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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024  
TANF OFFICE 6<sup>th</sup> STREET EUREKA, CA  
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

**ROLL CALL:** 10:00am

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

**ABSENT:** Mindy Natt, Pecwan District.

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

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

**REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with additions of FISH24-027 Fisheries Disaster Spend Plan, CA24-087 Tribal Advisory of OSW, and CA24-086 YAC Board Appointment. Motion carries by consensus.**

**REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

May 10-Budget Meeting at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
May 13-15, Offshore Wind Conference Sacramento, CA  
May 24, Weitchpec District Meeting  
May 28, Yurok Agriculture Corporation Board Meeting

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

**Councilmember Provolt:** I would like to report from my Orick District Meeting. We reviewed the sovereign immunity ordinance and the TANF Plan. The concern that Orick district members and also the advisory members had was they had not seen the TANF Plan previously. We should make sure that the Advisory Committee has access to the TANF Plan.

**Councilmember Natt:** Not present.

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**Councilmember Ray:** Pass.

**Councilmember Crawford:** It's getting towards the end of the school year. I see HSU has a ton of Native students graduating. Parents keep encouraging your kids to finish strong. It's almost summertime!

**Councilmember Williams:** Pass.

**Councilmember McCovey:** At the recent South District Meeting outcome-we had Yurok language program employee Victoria Carlson, who came and presented, and we are concerned about the future funding of the Language Program. They would like Council to figure out funding for that. I missed UIHS and their special meeting today because Council had budget meetings today. Just to remind people that UIHS is re-doing the phone system. I am attending the Offshore Wind Conference next week in Sacramento.

**Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

**Vice Chair Myers:** Not present at this time or out of cell service range.

**Chairman James:** Pass.

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Legal - Chairman

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Executive Branch**

*Office of Tribal Attorney*

OTA24-014, AB 525 Strategic Plan

Submitted by Alex Mesher

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to retroactively approve filing of Yurok Tribe comment to Draft Assembly Bill 525 Strategic Plan. Motion carries by consensus.**

**Executive Branch**

*Office of Tribal Prosecutors*

PRO24-003, AB 2944 Support Letter

Submitted by Rosemary Deck

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to retroactively approve Chairman's signature on the support letter for AB 2944 forming a panel to study MMIP. Motion carries by consensus.**

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88 PRO24-004, AB 2279 Support Letter  
89 Submitted by Rosemary Deck

90 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to retroactively**  
91 **approve Chairman’s signature an AB 2279 (Cervantes & Ramos) support letter to establish**  
92 **MMIP Bureau of DOJ. Motion carries by consensus.**

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94 **Health & Human Services Division**  
95 *Client Services Department*  
96 YHHS24-010, LIHEAP FY24 Additional Funding  
97 Submitted by Springwind Marshall

98 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve the**  
99 **acceptance of the additional \$7,644.00 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**  
100 **(LIHEAP) Fiscal Year “24 funds, project code #8317, from the Administration of Children &**  
101 **Families, and approve updated budget modification. Motion carries by consensus.**

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103 YHHS24-011, Community Block Grant Services 2024 Funding  
104 Submitted by Springwind Marshall

105 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve the**  
106 **acceptance of \$11,272.00, from the community Services Block Grant (CSBG) emergency**  
107 **reimbursement funding, provided by the Northern California Indian Development Council**  
108 **(NCIDC), and authorize fiscal to set up a project code and budget. Motion carries by**  
109 **consensus.**

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111 **Community Development Division**  
112 *Public Utilities Department*  
113 YPUD24-001, Drinking Water Set Aside  
114 Submitted by Kevin Latham

115 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Crawford to retroactively authorize the**  
116 **Planning Department to submit an application to the US Environmental Protection Agency**  
117 **(EPA) Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) grant program for funds to properly abandon**  
118 **an unused well on the Requa Water System and authorize Chairman to sign attached**  
119 **endorsement letter. Motion carries by consensus.**

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121 **AGENDA ITEMS:**  
122 **Health & Human Services Division**  
123 *Education Department*  
124 EDU24-008, Updated Higher Education Policy  
125 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

126 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to request Council to review**  
127 **and approve the updated Higher Education Policies as recommended by the Yurok Tribal**  
128 **Council and approved by the Education Advisory Committee, and to review and consider the**

129 grant increase amounts requested by the Education Advisory Committee. Motion carries by  
130 consensus.

