

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 10:02am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District, Wes Crawford, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District, Lana McCovey, South District (10:16am)

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Bawn, General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to add OTA22-062 from Council Action agenda to today's Council Planning agenda. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Directive from Chairman James and Vice Chairman Myers to Chief Operations Officer to set up a meeting with Thomas Dunklin regarding fish wars documentary. Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2022.

COUNCIL CHECK-IN:

Councilmember Natt:

- Excited to have been selected to a 2nd Term in office.
- Would like Tribe to consider a Firehouse at McKinnon Hill.

Councilmember Provolt:

- Will be attending the United Nations Summit (COP27) in November on climate change to share Yurok Tribe's work regarding carbon credits and restoration.
- Encouraged Councilmembers to obtain passports to travel internationally.

Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass

44 **Councilmember Ray:** Pass

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46 **Vice Chairman Myers:** Pass

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48 **Councilmember Crawford:** Pass

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50 **Councilmember McCovey:** Not present for check in.

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52 **Councilmember Williams:**

53 • Upcoming Holidays can be difficult for many people, reach out and check in on elders,
54 families and neighbors.

55 • Will be taking vacation next week.

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57 **Chairman James**

58 • Forestry Department to provide an update regarding the firewood for elders.

59 • Public event for volunteers and staff to help cut wood for elders is being scheduled.

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61 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

62 Ruthie Maloney: Ruthie Maloney from the South District. I wanted to just say it was very nice to
63 see everybody yesterday and I just wanted to just thank the Tribe too. You guys are doing great
64 work and I just once again wanted to come and remind the Tribe that I've been working in the
65 marine arena since I left the tribe back in 2014. So, just a reminder that John Corbett, me, and
66 other tribal members have been working on a Tribal Marine Collaborative. So, I really would like
67 the Yurok Council to please keep in mind the North Coast Native Protectors, which is a tribal
68 nonprofit. And I would, would really like to help the Yurok Tribe develop a marine grant
69 proposal, including funding for a marine department, and establish a federal marine sanctuary
70 for salmon. A recent funding award that Tolowa and Resighini Rancheria received, from Ocean
71 Protection Council was for 3.6 million for the next three years to develop their program for the
72 Tribal Marine Stewards Network. A lot of Resighini ancestral lands is within Yurok ancestral
73 lands. We also have Trinidad Rancheria that has a sign going up at their pier that also has
74 wording, regarding Yurok ancestral territory. So, I really think it's very important that we as
75 people stand firm on our Marine, uses of our cultural uses of the marine area. So, I just am,
76 requesting if and asking if you would like a presentation (from) myself and John Corbett. And
77 I'm also even hoping to get Alicia McQuillan-Perez, who was also involved back in when we
78 worked in the Office of Tribal Attorney when we did have a grant that we proposed with
79 Resources Legacy Fund. So, I'm just requesting, you know, I would love to work again with the
80 tribe regarding the marine information. Thank you. Wok-hlew' Thank you.

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82 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

83 CA22-256 Regional Wellness Center, OTA22-062 Settlement funds, Yurok Tribe and YIHA
84 meeting, and Philanthropy.

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86 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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88 Council
89 CA22-231, Redwood Parks Conservancy Planning Session
90 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Planning session set for October 26th at 10:30am with the Redwood Parks Conservancy to meet new Executive Director and Development Director and review goals that support Yurok Tribe interests. Presentation provided with a handout for Yurok Tribe to list priorities. Directive to Executive Director to work with staff to complete priority list.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

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97 Jim McQuillen: North Area tribal member and Education Director for the York Tribe. Just want
98 to acknowledge the partnership that has been going on the past few years. I really like the
99 support that the Parks have given. The reemerged Chah-pek-w Jump Dance and the support for
100 that ceremony. A great relationship there that has been very helpful. I also want to
101 acknowledge the possibility if we can do that, a partnership with the vocational, heavy
102 equipment training, we can really use that. A lot of our members need that type of
103 employment training. The Promised Neighborhood Grant can also support resources and help
104 pay for instructional time. I also like the idea of a Cultural Resource Center. I think that's a
105 fantastic idea. Our belief is that our baskets and items need to be visited and they're alive and
106 right now they're stuck in a dark room. All those baskets we need a Center to showcase our
107 beautiful items and make sure there's time to visit those items. So, I appreciate the partnership.
108 Wok-hlew'.

Health & Human Services Division

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111 Education Department
112 EDU22-036, Education Planning Session 1-hour
113 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

A planning session with Tribal Council in late October to give an update on the Promise neighborhood program and the Boys and Girls Club. One hour provided to Education Director and staff to present. Discussion only.

