



# Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

## Tribe secures \$30 million for education

Tribe, local partners develop cradle-to-career program

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# 2021 TRIBAL ELECTION RESULTS

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### YUROK ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS :

The Yurok Election Board today took formal action on the Primary Election held October 13, 2021 and issued formal certification of the primary results for all Districts.

The Election Board on October 19, 2021, certified the election of the following people:

#### CHAIRPERSON (One-Time 4-Year Term)

Klinton Hunsucker	60 (6.22%)
Robert Seeley Jackson	196 (20.33%)
Joseph L. James (Incumbent)	553 (57.37%)
Jimmie V. Kinder	155 (16.08%)

#### VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Edward "Horse" Aubrey	261 (27.44%)
Jewel Frank	194 (20.04%)
Frankie Myers (Incumbent)	496 (52.16%)

#### ORICK DISTRICT

Sherry Provolt (Incumbent)	17 (100.00%)
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#### Advisory Referendum:

#### Referendum #1 Personal Medical Marijuana Cultivation

Passed	YES 543 (57.64%)	NO 399 (42.36%)
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Since all successful candidates received more than 50% of the ballots cast, there will be no Run-Off for any office.

Voted for and Passed on October 9, 2019:

#### Article III, Section 3 Staggered Terms of Office:

5) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall not be elected in the same year, except to fill a vacant position pursuant to Article III, Section 10. The transition to staggered terms will occur following the next Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Election after this amendment, with a one-time 4-year term to the elected Chairperson and a 3 year term to the elected Vice-Chairperson.

**By Order of the Yurok Tribal Court, GILBERTO ESCOBAR, III, is hereby NOTICED that a Petition has been filed against him in Yurok Tribal Court in the matter FL21-041 and a hearing date and time of January 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. is set for this Petition. This matter may proceed with or without Mr. Escobar, III present.**



(left) Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers, Chairman Joseph L. James and Orick District Representative Sherry Provolt



After the installation, Chairman Joseph L. James took a picture with his daughter Noo-me-koy (left), sister Rachel Powell (center-left), and first cousin Cheshepe James Robinson (left).

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# Yurok Tribe first tribe to get Promise grant

*Yurok Tribe, True North Organizing Network launch Klamath Promise project*

On Tuesday, October 12, the Yurok Tribe and the True North Organizing Network as well as representatives from the Del Norte Unified School District, the Northern California Indian Development Council and other partner organizations, participated in a virtual event to celebrate the recent award of a Promise Neighborhoods Grant which will create a cradle to college & career pathway serving all kids and families in tribal lands and adjacent Del Norte County, the northwesternmost county of California.

“The Yurok Education Department is excited about what this grant means for our families, our students and the community as a whole. In partnership with the True North Organizing Network, Del Norte schools, First-5, Del Norte Child Care Council and other local entities, we will build sustainable supports, services and programs that help our students succeed as they make their way from pre-kindergarten to college to a satisfying professional career. I look forward to establishing the high-quality learning opportunities our students need and deserve,” said Jim McQuillen, Yurok Education Department Director

The US Department of Education recently announced that the Yurok Tribe will receive \$30 million to administer this five-year, cooperative undertaking. It was one of only seven awarded in the nation and the only one led by a tribe. The Klamath Promise initiative brings together tribes, schools, community-based organizations, institutes of higher education, local government, and parent & resident groups, to improve educational, health, and

developmental outcomes for all children by building a continuum of solutions centered around great schools. Funds will be used to build sustainable supports, services, and programs that will help local children progress toward a satisfying professional career.

In addition to the Yurok Tribe and the True North Organizing Network, participating organizations and agencies include: Del

Norte Unified School District, Del Norte County Office of Education, Del Norte Child Care Council, First 5 Del Norte, Northern California Indian Development Council, RX Safe Del Norte Coalition, Gateway Education, California Center for Rural Policy, Family Resource Center of the Redwoods, and College of the Redwoods - Del Norte Campus.

