

1 **YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**
2 **PLANNING MEETING**
3 **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**
4 **KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**
5 <https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>

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7 **ROLL CALL:** 10:04am

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9 **PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (dental emergency,
10 arrives at 1:50pm); Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Wes Crawford, East
11 District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec
12 District; Phillip Williams, North District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Lana
13 McCovey, South District

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15 **ABSENT:** None.

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17 **STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer;
18 Maggie Mais, Deputy General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial
19 Officer, Megan Siasosi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw
20 (recorder).

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22 **QUORUM:** 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

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

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26 **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

27 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda**
28 **with additions of CA24-067 Donation to Ramos. Motion carries by consensus.**

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30 **REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

31 **Emergency Services Division**

32 *Office of Emergency Services*

33 OES24-001, Planning Session/EOP Update

34 Submitted by Amos Pole

35 **Council consensus to set May 8, 2024, for a Planning/Work Session.**

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37 OES24-002, Communications Assessment

38 Submitted by Amos Pole

39 **Council consensus to have Chief Operations Officer, Taralyn Ipiña, will identify a date for and**
40 **approve the Yurok Office of Emergency Services to request and planning/discussion meeting**
41 **on the Project HGSP-22 Interoperability, Communications Assessment Plan, Develop Public**
42 **Safety, Tribal Departments user communications frequency plan. Discuss YOES 2007**
43 **Communications Plan.**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES:

Jeremy Wamsley, Security
Colin LaTuileppe, Security
Preston Ruiz, Security
Danielle Briscoe, Human Resources Generalist
Naomi Ames, Promised Neighborhoods

COUNCIL CHECK IN

Councilmember Provolt:

- Orick District Service District RE: Micro-grid would like to meet with Council.
- Yurok Wellness secure funding for positions, MOU with Keech Char Er Nar, contracting with Legal assistance or legal attorney for IHS funding.

Councilmember Natt: Pass

Councilmember Ray:

- We hosted a basketball tournament last Sunday and had a great turn out, we used about 600 gallons of water. We put the building to the test.
- That building is ready to go!

Councilmember Crawford:

We had a very successful Easter egg hunt at the Willow Creek golf course. Lots of people, we had planned for 3 hours, and it was over in about an hour. The only misstep was the lack of planning was bathrooms, hopefully next year they will be up and running.

Councilmember Williams:

NR committee is going through the Bylaws, we are almost done. They will be coming to Council. The council needs to communicate with your liaisons. I have been contacted about the disaster relief fish monies, tribal members are calling fisheries, and that voicemail is full. I attended the construction meeting; Councilmember Crawford was there. We are working on getting the golf range up and running. I am holding a drift net making class at the Marjorie Buckskin building, I can only do 10 at time.

Councilmember McCovey:

I want to apologize to the South District membership that I have been having quarterly District Meetings. There are reasons why I thought I had held those meetings and there reasons why those meetings were cancelled. With that being said, I have scheduled the quarterly meetings for April 29, July 29, October 28, January 27, 2025. Other meetings will be scheduled, I have also resolved the Zoom issue I was having. Also, UIHS is updating their phone system, I know many people are experiencing lots of difficulties calling in, please keep calling. If you cannot get

87 through. You can call me, and I will get a message into UIHS for you. In Arcata we are fully
88 staffed in dental. In Klamath you should see more dental services being offered, there are some
89 struggles in our Crescent City clinic, but we are working on those issues.

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91 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

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93 **Vice Chair Myers:** Not present.

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95 **Chairman James:** I have been traveling to Sacramento to testify for several different State bills
96 that are important for Indian Country. One of them is for housing for Indian Country, another
97 one is for peace officers. I also want to let the membership hold a meeting with our federal
98 water assessment team. The membership should know about it, you should have input about it.
99 We should have had town halls about these issues.

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101 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

102 Linda Cooley:

- 103 • Yes, thank you for having this meeting and for all of us and I want to thank Council
104 Member McCovey for apologizing.
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- 106 • I really appreciate it. Um, I also want to point out that per our council ordinance, there's
107 fines for missing meetings. And I would hope that we're following that. And I'm
108 requesting as a South District member that those go to events for the South District. We
109 don't really have a lot of events. We don't have a lot of gatherings.
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- 111 • I'm also want to bring up the fact that all employees are mandated to come back in
112 person. And I'm wondering what that looks like for Council. We have a lot of Council
113 that are virtual most of the time, um, along with our district meetings. It would be really
114 nice if we could start having in person meetings and Council have some kind of
115 standards similar to employees.
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- 117 • I also would like to point out, I think we need to look at laws and regulations of not just
118 Council Members, but Council Members families bullying us online when I brought up
119 the subject of not having meetings. I was completely ambushed and there was nothing I
120 brought up that wasn't a fact. It was a request for help for a council member and it's
121 really a shame that me asking for help turns into getting hounded and being called
122 names when the whole time I was just asking for help and stating the truth.