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132 **Finance Department**

133 FIN24-009, Change a Tribal Wage Scales  
134 Submitted by Michael Maranger

135 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham for Council to**  
136 **approve the addition of 5 additional steps to the existing Tribal, Public Safety, and Head start**  
137 **wage scales. Motion carries by consensus.**

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139 **Natural Resources Division**

140 *Fisheries Department*  
141 FISH24-23, State Coastal Conservancy Agreement Orick Mill  
142 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

143 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**  
144 **Fisheries Department to enter into the attached funding agreement with the California**  
145 **Conservancy for restoration activities at the Prairie Creek 'O Rew site and to approve**  
146 **Resolution #24-039 granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in favor of the California**  
147 **State Coastal Conservancy. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-np, Councilmember Crawford-yes,**  
148 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
149 **Councilmember Natt-np, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-6,**  
150 **no-0, abstain-0, not present-2. Motion carries.**

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152 FISH24-024, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant  
153 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

154 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**  
155 **Fisheries Department enter into the attached agreement with the California Department of**  
156 **Fish and Wildlife for restoration work on Clear Creek and to approve Resolution #24-040**  
157 **granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in favor of the California Department of Fish**  
158 **and Wildlife and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Roll call: Vice Chairman**  
159 **Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**  
160 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-np, Councilmember**  
161 **Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-0, abstain-0, not present-1. Motion**  
162 **carries.**

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164 FISH24-025, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant 2  
165 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

166 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**  
167 **Fisheries Department enter into the attached agreement with the California Department of**  
168 **Fish and Wildlife for restoration work on the Indian Creek and to approve Resolution #24-041**  
169 **granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in favor of the California Department of Fish**  
170 **and Wildlife and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Roll call: Vice Chairman**

171 **Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**  
172 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-np, Councilmember**  
173 **Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-0, abstain-0, not present-1. Motion**  
174 **carries.**

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176 FISH24-027, 2020 Fishery Disaster Spend Plan  
177 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

178 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**  
179 **2020 Klamath River Fishery Disaster Spend Plan with edits as developed by Tribal Council**  
180 **allocating 100% of the \$405,778 to Tribal Member Commerical Fishers. Motion carries by**  
181 **consensus.**

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183 **Office of Tribal Attorney**  
184 OTA24-002, CostQuest License Agreement  
185 Submitted by Alex Mesher

186 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve**  
187 **CostQuest License Agreement and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and authorize**  
188 **Chairman to sign. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes,**  
189 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
190 **Councilmember Natt-np, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7,**  
191 **no-0, abstain-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

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193 **Natural Resources Division**  
194 *Watershed Department*  
195 WS24-001, Purchase of Keran Engineered Bridge  
196 Submitted by Richard Nelson

197 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**  
198 **\$128,250.00 purchase of Kernan Engineered Bridge for replacement of the Bear Creek.**  
199 **Funding comes from NRCS Contract 82910423136. Motion carriers by consensus.**

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201 **Office of Tribal Attorney**  
202 OTA24-016, Emergency Amended Supreme Ordinance  
203 Submitted by Maggie Mais

204 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to renew Emergency**  
205 **Amended Supreme Ordinance for a period of 60 days due to ongoing public comment and**  
206 **critical needs. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes,**  
207 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
208 **Councilmember Natt-np, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7,**  
209 **no-0, abstain-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

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211 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**  
212 Jewel Frank: 60 days makes this until July 9, so we still have for comments?

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214 **BREAK: 10:57am-11:16am**

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216 **Planning & Community Development**

217 *Planning Department*

218 P24-020, Delinquent Tax Property Auction Del Norte Co.

219 Submitted by Marion R. Frye

220 for the Council to determine if they want to bid for tax delinquent properties up for auction in  
221 Del Norte County. To pay the required refundable deposit fee of \$500.00 non-refundable  
222 processing fee. Must be paid by May 13, 2024, balance due on winning bids of properties within  
223 3-5 business days.

224 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Crawford to authorize amount as**  
225 **discussed in Executive Session. Funding to come from Environmental Defense Fund up to**  
226 **\$50,000. Michael Gerace is the point of contact. Motion carries by consensus.**

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228 P24-034, Delinquent Tax Property Auction Humboldt Co.