Speakers included:

Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James

Yurok Education Dept. Director Jim McQuillen

Del Norte County: Supervisor Chris Howard

Yurok Tribe: Councilmember Phillip Williams

Del Norte Unified School District: Superintendent Jeff Harris

Crescent Elk Middle School: Principal Paige Swan

Del Norte Child Care Council: Melodee Mitchell

True North Organizing Network: Terry Supahan

Closing Benediction: Pastor Dana Gill Port

Closing Song: Oscar Gensaw



***"WE WILL BUILD SUSTAINABLE SUPPORTS, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT HELP OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE TO A SATISFYING PROFESSIONAL CAREER."***

- Jim McQuillen, Yurok Education Department Director



# Tribe restores rightful name for Sue-meg

*California Parks Commission approves Tribe's request to reclaim park name*

The California State Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the Yurok Tribe's request to change the name of Patrick's Point State Park to Sue-meg State Park, an acknowledgement of the designation the Yurok people have always used to describe the place.

"This genuinely historic decision represents a turning point in the relationship between tribes and the state. We asked the Commission to alter the name of the park because we have an obligation to ensure the next generation inherits a more just world," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "On behalf of the Yurok Tribe, I would like to thank the Commission for accepting our request to restore the name of this important part of our ancestral territory. We are equally grateful for the support we received from California State Parks and North Coast Redwoods District Superintendent Victor Bjelajac. I'm so glad that Sue-meg will now be referred to by its correct name."

"We would not be able to achieve this amazing accomplishment without the generations of Yurok people who sacrificed so much to maintain our indelible connection to Sue-meg Village. I also appreciate the hundreds of community members who asked the Commission to vote in favor of the name change," added Yurok Tribal Council Member Sherri Provolt, who represents the Orick District. "Sue-meg has been and will always be an important place for every Yurok citizen, many of whom have familial ties to the village dating back to the beginning of time."

"The Yurok people have always referred to this place as Sue-meg and now it will forever be called its correct name. We continue to practice our cultural traditions at Sue-meg just as our ancestors did for millennia," added Rosie Clayburn, the Yurok Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer. "For me, the decision represents an acknowledgement of an injustice that we have endured for 170 years following the colonization of our ancestral



homeland. Renaming the park is an important step toward healing the wounds the state inflicted on our people."

Based on the government-to-government relationship between tribal nations and the state, the Yurok Tribe requested and received an extended period of time for Chairman James to inform the Commission about why the park should be renamed. At today's meeting, Chairman James described in detail the Tribe's longstanding link Sue-meg Village, which occupies a prominent bluff on the far Northern California coast. Located in the general vicinity of the park, the village of Sue-meg is a culturally invaluable place for the Yurok Tribe. Every year prior to the pandemic, Yurok families held Brush Dances at a site within the current park boundaries. Hundreds of tribal citizens typically attend the healing ceremony. Many ceremonial leaders attended today's meeting to voice their support for the name Sue-Meg State Park.

"I will feel a lot better working in the park now that it is called

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- Joseph L. James, Chairman of the Yurok Tribe



