Koo-tep and maybe Pecwan, I did announce it at the all staff meeting, but I would just
99 like to ask Council to also get your families together, be there when the runners go through and
100 take pictures of the group so that we can advertise the salmon run in a much bigger way with a
101 lot more participation. A lot of us can't run like me. I can't run, but I have a kid who can run. So
102 I'm going to get him a t-shirt. More people in my family are planning on running this year and
103 we've never participated in. I'm just trying to encourage everybody including tribal members.
104 Come join us, come be there, and come participate. Thank you.

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106 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

107 OTA22-008, Investment Agreement with Yurok Agricultural Corporation

108 OTA22-020, Amicus Brief

109 Department issues (Natt)

110 Legal (Natt)

111 Legal/water (Ray)

112 Personnel (Hodge)

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114 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

115 **Forestry**

116 FOR22-003, Oak Woodland Restoration Grant

117 Submitted by Dawn Blake

118 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively approve**
119 **application and acceptance of funds for Weitchpec Oak Restoration on Yurok Tribal Lands in**
120 **the amount of \$24,999, awarded 2019, and to be completed by 2024. Motion carries by**
121 **consensus.**

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123 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

124 **Administration Division**

125 *Human Resources Department*

126 Rose Sylvia presents

127 HR22-008, Job Descriptions Cultural Resources

128 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

129 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to approve job descriptions for**
130 **Cultural Resources Crew Lead and Cultural Resources Crewmember. Motion carries by**
131 **consensus.**

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133 HR22-009, Job Descriptions Fisheries
134 Rose Sylvia

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve job description for Restoration Engineer I and Restoration II. Motion carries by consensus.

Tribal Employee Rights Office Department

TERO22-002, Business License for Stone Lagoon Visitors Center
Submitted by Manuel Sanchez

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to approve temporary business license for 200 days for the Stone Lagoon Visitor's Center Gift Shop and associated Resolution #22-034 with edits and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Motion carries by consensus.

Community Development Division

Planning Department
P22-009, Trinity Valley Engineering-Klamath Tank
Submitted by Don Daines

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract agreement with Trinity Valley Consulting Engineers to provide design, inspection and construction administration for the Klamath Tank Project. Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division

Louisa McCovey presents
Environmental Department
YTED22-009, Sregon Food Village
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve Resolution #22-030 with edits prepared by OTA for the Yurok Environmental Department Food Sovereignty Program to develop the Sregon Food Village on allotments SGN-006 and SGN-007 within APN #533-062-020. Motion carries by consensus.

YTED22-010, Food Sovereignty Grant
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Ray to allow the Yurok Environmental Department Food Sovereignty Program to apply to America's Healthy Food Grant for approximately \$200,000 over two years, there is no match required and indirect costs are capped at 10%. The Environmental Department is requesting \$2,854 to cover the indirect shortfall amount. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Elizabeth Davis: Yes. Good morning. Thank you, Chairman. I don't know if I'm on the right path here, but I just had a question regarding the nursery down at Weitchpec. I've had some inquiries from tribal members on what is going to be available. Will the nursery provide

177 vegetable starts, flower starts, et cetera, um, for purchase by tribal members? We haven't
178 heard anything. I tried reaching out but I never received a phone call back. Tribal members are
179 inquiring.

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181 YTED22-011, Support Letter
182 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

183 **Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge for Council to approve and**
184 **Chairman sign a letter that supports Crystal Robinson’s appointment to the California Water**
185 **Commission Board and the North Coast Water Quality Control Board. Motion carries by**
186 **consensus.**

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188 **Break:** 11:19am – 11:30am

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190 **Fisheries Department**

191 FISH22-010, Plant Labs Contract
192 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

193 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to authorize the Fisheries**
194 **Department to enter a contract with Planet Labs for access to high resolutions satellite**
195 **imagery necessary for numerous river restoration projects with Resolution #22-029, with**
196 **edits. Roll call; Vice Chairman Myers-Yes, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-**
197 **Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-**
198 **Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-Yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abstaining-0,**
199 **Not present-0. Motion carries.**

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201 FISH22-015, Coho Telemetry Support Letter
202 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

203 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Hodge to authorize Chairman’s signature on**
204 **the attached support letter regarding a collaborative proposal to the US Fish and Wildlife**
205 **Services for a Coho Salmon monitoring project. Motion carries by consensus.**

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207 FISH22-016, Arcata Office Space Rental
208 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

209 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Vice Chairman Myers to authorize the Fisheries Department**
210 **to rent additional office space in Arcata, CA to support increasing internal capacity. Motion**
211 **carries by consensus.**

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213 FISH22-017, Use of Pesticide for Dam Removal
214 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

215 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Ray to authorize the Fisheries Department**
216 **to fulfil contractual obligations to use pesticide on a limited basis for the removal of invasive,**
217 **exotic vegetation as part of the Klamath River Dam removal restoration efforts. Motion**
218 **carries by consensus.**

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220 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

221 Annelia Hillman: I just want to say as a tribal member, I absolutely trust our fisheries and Barry's
222 judgment. I know that it's in the best interest that we keep these decisions within our people's
223 judgment. So, wok-hlew', thank you so much.

