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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
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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; Phill Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District, Lana McCovey, South District

ABSENT: None

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director, Dawn Baum, Acting General Counsel, Taralyn Ipina, Council Operations Director (recorder)

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve September 8, 2021 Council Planning meeting agenda. Motion carries by consensus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

YHHS Social Workers, Dixie Martin, and Beth Schultz

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Council

CA21-158, Schedule YHHS Work Session

Council consensus to schedule October 18, 2021 10am for YHHS Work Session regarding organization and services to membership.

CA21-161, Schedule Town Hall for Advisory Referendum

Proposed motion: To schedule Town Hall for Tribal membership input on 2021 Advisory Referendum; Personal Marijuana Cultivation

Directive to Executive Director to prepare Town Hall agenda, plan & schedule. Report back to Council at the September 9, 2021 Council Action meeting.

September 13, 2021 5:00pm, East District meeting

September 18, 2021 11:00am, Orick District meeting

September 23, 2021 Tribal Leaders Forum at Sacramento, CA

44 Combine September 21-23, 2021 Council meetings (cancel September 23rd meeting)
45 September 30, 2021 9:00am, Public Hearing on Patrick's Point name change
46 October 5, 2021 6:00pm, North District meeting
47 October 15, 2021 6:00pm, South District meeting

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49 Staff to schedule following meetings

- 50 - Recreation Coordinator Presentation
- 51 - Benefits Coordinator Quarterly Reports
- 52 - Big Fire Report to Council
- 53 - Fisheries Work Session

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55 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

56 Councilmember Ray: I had my district meeting on the 2nd. One of the main topics was water and
57 KCSD. The community is worried about the boil water notice and things of that nature. I think
58 we need to contact KCSD and find a path forward. It's about time and it's been a rocky road. It's
59 time to start those conversations back up. I let the community know I would try to start this
60 back up but no promises. The disc golf baskets have arrived. Next week their will be a volunteer
61 crew out there to put the final touches on the course. We will have a meeting on Monday. I'm
62 wondering about elder's fish. I saw the flyer about North and South for food boxes and elders
63 fish, I'm wondering about Requa District. Can people start picking up fish at the boat dock? Or
64 are we going to have people from Requa District drive to Crescent City to pick up fish? I need
65 clarification. It's doesn't make sense to drive when the fish are right there are the docks. Del
66 Norte County has e-mailed the Tribe about Hunter Creek Park. I don't know if we have
67 responded. We should. We requested that Del Norte County to donate the land to the Tribe a
68 few years back. I want to do a response letter from OTA. That is ancestral territory and if its'
69 given to anyone it should be given to the Tribe. I just want to make sure we are on top of that
70 and we oppose it going to anyone else.

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72 Councilmember Hodge: I just want to note that I'm having my district meeting on the 13th of
73 this month from 5-6:30pm. The air conditions in Willow Creek are much better today, which is
74 great news. Everyone stay safe. Thank you.

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76 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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78 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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80 Councilmember McCovey: We had the monthly UIHS meeting yesterday. I want to report we
81 are advertising for a new CEO. We hope to have the position filled by the end of the year. UIHS
82 is currently doing a review of salaries. The purpose is to make sure we are comparable to the
83 current market and we are looking on all employees' salaries and making adjustments to those
84 as needed. One thing I wanted to say about COVID testing. When you see North Coast Testing
85 Services that is United Indian Health Services so if you get referred out, you aren't getting
86 referred to another agency. UIHS is one of the major testers for Humboldt and Del Norte
87 Counties. When you get referred out, you are more than likely dealing with UIHS. There were

88 issues brought to me regarding Weitchpec, hopefully they have been taken care of. I do want to
89 let people know is that there are staff problems with getting all the testing that's needed. It has
90 been a problem. One of the problems at Weitchpec was the generator and storage of vaccines.
91 Hopefully that's been resolved. As for contact tracing, it requested that for the influx of positive
92 tests we had had that you reach out to people you've had contact with yourselves. Then let
93 them know you may have exposed or may have Covid. Thank you.

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95 Councilmember Williams: I want to share that I attended the Del Norte Public Health meeting
96 with the guidelines that are going on in Del Norte with the Public Health Officer. He was able to
97 answer a lot of questions. We have lost a lot of people. A lot of people are testing positive.
98 Hundreds of kids are being quarantined in Del Norte because of the schools. One of the
99 questions I wanted to ask is: Why are the schools not shutting down? The Public Health Officer
100 shared with us that our children are falling behind in school. They want to everything we can
101 keep the schools open. Even if that means whole classes going on quarantine. They felt it was
102 important to keep schools open. Number two question was: Why are we not shutting down
103 when our number are worse than ever? The Public Health Officer answered they are in a better
104 position to answer to the pandemic at this point. We are prepared and they can meet the
105 challenge. We are going to keep moving forward. Another question is about people continuing
106 to go out in public when they are positive and infect others. That has got to stop. People that
107 are positive need to stay home. One stat they brought up is that Walmart has 200 employees
108 and last week Walmart had 150 employees in quarantine. They only had 50 employees. That's
109 because people continue to go to the store when they are positive. I just wanted to share
110 information and encourage everyone to get vaccinated. That's the way we are going to have to
111 move forward. I just want everyone to stay healthy and safe.