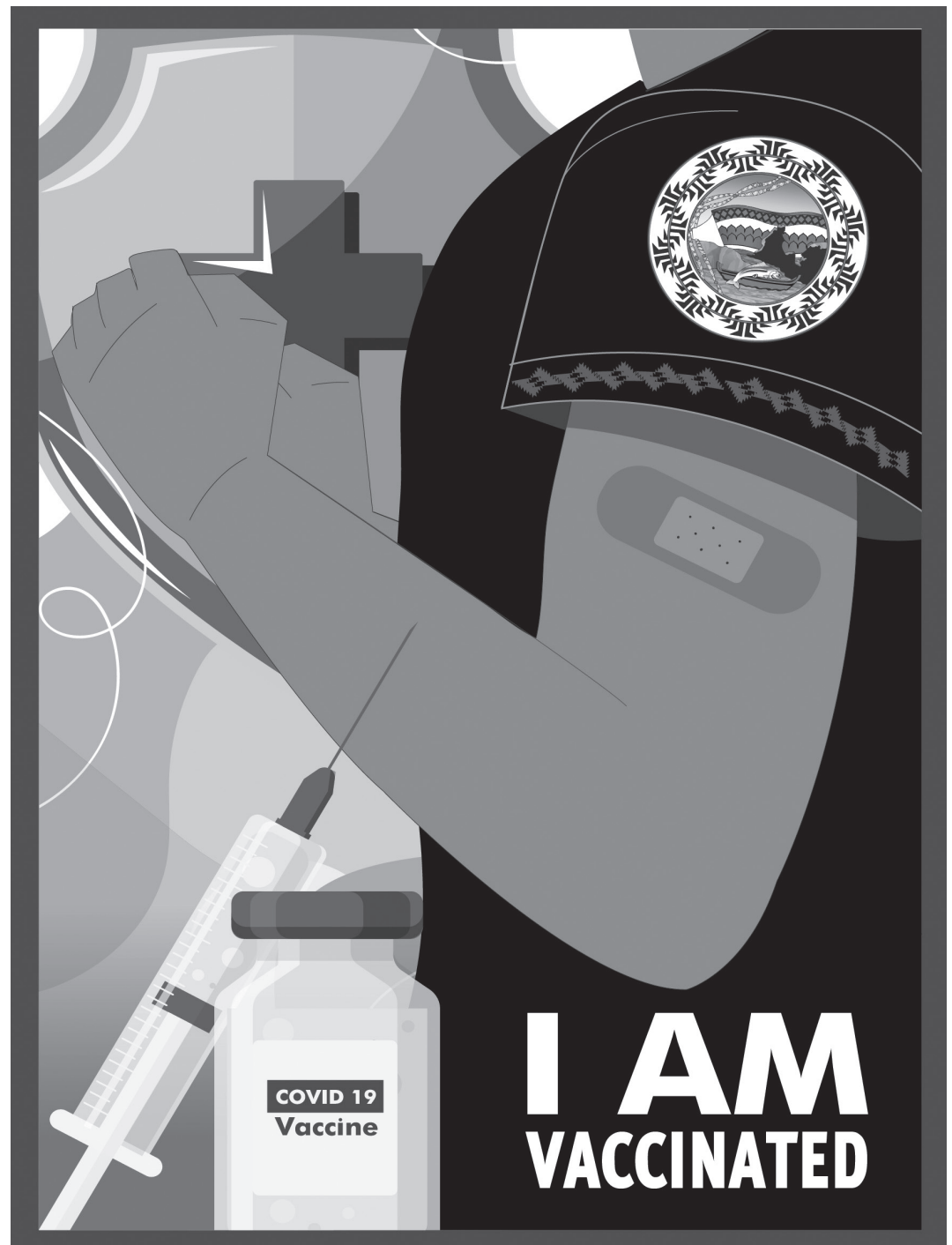
its Yurok name, its original name,” said Dr. Walt Lara Sr, who managed the construction and maintenance of the ceremonial site at Sue-meg.

The park’s former namesake, Patrick Beegan, committed acts of violence against Yurok people. Around the time of the Gold Rush, Beegan murdered a young Yurok boy near Chue-rey (Tsurai - Trinidad) area and is believed to have killed additional tribal citizens. During this tumultuous part of the Tribe’s history, Yurok men, women and children faced unspeakable, state-sanctioned violence over the course of decades.

The renaming of the park aligns with a growing movement to remove public monuments bearing the appellations and likenesses of individuals who perpetrated atrocities against people of color. Since May of 2020, more than 100 symbols have been eliminated from numerous cities across the US. Earlier this month, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill — proposed by Assemblymember James C. Ramos and endorsed by the Yurok Tribe — to replace the statue of father Junipero Serra at the Capitol with an art installation that honors the many tribal nations in the state.

California Governor Gavin Newsom’s 2019 Executive Order N-15-19 also played a positive role in the state park name revision. The historic order included an apology for the state’s role in the attempted genocide of Native Americans and a pledge to work more with Tribes on addressing the wrongs of the past. The Governor also formed a Truth and Healing Council and appointed tribal leaders to serve on the advisory board. Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers was selected to be a member of the Council, which seeks to create an accurate account of California’s involvement in the massacre of indigenous people, so that the relationship between tribes and the state may one day flourish. The comprehensive record will serve as a sturdy foundation from which to mend the relationship between tribes and the state.

“The partnership between the Yurok Tribe and North Coast Redwoods District Superintendent Victor Bjelajac is a shining example of how state governments can work with tribal nations to create a more inclusive and prosperous future for generations to come,” concluded Chairman James.