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225 Victor Knight: How you guys doing? So Frankie, I know you had some stuff you need to talk to
226 me about, I guess that's why I'm here, but I can call you later on if you want. I had gone up to
227 the meeting the other day and I know that they're going to have one down there and I got
228 some perspectives on the meeting. From my perspective, all of the bigger projects have already
229 been bid on, that's what I was told. So, I'm taking a look and seeing if there's anything that I can
230 do. I can run my trucks up there. I had ultimately wanted to bid on this project but that's up to
231 the powers that be. One of the things though that I did see was that it's going to be a hard for
232 tribal members because there are some obstacles including unionization. I'm a union member
233 and been one for over 20 years. I have nothing against a union, but I have a little bit better
234 perspective of how a union works and the obstacles that they have put in place. And it's hard
235 for tribal members to go up and work as union for two years and not get any of the benefits as
236 far as that goes. That's it but I hope Council continues to discuss to find how tribal members can
237 be able to work on the dam removal projects.

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239 FISH22-018, Adopt In-Season Adjustment for Spring Fishery
240 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

241 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Hodge to adopt the In-Session Adjustments**
242 **to the Fishing Rights Ordinance regarding the 2022 Tribal Spring Fishery as presented.**
243 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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245 FISH22-019, Central Valley Project Consultation Comment Letter
246 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

247 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to authorize Chairman's signature**
248 **on the attached joint tribal letter with Hoopa Valley Tribe to provide scoping comments on**
249 **the Endangered Species Act Consultation for the Central Valley Project. Motion carries by**
250 **consensus.**

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252 **LUNCH: 12:38pm -1:30pm**

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

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256 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

257 **Ner-gery 'Oohl' Division**

258 Jim McQuillen presents

259 *Education Department*

260 EDU22-010, Cal Poly Humboldt Contract

261 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

262 **Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a contract**
263 **with Cal Poly Humboldt California Center for Rural Policy and authorize Chairman to sign.**
264 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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266 EDU22-011, Head Start/Early Head Start Funding
267 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to review and approve the budget for Head Start/Early Head Start's continuation application, which will be next year's funding. Motion carries by consensus.

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272 Health & Human Services
273 YHHS22-018, Bringing Families Home Regional Certification
274 Submitted by Casey O'Neill

Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve Chairman's signature on the Bringing Families Regional to access homeless resources for child welfare involved families. Subject to edits after regional discussions with Humboldt & review by Office of Tribal Attorney. Motion carries by consensus.

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280 YHHS22-023, Office of Juvenile Justice Application
281 Submitted by Tamara Honrado/ Jessica Canez

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge to approve application for noncompetitive allocation and associated Resolution #22-026 and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest with edits, and all associated documents. Motion carries by consensus.

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287 YHHS22-016, Client Services Cultural Mentor Contract Cheriku Blake
288 Submitted by Annelia Hillman

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve contract for cultural consultant, Cheriku Blake, to provide cultural activities for the 2022 TANF prevention programs, and authorize Chairman to sign contract and all associated documents. Contract in the amount of \$9,000. Motion carries by consensus.

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294 YHHS22-026, Client Services Cultural Mentor Contract Bertha Peters
295 Submitted Annelia Hillman

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve contract for cultural consultant Bertha Peters to provide cultural activities for the 2022 TANF prevention programs, and authorize Chairman to sign contract and all associated documents. Contract amount \$13,500. Motion carries by consensus.

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301 YHHS22-027, Client Services Cultural Mentor Contract Sean O'Neill
302 Submitted Annelia Hillman

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve contract for cultural consultant Sean O'Neill in the amount of \$13,500 to provide cultural activities for the 2022 TANF prevention programs, and authorize Chairman to sign contract and all associated documents. Motion carries by consensus.

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308 YHHS22-027, Client Services Cultural Mentor Contract Keg Super
309 Submitted Annelia Hillman

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve contract for cultural consultant Keg Super in the amount of \$13,500 to provide cultural activities for the 2022 TANF prevention programs, and authorize Chairman to sign contract and all associated documents. Motion carries by consensus.

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315 **Public Health**

316 FIRE22-005, Standard Operating Procedures
317 Submitted by Rod Mendes

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve the "Draft" Fire Department, Standard Operation Procedure and Resolution #22-013 with edits as an official document of the Yurok Fire Department. Motion carries by consensus.

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322 FIRE22-006, Wildfire Commission
323 Submitted by Rod Mendes

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to approve Fire Chief Mendes to submit an application for membership and possible selection to the Biden-Harris Wildfire Commission. Motion carries by consensus.

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328 **Yurok Economic Development Corporation**

329 YEDC22-003, Surveillance Systems
330 Submitted by Raymond Bacon, YEDC

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve Resolution #22-32 with edits a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Surveillance Systems Inc. and associated contract and authorize Chairperson to sign all associated documents and Secretary to attest. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abstaining-0, Not present-0. Motion carries.

