

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING/ACTION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

ROLL CALL: 10:02am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Wes Crawford, East District (arrives at 10:24); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Phillip Williams, North District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District

ABSENT: Lana McCovey, South District (out sick)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director; Maggie Mais, Office of Tribal Attorney; Megan Siaosi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda with additions of FISH23-104 Funding for Clear Creek, YHHS23-045 Allcove Model Program Grant, YHHS23-049 Behavioral Health Recruitment and Retention, and YHHS24-001 SAMHSA Year 4. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR

January 26, 2024, 5-6pm Pecwan District Meeting at Wautec Firehouse

February 3, 2024, North District Meeting

February 19, 2024, President's Day Offices Closed

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES:

None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Natt: Pass.

Councilmember Provolt: Good morning, Tribal Citizens, and Council members. There's so much that we've been successful in 2023 and I'm just wanting to thank the Council for our continued work and setting some priorities for 2024. A couple of things that have been on my mind is the

44 increase in PG& E bills. It's going to go up again another 18%. That's just in PG& E. I'm not sure
45 about Pacific Power in Del Norte. I want our Tribal citizens to know that we're working hard to
46 have solar energy and alternative energies for Tribal members so that those costs are reduced.
47 It's just increased costs on energy systems and the Tribe is working on utility programs and
48 various other systems so that we can control those costs for our Tribal citizens.

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50 The other thing I wanted to bring forward is that elections are happening this year. There's a
51 lot of important issues on the ballots. One of them locally is called Measure A. And it has to do
52 with Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative. I'd like the Council to think about taking a position
53 on that. I know Hoopa Valley just recently took a position on behalf of it because it's promoting
54 environmentally responsible cultivation practices. And so, we should dive into that a little bit
55 and think about what our position is on that measure. We will be talking about various Judges
56 and other positions across the County and State of whom we're going to support because we
57 want those candidates to support Native people, Native initiative, environmental issues and to
58 support us as a sovereign nation. Thank you again for being here. Thank you for being online.
59 Thank you, citizens, for attending. I appreciate the work the Council's doing.

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61 Councilmember Ray: I've been getting a lot of calls, and a lot of the community is ready to go
62 into the gym and put it to use. I've been asking for a while now for staff to figure out that
63 process. I'd like to have Don schedule a meeting with maybe Dean and some other folks that
64 you see appropriate for Friday at 2:30 to really dive into how to make this happen. I think we've
65 got a temporary water source laid out and it's time to do a soft opening. I don't think we open
66 the doors completely with staff and all that, but I think we do a soft opening. Whether that's
67 one staff in there from 8 to 5, that way it gives the people opportunity to use the gym and
68 those types of things during those times. And we can figure out a way to get it open after hours
69 a couple of days a week. Again, I'd like to get some folks together this Friday at 2:30pm to really
70 dive into that conversation to get those doors opened for the community to start using it.
71 That's all I got.

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73 Councilmember Crawford: Not present.

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75 Councilmember Williams: Just a couple things this morning. I just wanted to talk about the
76 importance of getting out and voting this year. You know, the last election that we just went
77 through, there was less than 25 percent of my district that voted. And I understand that some
78 people feel like maybe their input doesn't matter, but I wanted to make the statement today,
79 going on the record, that your vote matters.

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81 Not only at the tribal level, but it also matters at the county and state level. You have a voice
82 and I feel like those people that suffered to get this right to vote for us, we need to honor that.
83 So, if you vote, you can change the course of your government. If more people voted, maybe
84 the outcome of my election would have been different.

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86 I'm not telling people who to vote for, but just vote. Exercise your right to vote because people
87 suffered for that right. The second thing I want to talk about was the upcoming looming
88 government shutdown. I've been getting a lot of interest in how that's going, where we are. I
89 don't know where we are. I don't think the government knows where we are, but I think we
90 need to prepare. I think Don, you probably already have. I've just been getting calls, and you
91 wonder how that's going to impact the community. So, thank you.

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93 Councilmember McCovey: Not present.

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95 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Happy New Year!