## **Yurok Citizens 16 & over: Get vaccinated to win a \$250 Amazon Gift Card**

**If vaccinated after 9/1/21, email your name, DOB & contact info to [vaxincentive@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:vaxincentive@yuroktribe.nsn.us) or text a photo of your vaccine card, name, DOB & contact info to the Yurok Public Health Dept. at 707-458-4652 to enter.**

**\*The Tribe will be holding 40 drawings over the next 4 months.**





# YTEP project improves environment

*Regulatory change leads to major reduction in abandoned vehicles*


To Kori Ellien, who has worked in the environmental field for 17 years, the problem was obvious: abandoned vehicles littered the Tribe's land along the Klamath River in California. Due to the remoteness of the Yurok Reservation, non-Indians often illegally abandon inoperable vehicles on tribal lands. Something needed to be done to resolve this issue. Ellien wondered why the Yurok Tribe's automobile abandonment code that had been in place since 2004, had not helped to establish procedures and penalties for the abandonment of vehicles on the reservation. When she started with the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program in 2018, Ms. Ellien began conducting open dump surveys across

Yurok land, but the abandoned vehicles littering the landscape seemed to pose more of an urgent problem than the open dumps. "The current code clearly wasn't working," Ellien said. "I knew something had to change, so I approached the Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney."

Ellien presented the Yurok Tribe not with a new code, but with an addendum to the existing code. She created an Abandoned Vehicle Surrender Form, which gives all community members, Tribal as well as non-tribal, the opportunity to self-report abandoned vehicles on their property and have them collected and properly disposed of for free.







“The form allows us to start out on a friendly foot with the community. We were able to first approach individuals and say, ‘Hey, do you know that you can have some of these vehicles removed for free if you fill out this form?’”

This abandoned vehicle mitigation mechanism worked best for the Yurok Tribe. Ellien noted that fines would not have been fair or the most effective method of getting the vehicles cleaned up: “On many reservations, people don’t have the money to pay for the removal of the vehicle. And our constitution says that we will try to settle things in a culturally appropriate way, rather than take a punitive approach. So, we worked with metal recyclers in the area and they offered to take the vehicles for free. Recycling vehicle parts is also consistent with the Tribe’s core values.”

By working with the community, Ellien and the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program Pollution Prevention Team were able to eliminate some of the costs that are usually associated with disposal and recycling of materials. Since the development of the Abandoned Vehicle Surrender Form, the number of abandoned vehicles on Yurok land has decreased noticeably. “We’ve disposed of 40 vehicles in 2021 alone,” Ellien said. “The collection of abandoned vehicles has been so effective since the development of the form that we have received a bunch of requests from groups wanting to set up similar programs.”

The approachable nature that Ms. Ellien adopted has made the community feel able to self-report their abandoned vehicles. “Community members are comfortable coming forward to say they have an issue,” Ellien said.

Ellien believes this model could work for other tribes and impoverished communities alike, but the key here is to consider what matters most. “Other tribes could use our vehicle abandonment form as an example, but code writers really need to align with their tribe or organization to get their members connected to the cause. For Yurok, environmental protection and restoration is an easy sell because we have employed these principles since the beginning of time.”

Ellien has also catered to the culture of the Yurok Tribe by developing and maintaining a regular social media presence to keep the community updated on environmental news. “Our Facebook presence really helps community members in feeling like they’ve been heard.” Ms. Ellien posts regularly on the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program (YTEP) Facebook page, updating followers on scheduled cleanups of the Klamath River, new resources for air quality, and updates to environmental codes. When Ms. Ellien first developed the Abandoned Vehicle Surrender form, Facebook was an important outreach tool to spread the

word to those living on Yurok land.

In this case, Ellien did not have to modify the original abandoned vehicle code in order to create the Abandoned Vehicle Surrender form. Instead, because the original attempt to decrease vehicle abandonment was unsuccessful, she recognized that it could benefit from an addendum. “The original code was precise, so I was able to create the form without changing the code itself,” Ellien said.

Although she plans to modify the code in the future, Ms. Ellien’s story is a prime example of identifying why a code is not working and making the necessary changes within the existing structure. Ms. Ellien’s initiative enabled her to act on the environmental problem in a quick and efficient manner.

“With the Abandoned Vehicle Surrender form, we can pull from our list and properly dispose of the vehicles as soon as we have the funding, so they’re not continuing to leak fluids and damage the environment,” Ms. Ellien said.