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124 Jewel Frank:

- 125 • You went really fast in your, um, check in. So, and, and for us elders, um, I'd also like to
126 mention that I see no elders on this, uh, public forum. I haven't been for a long time.
127 And, um, and this is, you know, I like to think of myself being kind of up to date. And so,
128 this is a way big challenge for elders to participate on, um, on a meeting such as this.

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- 130 • It's sad that they can't have input. And it's been, this has been happening since COVID
131 times. In a sense, they are being taken advantage of. And, um, You know, it would
132 be nice to have, it'd be nice just to be nice and not manipulating.
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- 134 • and a lot of times people, you know, I've noticed on Facebook do get attacked and, um,
135 or mistreated and it hasn't just Council's been at fault with that as well. I've been at fault
136 with that as well. I'm feeling pretty hopeful and looking forward to our future since
137 we've had some really good changes happen recently.
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- 139 • In regard to like acting right, if you can really give me the, um, The AB number to the LE
140 what you were talking about. And again, quickly mentioned the water issue that is going
141 to take us nine years to come out ahead as tribal members and tribal families, because
142 our water is everything. I pray with water.
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- 144 • I drink water. I wash with water. Everything about my life is about this water. And so
145 that's very important to me. And it's much more important to me than these here, um,
146 things that have happened to our water, like growing weeds. Now that has been a black
147 eye, after black eye, after black eye. And drinking beer has been another big deal. If I
148 can get that information, I'd really appreciate it. Thank you.
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150 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

151 **Council**

152 CA24-066, Western Rivers Planning Session

153 Submitted by Georgiana Gensaw

154 **Planning Session with Western Rivers set for April 10 morning session. Discussion only, no**
155 **action.**

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158 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 11:24am-12:00pm. CA24-066, Western Rivers Planning Session, Personnel
159 (Councilmember Ray); Government to Government Meeting with Karuk, Land, Personnel
160 (Councilmember McCovey)

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162 **BREAK:** 12:00pm-12:06pm
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164 **AGENDA ITEMS**

165 **Community Development Division**

166 *Planning Department*

167 P24-014, Project Update-Return to River (Klamath Masterplan)

168 Submitted by Ben Nguyen, Planner

169 **Council Planning Session on the design solutions offered by the Return to the River (Klamath**
170 **Area Masterplan) project consultant team. Discussion only, no action.**

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172 CA24-067, Donation to Assemblymember

173 Submitted by Chairman James

174 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve \$5,500 political**
175 **donation to California State 45th District Assemblymember James Ramos “Re-Elect James**
176 **Ramos for Assembly 2024.” Motion carries by consensus.**

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178 **LUNCH** 12:40pm-1:43pm

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180 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

181 Mae Butts: We have a feral cat issue around here, some of them have rabies and it can spread.
182 It we need to do a cnk (catch and kill). This is the only option we have, because catching them
183 and fixing them and then re-releasing them is not working. I live in Hunter Creek area and Del
184 Norte County Animal Control will not help me or the overpopulation of cats we have in the
185 Klamath area.

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187 Chairman James directs Council Operations to follow up with Tribal Member elder.

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189 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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191 **Natural Resources Division**

192 NR24-002, Carbon Management Planning Session

193 Submitted by Tim Hayden

194 **Motion for Council Planning session on April 10 to plan and prepare for the expected 2024**
195 **Phase 1 carbon project offset issuance from the CA Air Resources Board, options and**
196 **strategies for carbon offset sales agreement(s), project management and land management**
197 **requirements, and budget planning. Discussion only, no action.**

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199 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

200 OTA24-012, Stanford Grad Presenting Data Sovereignty

201 Submitted by Annie Perry

202 **1-Hour slot for Stanford Law graduate Bailey Ulbricht’s to discuss on Indigenous Data**
203 **Sovereignty. Council approved publication of the article 10/2023 and asked Ms. Ulbricht to**
204 **return to Council for a deeper discussion on data sovereignty. Discussion only, no action.**

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206 **Council**

207 CA24-057, AB3017 State Funded Assistance Grants

208 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

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Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve support for AB 3017 State Funded Assistance Grants. Approve staff to help garner support. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-062, Tribal Watershed & Protection
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt per the recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee that Tribal Law Enforcement patrol and protect Tribal Resources in Blue Creek, Pecwan Creek and other Tribal owned watersheds on the regular basis. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-063, Yurok Police RE: River Enforcement
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Discussion/Action regarding Tribal Police monitoring the river. Directive to Executive Director to coordinate with COO to set up a work session.

BREAK: 2:57pm-3:10pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:10pm-4:50pm Carbon Planning -confidential portion, Land, Personnel

4:30 Councilmember Natt had to leave for an event at Jack Norton Elementary school awards.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: none provided.

LITIGATION UPDATE: None provided.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Leona Charles: I was put into a space at Ravenwood over there and I was told to come back on April 11, which is tomorrow. I want to know who has authority over that place. I go back on that list. There are a lot of other things going on, I am the executive of Margaret Carlson's estate, I have two acres up there. My name is on that property. I am trying to be forthcoming and transparent about whatever I am doing.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Crawford.

ADJOURN: 4:52pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: May 22, 2024



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

6/28/24

Date