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339 **Grants & Compliance**

340 CG22-0001, Tribal Nation Grant
341 Submitted by Jodi Hoone

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to submit a proposal for the Tribal Nations Grant 2022 Equal Distribution Grant due 3/25/22, no match required, full indirect, advance payment (no fiscal reporting required) and authorization for Chairman to sign all related documents. Motion carries by consensus.

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347 **Council**

348 CA22-075, Endorsement of Arroyo
349 Submitted by Chairman James

350 **Motion by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge to approve endorsement of**
351 **Natalie Arroyo for 4th District Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Motion carries by**
352 **consensus.**

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354 CA22-076, Emergency Assistance
355 Submitted by Chairman James

356 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to authorize emergency**
357 **assistance for Tribal employee; \$300 from Community Support, \$150 from Weitchpec,**
358 **Pecwan, East, Orick, Vice Chairman’s Travel line items, and \$200 from South, Requa,**
359 **Chairman, and North Districts travel line items for a total of \$1,850. Motion carries by**
360 **consensus.**

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362 **Tribal Court**
363 TC22-009, FY22 First Responders
364 Submitted by Daniel Norton Luna

365 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the**
366 **submission of the SAMHSA First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Support**
367 **Services Act Grant Application and authorize the Tribal Chairperson to sign all necessary and**
368 **required grant documents. Motion carries by consensus.**

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370 **Tribal Heritage Preservation**
371 THPO22-004, Fictitious Name for Stone Lagoon Visitors Center
372 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

373 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve Resolution #22-027**
374 **with edits for fictitious business name of Stone Lagoon Visitors Center and direct OTA to issue**
375 **certificate. Motion carries by consensus.**

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377 **Council**
378 CA22-065, Annual Membership Meeting
379 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

380 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to set the Yurok Annual**
381 **Membership meeting for October 1, 2020. Motion carries by consensus.**

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383 CA22-067, Travel to Native American Finance Officers Association
384 Submitted by Lana M McCovey

385 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember McCovey to approve Councilmember**
386 **McCovey and Council to attend the NAFOA 2022 Annual Conference in Seattle, WA, April4-5,**
387 **2022, with travel days on April 3rd and 6th. Motion carries by consensus.**

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389 CA22-068, Culture Committee nominations
390 Submitted by Lana M McCovey

391 ~~Pursuant to Chairman James' constitutional authority, Chairman James appoint Twila~~
392 ~~Sanchez, Kelly Lindgren, and Wanda Hansen to the elder culture Committee as presented by~~
393 ~~South District CM McCovey with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council. Item Tabled.~~

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395 CA22-069, Council Meeting minutes
396 Submitted by Secretary Provolt

397 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve minutes meeting of**
398 **February 14, 2022 Council Planning Meeting and February 15, 2022 Council Action Meeting**
399 **with edits. Minutes attached. Motion carries by consensus.**

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401 CA22-071, California Tribal Families Coalition Travel
402 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

403 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to approve travel for**
404 **Councilmember Williams to attend California Tribal Families Coalition (CTFC) Annual**
405 **Membership meeting on March 31, 2022 in Sacramento, CA. Motion carries by consensus.**

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407 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

408 Bertha Peters: Cultural committee minutes need to be recorded. I don't know what happened
409 to that, but that needs to be done. Also need to have a young person attend the Cultural
410 Committee with an elder from the same district so they can learn from elders. We need to
411 have further discussion on this.

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413 Rose Sylvia: A basket maker noticed a non-native was picking basket making materials. What
414 are the rules in this situation? I suggested they notice law enforcement. The non-native was
415 picking too early which will ruin the basket making sticks.

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417 Bertha Peters: When we first started burning, we discussed other tribal members (non-Yurok)
418 to be able to pick sticks with a Yurok Tribal member, but not a non-tribal member. I think this
419 should go to the Cultural Committee for discussion.

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421 **BREAK: 3:01pm -3:15pm**

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423 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:15pm - 4:30pm**

424 OTA22-008, Investment Agreement with Yurok Agricultural Corporation

425 OTA22-020, Amicus Brief

426 Department issues (Natt)

427 Legal (Natt)

428 Legal/water (Ray)

429 Personnel (Hodge)

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431 Action out of Executive Session:

432 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

433 OTA22-008, Investment Agreement with Yurok Agricultural Corporation

434 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

435 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Yurok**
436 **Agricultural Corporation Loan Agreement with edits as discussed. Motion carries by**
437 **consensus.**

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439 OTA22-020, Tribal Amicus Brief in Oklahoma vs. Castro-Huerta
440 Submitted by Dawn Baum, General Council

441 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to authorize OTA to sign**
442 **on the tribal amicus brief in Oklahoma vs. Castro-Huerta in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf**
443 **of the Yurok Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.**

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445 **Directive to Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer to bring topic of non-natives gathering basket**
446 **making materials and other tribal members gathering with Yurok Tribal Member to Cultural**
447 **Committee.**

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

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

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453 **ADJOURN:** 4:36pm

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455 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** **May 5, 2022**

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459 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

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458 **05/09/2022**
459 **Date**

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