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**Attention Yurok Citizens!**

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**Email: [msanchez@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:msanchez@yuroktribe.nsn.us)**

**Phone: 707-373-1337**





# YUROK TRIBAL LEADERS, STAFF MEET V



(left) Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers presents gifts to California Energy Commission Chairman David Hochschild and CEC Commissioner Karen Douglas.



(left) Redwood Yurok Canoe Tour Manager Josh Norris, CEC Public Advisor Noemi Gallardo, CEC Commissioner Karen Douglas, CEC Chairman David Hochschild and Yurok boat captain Julian Markussen



California Energy Commission Commissioner Karen Douglas, California Energy Commission Chairman David Hochschild and Yurok boat captain Julian Markussen.



Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James provided information about the Tribe's transportation, communications and energy objectives.



# WITH KEY CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONERS



(left) Yurok Tribe Environmental Program Director Louisa McCovey and Tribal Council Operations Director Tara Ipina.



Yurok Tribal Council Member Mindy Natt informed the state representatives about the energy and communications needs specific to the upriver side of the reservation.



Yurok Transportation Manager Melissa Miguelena informed the group about the need to improve road infrastructure on the reservation.



Assistant Planning Director Sophia Lay spoke about the Tribe's vision to construct green infrastructure.



# Yurok selected as CA 100 Commissioner

*California 100 is focused establishing a vision for the state's future*

Geneva Wiki, a Yurok citizen and owner of the Requa Inn, has been selected as a Commissioner for California 100, bringing her expertise in Native investment strategy to this new statewide initiative focused on inspiring a vision and strategy for California's next century. Incubated at the University of California and Stanford University, California 100 is establishing a 26-member multigenerational commission with diverse backgrounds and expertise to advise on, and engage in, the initiative's transformative streams of work and activities. Earlier this summer, California 100 announced research awards to 18 centers and institutes across the state to examine future scenarios with the potential to shape California's leadership in the coming century.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to contribute Yurok values and perspectives to a state-wide initiative, working to plan 100 years into the future," said Geneva Wiki, who previously served as the Yurok Tribe's Deputy Executive Director.

"We are thrilled to draw on the expertise of these transformative leaders who are making a difference in their respective fields and already leaving a mark on California," said Karthick Ramakrishnan, executive director of California 100. "We will draw on their unique perspectives to inform our work to create a vision and strategy for the next century that is inclusive, equitable and sustainable."

In addition to research, California 100 will also sponsor original policy innovation projects across California working in partnership with local and statewide agencies. Commissioners will organize engagement sessions throughout California with key stakeholders across the state to test California 100's research and policy innovation efforts to ensure that Californians are directly included in the initiative's work.

## **The Commission brings expertise within the thirteen issue areas of focus for California 100:**

- Advanced Technology
- Arts, Culture, Entertainment
- Education
- Economic Mobility, Inequality and Workforce
- Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources
- Federalism and Foreign Policy
- Fiscal Reform
- Governance, Media and Civil Society



**This photo features four generations of Geneva's (Mattz/Brooks) family, including: Te Maia Wiki 16, Keeya Wiki 13, Ani Wiki 6, Grandmother Lavina Bowers, Mother Jan Wortman and Geneva Wiki.**

- Health and Wellness
- Housing and Community Development
- Immigrant Integration
- Public Safety and Criminal Justice
- Transportation and Urban Planning

Commissioners will serve a two-year term and meet regularly throughout the life of the initiative. They will hold listening sessions across the state to engage key stakeholders in the Spring and Summer of 2022.

The goal of California 100 is to lift up and support transformative ideas, people and projects that accelerate progress with a focus on inspiring a vision and strategy for California's next century that is innovative, sustainable, and equitable. In addition to sponsoring original work, the California 100 Platform will promote the best of what is happening in California. Through these various projects and activities, California 100 seeks to move California towards an aspirational vision—changing policies and practices, attitudes and mindsets, for a more vibrant future.

California 100 is organized among interrelated streams of work: research, policy innovation, advanced technology and engagement. Each stream is led by a director who comprise the executive team.