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118 **LUNCH:** 12:05pm - 1:00pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

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121 Jeremiah Swain: I am member of North District. I wanted to come make a comment in regards
122 to housing. In the last couple of weeks, my grandmother, Elder of the Yurok Tribe, has been
123 given a 60-day notice. They waited until she was in the hospital, unable to do anything, then
124 gave her three notices within a week. According to the housing policy, you get three notices
125 and then they can go forward and start evicting you. It's very strange that they would wait until
126 she's in the hospital to do these kinds of things. She's 80 plus years old. She's been in this house
127 for 15 plus years through housing. She's on a fixed income. I've seen some of the listings and
128 problems on why they are kicking her out. We've gone forward to fix most of those. We paid
129 the back rent, tried to help clean the place up. She has friends and elders who are allowed to
130 come over. It just upsetting. But we are scheduling a meeting at the end of the day to see what
131 can be done about this situation. Thank you.

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133 **AGENDA ITEMS:**
134 Council
135 City of Trinidad Staff
136 CA22-278, Community Coastal Resilience Planning Project
137 Submitted by Council member Provolt.

Planning session set for October 26, 2022, at 1:00pm with the City of Trinidad regarding the Community Coastal Reliance Resilience Planning Project. Presentation and discussion only. No action.

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142 CA22-254, R&D Presentation RE: Margaret Keating
143 Submitted By councilmember Ray

Presentation from R&D facilitations regarding the Margaret Keating School. Follow up presentation set for November 9, 2022.

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147 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

148 Jewel Frank: I just wanted to say this Zoom meeting, even though I'm grateful to be a part of
149 this meeting, it's kind of frustrating because my bandwidth is low and it's creating anxiety for
150 me because I can't see who's talking for one thing and it's hard to follow. And so, I'm going to
151 try to listen as best I can. But I just wanted to mention, that as much as I'm grateful for this
152 opportunity to be a part of this meeting. I want to know about the agenda item regarding the
153 CA22-267 Exclusion of Tribal Corporations from Supreme Ordinance. But when I try to follow
154 the Zoom thing, it's like I, I can't see who's talking and, and I won't be able to follow along the
155 discussion on this item. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

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157 Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz: I currently live in the South District but graduated from Jack Norton
158 School, so I understand the importance of focusing on our schools. I came away from school
159 with an understanding of, we, first of all, we had great teachers, they're gone now, but, so
160 strengthening our current staff, our current members to become our teachers, as opposed to
161 try and that's changing it from the inside. So, we're not trying to get someone from the outside
162 to understand what they need to teach us, but to get our own teachers, to teach our own kids
163 is important. And focusing on education of our children is more than just one school. So,
164 thinking of it globally, all of our students, regardless of where they live, deserve a quality
165 education. So just keep that in mind. We have such a large population that don't attend
166 Margaret Keating or don't have the honor of going to Jack Norton like I did. So, thank you

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168 Jim McQuillen: We need to recruit, like Elsie just shared, we need to recruit for teachers, and
169 build for the future. We've been talking in education about honoring the teachers we do have
170 right now because some of them are getting ready to head down the road into something
171 called retirement. Like was mentioned, Mrs. Wilder or Mr. Nova, and maybe Mr. Crawford has
172 taken a break. But we have very few teachers remaining and are trying to use that as a
173 springboard to get young people to consider the career and profession of teaching. There is not
174 many coming down the road. HSU used to graduate over 200 teachers per year. They're, under
175 100 now. And very, very few are American Indians coming out of HSU. So, we need to do more.
176 You'll see some proposals coming down the roads. There used to be something called Future
177 Teachers of America, like a club-based program where kids could learn cross age tutoring, they

178 could get their feet wet, explore teaching, and go out and meet with teachers. We need our
179 own people teaching in the schools. Thank you.

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181 Administration Division

182 Human Resources Department

183 HR22-004, Personnel Policies Chapters 7-14

184 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

185 **Planning day set for October 26th to review personnel policy modifications Chapter 7-14.**
186 **Tabled to a work session.**

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188 Council

189 CA22-250, Philanthropy Development Fund

190 Submitted by Chairman James

191 **Discussion/action to identify funding, create a job description and organization chart for**
192 **Philanthropy Development Fund program. Directive to Executive Director to schedule a work**
193 **session to outline (next steps).**

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195 CA22-251, Yurok Tribe Energy Department

196 Submitted by Chairman James

197 **Development of a Yurok Tribe Energy Department. Directive to Executive Director to schedule**
198 **a work session with Council and any other appropriate staff to discuss the framing of such**
199 **department and what that would look like.**

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201 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

202 Jewel Frank: I know some time ago there was like a solar grant that came out and some tribal
203 members were support to get it, like Larry Alameda Sr. He spoke with Frankie but nobody got
204 back to him. I just wanted to be out loud about this because it is really frustrating to him. He
205 made phone calls, and the messages were full so there was no way for him to leave a simple
206 phone message. There's been a breakdown of communication of who to contact. Thank you for
207 listening.