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113 Councilmember Provolt: I wanted to thank the Fisheries Department for helping me with the
114 Elders fish for Orick District because it is difficult for my elders to get to Eureka or Crescent City.
115 The last couple of years I've taken it on myself to get some ice chests and arrange to pick fish
116 up. I'm able to personally deliver. I'm fortunate in my area to be able to do that. The Fisheries staff
117 helped me yesterday and I wanted to thank them for that. I also have lots of questions coming
118 to me from the community on why we are open because of the high rate of positive Covid
119 testing. There were hundreds of kids exposed. We may have the tools, we may have the
120 knowledge, we may be able to mask, and have social distancing, but it continues to spread
121 widely. I don't know if this is something we need to talk about in Council and what our position
122 is. That is a high concern in the community. Thank you.

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124 Vice Chair: Pass

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126 Councilmember Ray: Regarding elders fish, I've been getting a lot of complaints about pay day
127 from the start date. When are the checks coming out? If you can look into that and get these
128 fishermen paid then I would really appreciate it.

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130 Chairman James: I want to thank our staff, our membership, our community regarding the
131 recent fire and smoke impacting all of us. I want to thank our staff for the work their doing;

132 wellness checks, air purifiers, across the board on top of dealing with a pandemic that
133 impacting all of us. I send my condolences. We did a moment of silence last week in
134 remembrance of Aawok Raymond Mattz. I want to send condolences for his family. I was also
135 able to do a field tour with planning staff. We are doing a lot of great work on the reservation
136 and within our ancestral territory. Hopefully, we can put out some sort of media about the
137 great work that the team and the whole Task Force are doing. I'm really proud.

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139 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

140 No tribal member comment provided.

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142 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

143 Trinidad issues, Broadband, Personnel, Hunter Creek, Klamath Community Services District,
144 UIHS and Litigation update

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146 **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

147 **Health & Human Services**

148 Alita Redner presents

149 YHHS21-016, Generator Program update

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Discussion only, no action.

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152 **Public Utilities**

153 YPUD21-006, Water System update

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Discussion only, no action

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156 **Information Services**

157 IT20-040, IT Department update

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Discussion only, no action

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160 **Health & Human Services**

161 YHHS21-036, ICWA/Title IV E Planning session

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Discussion only, no action

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164 **Education**

165 ED21-034, Update from Klamath Trinity Joint Unified School District (KTJUSD) Superintendent J
166 Jim McQuillen, Jennifer Glueck and Dana Miguelena presents

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Discussion only, no action

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169 **Council**

170 CA21-162, Coordination with KTJUSD RE: COVID Safety

171 Discussion/Action on coordination with KTJUSD on COVID precautions and outbreak safety plan

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Discussion only, no action

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174 **LUNCH:** 1pm-2pm

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

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177 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

178 **Tribal Heritage Preservation Office**

179 Rosie Clayburn and Nikki Peters presents

180 THPO21-007, Chah-pekwo' Ket'-toh Visitor Center Update

181 THPO provide update on the progress and challenges at the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center

182 **Discussion only, no action**

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184 **Council**

185 CA21-155, Supreme Ordinance Planning

186 Planning session to review Supreme Ordinance

187 **Council consensus to schedule September 29, 2021 10am for Council Work Session RE:
188 Supreme Ordinance.**

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190 CA21-156, Annual Membership Meeting

191 Determine agenda for Annual Membership Meeting October 9, 2021; to be held virtually.

192 **Council Operations Director records agenda topics and will provide draft agenda to Council
193 for final approval.**

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195 **EXECUTIVE SESSION 2:30pm-4:45pm**

196 Trinidad issues, Broadband, Personnel, Hunter Creek, Klamath Community Services District,
197 UHS and Litigation update

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199 **Council**

200 CA21-129, Broadband Building

201 Follow up on Broadband Building

202 **Discussion only, no action**

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204 CA21-163, Hunter Creek

205 **Directive to OTA to draft letter to Del Norte County on Hunter Creek acquisition and oppose
206 land transfer to any party other than the Yurok Tribe.**

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208 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** No comment provided.

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

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212 **ADJOURN:** 4:48pm

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214 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

September 22, 2021

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217 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

09/30/21

Date