# Yurok Chairman wins NCAIED Award

*Prestigious award acknowledges business leaders in Indian Country*

Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James received the NCAIED - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's American Indian Leadership Award at the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2021. Put on by NCAIED, RES is the largest and most important economic conference in Indian Country. At the annual event, NCAIE honors outstanding individuals and companies for their contributions to economic parity and the betterment of Indian communities. Chairman James is responsible for leading an effort to diversify the Tribe's economic development portfolio and create good-paying jobs for tribal citizens living in Yurok ancestral territory. Chairman James proposed and developed the recently launched Redwood Yurok Canoe Tour business, which opened this summer to much excitement. In addition to the canoe business, the Tribe purchased multiple companies, including the Lindgren Mill and Shoreline Market, during the past three years. The Tribe also started a construction corporation. RES features tribal leaders, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, state and local officials and top CEO's from all over the US.



**Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James wins NCAIED Award for his contributions to economic parity and the betterment of Indian communities.**

# Meet first vaccination drawing winner

Yurok Tribal Council Member Phillip Williams delivered a \$250 Amazon Gift Card to Buckley Hoaglin, one of two winners in the first COVID-19 vaccine drawing. Buckley is 16 and lives in Crescent City.

The Yurok Tribal Council is offering a vaccine incentive to eligible tribal members who get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For at least the next four months, eligible Yurok citizens may enter into 40 drawings to win a \$250 Amazon gift card. To participate, you must be 16 or older and have completed the vaccination process after September 1, 2021. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the health of our community!

- Email your name, date of birth and contact information to [vaxincentive@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:vaxincentive@yuroktribe.nsn.us) for entry and verification, or
- Text a photo of your vaccine card, name, date of birth, and contact information to the Yurok Public Health Department at 707-458-4652.

The winners will be contacted on the first Wednesday of each month.



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# Fisheries, Construction Corp build pond on Prairie Creek

*New habitat will serve salmon, steelhead for many years to come*

Here are photos of Yurok Fisheries Department and Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation crews working on a collaborative project involving the creation of juvenile salmon and steelhead habitat on a Save-the-Redwoods League-owned property in the Redwood Creek watershed.

In its first phase, the project is a collaboration between Save the Redwoods League, the Yurok Tribe and California Trout as well as additional agencies, organizations and local firms. The restoration crew is nearly finished with the installation of an approximately 2-acre pond and floodplain, which will connect to the mainstem of Prairie Creek. Yesterday, the Yurok team placed whole trees in the water feature to create places for juvenile fish find cover from predators. The crew is also lining the pond with an innovative barrier to keep invasive plants from taking root. Once complete, the specially designed riparian environment will have all of the characteristics of a natural pond and it will benefit a broad variety

of native birds and wildlife. On Tuesday, the crew also finished removing 2-acres of asphalt from the nearby Orick Mill site.

Much of the juvenile salmon and steelhead habitat on the lower section Redwood Creek has been severely degraded. This undertaking is designed to test the theory of implementing a larger project of restoring approximately 18 acres of riparian and wetland floodplain, including Prairie Creek channel realignment; and removal of 21 acres of asphalt from the decommissioned mill site.

Additional partners include: Redwood National Park, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, McBain Associates, GHD, SHN, Northern Hydrology and Engineering, California Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, California CCC, NOAA and Redwood Community Action Agency.



**Owen Proctor - Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation**



**Richard Bates - Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation**



**Thomas Marceau - Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation**



# VA Benefit Spotlight: Employment Readiness

## **VA Benefit Spotlight: Veterans Readiness and Employment (VRE) Chapter 31**

If you have a service-connected disability that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, Veteran Readiness and Employment (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) can help. This program—also known as Chapter 31 or VR&E—helps you explore employment options and address training needs. In some cases, your family members may also qualify for certain benefits.

### **Eligibility**

You may be eligible for VR&E benefits and services if you're a Veteran, and you meet all of the requirements listed below:

- Didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, and
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA, and
- Apply for VR&E services

### **How to apply**

You can apply by mail. Fill out Application for Vocational Rehabilitation for Claimants with Service-Connected Disabilities (VA Form 28-1900) and mail it to:

Department of Veterans Affairs

VR&E Intake Center

PO Box 5210

Janesville, WI

53547-5210

**Or in-person with a Veterans Service Officer or other VA facility. Find a VSO: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/vso/>**

**Learn more about VRE here: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>**

### **Military Observances**

**September 18** - Air Force Birthday (September 18, 1947)

The Air Force is the largest and most technologically advanced air force in the world. Initially part of the United States Army, the USAF was formed as a separate branch of the military on 18 September 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947.