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209 Elizabeth Davis: I was just going to second what Jewel said because there was an
210 announcement of the availability of solar for elders in this area, but I don't think the application
211 ever opened. And I've had a few inquiries about it and I've had passed it along to Ms. Lay in
212 Planning. But I don't know if they've ever got an application process down yet or not. And the
213 other comment I wanted to make was, I hope with the new utility department that we could do
214 a better job of billing because it seems to be a real issue right now with water billing and
215 internet billing. And we don't have a steady staff that does that job and hoping that we could
216 do a better job in that department. And I wanted to mimic her response that since Covid, it is
217 really hard to get ahold of employees. There was an email that went out asking for everybody's
218 contact number, and I think I got two responses. We need phone numbers, tribal wide, on how
219 to get ahold of staff in other areas. It's much needed and I can feel the frustration from tribal
220 membership when they try to call, but it's even more frustrating as a staff member. When I try
221 to call and either somebody's phone message box is full, or there isn't a current phone number,
222 it's frustrating. Our phone listing needs to be updated ASAP. Thank you.

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224 CA22-253, Wah-sekw Trespass Issue
225 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/action on the Wah-sekw trespass issue. Executive Session. Discussion only, no action.

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229 **BREAK:** 2:32pm-2:45pm

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231 **AGENDA ITEMS:**
232 CA22-256, Regional Wellness Center
233 Submitted by Chairman James

Executive session to discuss Regional Wellness Center location and infrastructure plan.

Presentation from Seafha Ramos, PhD regarding research project conducted for her studies. Discussion only.

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239 **BREAK:** 4:00pm-4:10pm

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241 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 4:10pm-6:33pm
242 CA22-256 Regional Wellness Center, OTA22-062 Settlement funds, Yurok Tribe and YIHA
243 meeting, and Philanthropy.

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245 No action out of Executive Session.
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247 6:30pm - Councilmember Natt leaves meeting for the day.

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249 CA22-259, Chip Sealing Equipment Update
250 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Requesting an update on the previously approved purchase of CHIP sealing equipment. Item tabled.

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254 CA22-267, Exclusion of Tribal Corporations from Supreme Ordinance
255 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/action to exclude tribal corporations from the requirements of the Supreme Ordinance. Item tabled.

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259 CA22-268, Notchko Cell Tower
260 Submitted by Council member Natt

Directive to Information Services Department to make Notchko cell tower a priority due to the extreme need for internet services. Item tabled.

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264 CA22-269, Tribal Transportation Plan Road Inventory
265 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

266 **Directive to the Transportation Department to add Miller Lane to the tribal transportation**
267 **inventory and make the road a priority for paving. Item tabled.**

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269 CA22-271, Keypad for Wautek Wash House
270 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

271 **Directive to Facilities Department to install a keypad at the Wautek Wash House. Item pulled.**

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273 CA22-273, ~~Chicken~~ Turkey Prize Shoot Fundraiser
274 Submitted by Council member Natt

275 **Directive to the Health and Human Services Department to plan and coordinate an annual**
276 **chicken price shoot fundraiser for the Pecwan community. Item tabled.**

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278 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

279 Jewel Frank: I just wanted to comment on my District Councilmember. I felt like he was
280 bragging about being a dropout and we were talking about education. I just want to be mindful
281 and how our representation from Weitchpec is coming across. Because, I don't want to
282 encourage our people to drop out of educational opportunities. I became sensitive to that
283 because I have a lot of family struggling with their education. And it's not funny when I hear my
284 leader's making fun of dropping out of school and how he overcame that. I'm trying to
285 participate. We are challenged as far as some of these meetings go; some of us do not have
286 access to internet. I know we had one district meeting that was not on zoom, but I didn't
287 receive the card to be a part of that meeting. I believe it was in Tulley Creek. That's all for me.
288 Have a nice evening and travel safely.

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

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292 **ADJOURN:** 6:39pm

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294 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

December 1, 2022

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298 Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

12/02/2022

Date