229 Submitted by Marion R. Frye

230 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers for Council to**  
231 **approve registration on GovEase Tax auction Humboldt County, to consider bidding on**  
232 **defaulted properties and bid amounts, for Chairman to sign all required documents, to**  
233 **approve initial bid deposit \$2,200.00 refundable, and non-refundable registration fee of**  
234 **\$35.00 by June 1, 2024. Funding to come from Carbon Credit. Amount discussed in Executive**  
235 **Session. After June 1, 2024. Motion carriers by consensus.**

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237 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**

238 YIHA24-009, Monthly Report

239 Submitted by Nicole Sager

240 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the**  
241 **monthly report for the Yurok Indian Housing Authority as submitted by Nicole Sager, YIHA**  
242 **Executive Director. Motion carriers by consensus.**

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244 **Council**

245 CA24-081, Youth Donation-South District

246 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

247 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve donation**  
248 **of \$300 to youth, Bennett Moore from South District Youth Fund, from any other**  
249 **Councilmembers who wish to donate; \$250 Vice Chairman Youth Fund, \$150 East District**  
250 **Youth Fund, and \$100 Chairperson Youth Fund. Total \$800. Motion carriers by consensus.**

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252 CA24-083, Yearbook Donation Request  
253 Submitted by Council Operations

254 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve**  
255 **\$250 towards the Orleans Elementary School 2024 Yearbook cost from Council Community**  
256 **donation fund, \$200 South District Youth Fund, \$250 Vice Chairman Youth Fund, \$150 Orick**  
257 **District Youth, \$150 East District Youth Fund, and \$150 Chairperson Youth Fund. Total**  
258 **\$1,150.00 Motion carriers by consensus.**

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260 CA24-084, Orick Community Service District  
261 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

262 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve letter**  
263 **of support to the Orick Community Services District for a grant with State of Community**  
264 **Energy Programs to achieve energy independence and resilience for Orick Public**  
265 **Infrastructure. Motion carriers by consensus.**

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267 **LUNCH: 11:55pm-1:00pm**

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269 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:01pm-2:00pm**  
270 P24-020, Delinquent Tax Property Auction Del Norte Co.  
271 P24-034, Delinquent Tax Property Auction Humboldt Co.

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273 **AGENDA ITEMS:**  
274 CA24-087, Committee for OSW  
275 Submitted by Tribal Council

276 **Motion made by Councilmember Crawford/Councilmember McCovey to appoint**  
277 **Councilmember McCovey and Williams as Delegate and Michael Gerace as alternate to**  
278 **Advisory Committee for Offshore Wind University Consortium. Motion carries by consensus.**

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280 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham Suspend the rules and**  
281 **add Council emergency agenda items CA24-088 L. Bates Wrestling Donation Request, CA24-**  
282 **089 School Transportation Issues Donation Request, and CA24-090 Hoopa Yurok Vocational**  
283 **Rehabilitation Program Donation Request. Motion carries by consensus.**

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285 CA24-088, L. Bates Wrestlers Donation Request  
286 Submitted by Chairman James

287 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a**  
288 **donation request to Lance Bates' Wrestlers going to Fresno in the amount of \$150 South**  
289 **District Youth Fund, \$100 North District Youth Fund, \$250 Requa District Youth Fund, \$100**  
290 **East District Youth Fund, \$250 Vice Chairman Youth Fund. Total \$850.00. Motion carries by**  
291 **consensus.**

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293 CA24-089, School Transportation Issues Donation Request  
294 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

295 **To approve a donation request for School Transportation Issues in the amount of \$250 from**  
296 **Pemney Youth Funds. Item pulled.**

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298 CA24-090, Donation Request  
299 Submitted Council Ops

300 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a**  
301 **donation requestor for Hoopa Yurok Vocational Rehab Program in the amount of \$100 South**  
302 **District Community Fund and \$150 Community Donation line item. Total \$250.00 Also, to**  
303 **include a separate donation to Down River Wrestling Club for wrestlers to travel to Fresno,**  
304 **CA \$250 Community Donation line item, \$100 South District Community Fund, \$250**  
305 **Weitchpec District Community Fund, \$100 Requa District Youth Fund, and \$250 Chairman**  
306 **Youth Fund for Down River Wrestling Club. Total \$950.00. Motion carries by consensus.**

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308 CA24-086, Yurok Agriculture Corporation Board Appointment  
309 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

310 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham pursuant to the**  
311 **Yurok Constitution, authority of the Chair, Chairman James appoints Alicia Martinez to the**  
312 **Yurok Agriculture Corporation Board with the advice and consent of Council pending**  
313 **background check. Motion carries by consensus.**

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

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317 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

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319 **ADJOURN:** 2:42pm

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321 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** **July 8, 2024**

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325 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

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**Date**