**Third Friday in September** - POW/MIA Recognition Day

A time set aside to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their

families. The point of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that America remembers and shows that it stands behind those who serve, and to make sure the Nation does everything it can to account for those who have never returned.

**Last Saturday in September** - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day  
A day set aside to honor the families of our nation's fallen service members.

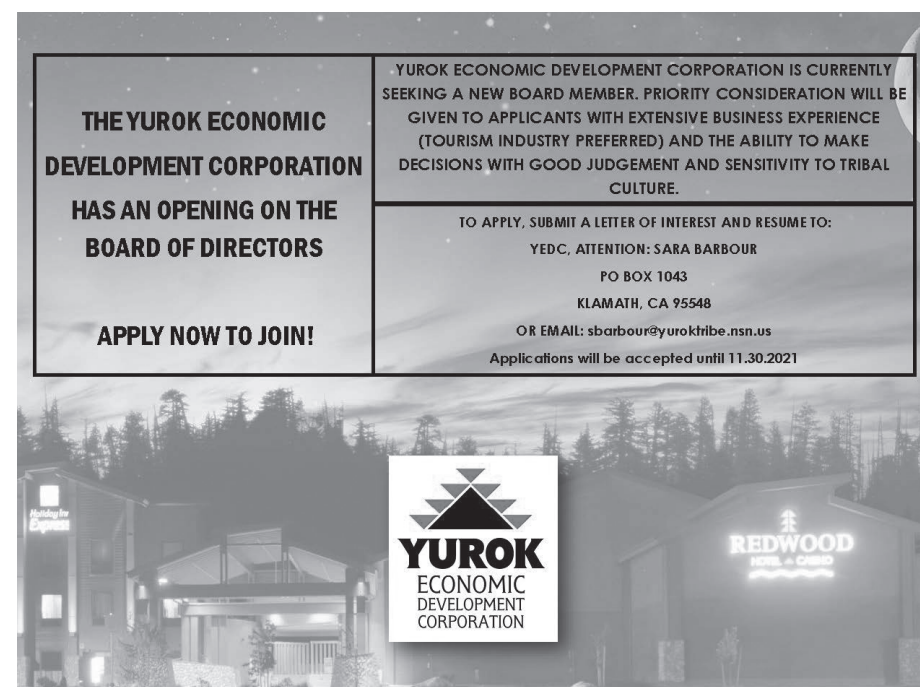
### **October**

**October 13** - Navy Birthday (October 13, 1775)

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on 13 October 1775. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

**Attention Veterans and Active Duty Military! Do we have your current address? We'll be sending out important information that you don't want to miss! The Yurok Tribal Court's Veterans Wellness Coordinator is available to help veterans connect to resources for which they may be eligible. Contact Jessica Wolsfeld at (707) 951-5425 or [jwolsfeld@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:jwolsfeld@yuroktribe.nsn.us).**

<b>THE YUROK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HAS AN OPENING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	<b>YUROK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS CURRENTLY SEEKING A NEW BOARD MEMBER. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WITH EXTENSIVE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE (TOURISM INDUSTRY PREFERRED) AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH GOOD JUDGEMENT AND SENSITIVITY TO TRIBAL CULTURE.</b>
	<b>TO APPLY, SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST AND RESUME TO:</b> YEDC, ATTENTION: SARA BARBOUR PO BOX 1043 KLAMATH, CA 95548 OR EMAIL: <a href="mailto:sbarbour@yuroktribe.nsn.us">sbarbour@yuroktribe.nsn.us</a> Applications will be accepted until 11.30.2021





# Yurok Obituaries

Samantha Kristen Machado aka Smoker left the earth on September 14, 2021 after a difficult battle of pneumonia exacerbated by repeated asthma attacks. While she is no longer with us, her love will live forever in all those she held near and dear to her heart. Samantha was a proud Yurok tribal member with a strong family bloodline of Tolowa tribal descendency. Her beautiful presence was a gift to all those she encountered. A charismatic, strong and sometimes hilarious personality lit up every room she walked in. Sam enjoyed traveling all over California and Oregon to visit friends and family. She spent some time living near Yosemite park. It was a dream to visit one day with her family. Sam prided herself on her hard work and not a day went by without accomplishment. Her love and dedication to her family and friends meant everything to her. Sometimes her sense of humor would catch you off guard. If you needed to hear tough love, she would give it to you. Recently, she gained certification as a caregiver. She was a Healthcare Hero that worked very hard to help people in need. Her sweet but down to earth charm allowed her to engage and befriend people from all walks of life. We will forever miss her laugh and the love she gave.

She is survived by her family; her son, Jason Andrew Sabedra Jr. mother, Sarah Smoker, brothers John Rogers Jr. Sister in Law Tracy, Damon Rogers, Sister in law, Vena Jones. Uncles, Jason Smoker, Frank McKuhn and Harold Huck. Her baby Charlie Smoker, Nephews, Damon Rogers Jr., Braxton Rogers. Aunties Lori Swain, Dana Shade, Marilyn Bray. Cousins Rose Smoker and her son Zachary, Her cousins from Smith River and Oregon, Larry Smith, Rose Smith and Family, Nancy Colegrove, Terry Bray and Tacheena, Shayla and Terry Jr. Dean



**Samantha Kristen Machado  
aka Smoker**

and Mike Jones, Max Sterling, Mitchell and Keyton McKuhn and family. Extended Family Big John and John Rogers, She loved her best friends, they were everything to her and there are many including Jennifer McCovey, Willow & Summer Reed and Rosie.

She is preceded in death by her Uncle Marvin aka Muggs Smoker Jr. Grandfathers Marvin Smoker Sr. and Alvin Machado Sr. Harold "Rip" Gardner. Grandmothers, Rose "Tweet" Smoker, Catherine Richards, Maxine Machado and Sarah Smoker, Aunties Mary Russell, Roselyn Jones, Uncle Jack Russell and Cousin Kristen Bagley. Family members, Arilla Aubrey and Pamela Hickey.

A graveside service will be on October 8th at 1pm at Sunset Memorial park, following the service will be a celebration of life gathering at the Jefferson Community Center. Honorary paul bear, Jason Smoker Paul bears; John and Damon Rogers Harold Huck, Brian Bennett, Donations to the service expenses are appreciated.

**Please see the gofund me link below**

**<https://gofund.me/b5b8a03d>**



# YUROK VETERANS

*Honoring*

Tey-gok-see-moh Kue Mey-Ge-Tohl-kwo-meen  
"We respect the ones that always protect"



**MONDAY, NOV 15<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**10:30AM - 11:30AM**

YUROK VETERANS CEMETERY, BALD HILLS ROAD

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

VETERANS WELLNESS COORDINATOR

JESSICA WOLSFELD AT 707.951.5425 OR JWOLSFELD@YUROKTRIBE.NSN.I

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TULLEY CREEK FIRE & OES BUILDING

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## Get Vaccinated to Win a \$250 Gift Card

The Yurok Tribal Council is excited to offer a vaccine incentive to eligible tribal members who get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. For at least the next four months, eligible Yurok citizens may enter into 40 drawings to win a \$250 Amazon gift card. To participate, you must be 16 or older and have completed the vaccination process after September 1, 2021. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the health of our community!

### Qualifications to enter:

1. Be an enrolled Yurok tribal member by the date of the drawings.
2. Individuals who complete the vaccination series (after 9/1/2021) qualify for entry.
  - Moderna vaccine: 2 doses
  - Pfizer vaccine: 2 doses
  - Johnson & Johnson vaccine: 1 dose
3. Be 16 years of age or older by the time of the drawing.
4. Show proof of COVID-19 vaccination, which will be verified through the California immunization registry. If unable to provide a copy of your vaccination card, please provide name and date of birth.

\* Ineligible to participate include, Yurok Tribal Council Members, Yurok tribe's Executive Leadership & Directors.

\* The drawings will occur each month if 15 or more people enter. For every 15 entries, an additional \$250 Amazon gift card will be added to the drawing. For example, if 30 people enter, two will receive gift cards.

\* Eligible participants may enter as many drawings as they choose. However, individuals can only win one drawing.

### How to enter:

- Email your name, date of birth and contact information to [vaxincentive@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:vaxincentive@yuroktribe.nsn.us) for entry and verification, or
- Text a photo of your vaccine card, name, date of birth, and contact information to the Yurok Public Health Department at 707-458-4652.

**The winners will be contacted on the first Wednesday of each month.**







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