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97 Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

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99 Chairman James: I just want to say good morning, everybody, our Council, staff, and our tribal
100 members listening. I do concur with you, Council Member Provolt, about the energy issues.

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102 I'm looking forward to working with my peers about how we can help our tribal members,
103 elders, and citizens regarding energy. Those things matter because it's going to impact them
104 greatly when someone's living on a fixed income and corporate America, as PG& E is just
105 worried about the dollar. We're all up here to serve. So, looking forward to digging in of what
106 we can do to help our citizens across the board on and off the reservation. And I am looking
107 forward to a discussion on setting priorities to help our members. I'm looking forward to that.
108 Thank you.

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110 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

111 Mae Butts:

- 112 • I know you guys didn't just discuss anything about the elders or the disabled. How is
113 someone put on a list to be seen? I called and they said, oh, if they have a car, we don't
114 go see them. I have a car. I have no gas in the car. I know I'm not the only one out here
115 feeling like I'm alone. There's a lot of elders out here that nobody goes and sees the
116 food bank called, the transit calls and says, you want to go shopping. I don't have the
117 money. I said, well, I need propane. I got a thing of water. That was it. Is that what we're
118 doing for our elders? We need to stop and look and say, hey, our elders are important.
- 119 • When the Solar Panels came out. I called and said "Hey, can I get Solar Panels?" Oh, no.
120 You live in Klamath. But my power bill's the same. When I was living up in the
121 mountains, nobody came up there. Soon you will be elders. Soon you will be looking for
122 someone to come and say, hey, are you okay?
- 123 • None of the elders were able to come to the Christmas party (Winter Celebrations)
124 because we didn't have a van to go get them. They might have family there, but do
125 their family even go see them? Does their family even care if they're alive? If any of you
126 have any elders that need to be seen, please, let me know. Give me their names. Our
127 elders are important to us. Thank you.

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129 10:24am - Councilmember Crawford enters the meeting.

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131 **RATIFICATION OF POLL VOTE:**

132 **Natural Resources Division**

133 *Fisheries Department*

134 FISH23-103, Klamath Basin Restoration and Co-Management MOU

135 Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr.

136 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retro approve a**
137 **poll vote taken on December 22, 2023, to authorize the Yurok Tribe to enter into the attached**
138 **memorandum of understanding with Klamath Basin Stakeholders regarding co-management**
139 **with restoration of Klamath Basin resources. Motion carries by consensus.**

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141 **REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

142 **Natural Resources Division**

143 *Wildlife Department*

144 WILD24-01, Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

145 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen, Wildlife Department Director

146 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to set a planning date of**
147 **January 24, 2024, for a \$50 million request to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric**
148 **Administration Inflation Reduction act fund, the Climate Resilience Regional Challenge to**
149 **support establishment a Traditional Land Stewardship Department, further development of a**
150 **Marine Department, and land acquisition. Motion carries by consensus.**

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152 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):** None provided.

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154 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

155 CA23-310, Parcel B Skeleton Proposal

156 CA24-003, Party Status-RREN Proceedings

157 CA23-309, Bluff Creek Management

158 Personnel (CFO)

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160 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

161 **Natural Resources Division**

162 *Fisheries Department*

163 FISH24-002, Fisheries Funding Submission January 2024

164 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

165 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**
166 **Fisheries Department to submit funding requests identified in attached documentation for**
167 **high priority restoration projects. Motion carries by consensus.**

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169 **Community Development Division**

170 *Planning Department*

171 P23-069, Urgent Drinking Water Needs Grant

172 Submitted by Sophia Lay, Planning Department Assistant Director

173 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively**
174 **authorize the Planning Department to submit an application to the California Waterboards**
175 **Urgent Drinking Water Needs Grant Program to cover the budget shortfall on the Klamath**
176 **Tank project and authorize the Chairperson to sign all necessary grant documents. Motion**
177 **carries by consensus.**

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179 **Council**

180 CA24-007, December 13, 2023, Council Meeting minutes
181 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

182 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve edits and**
183 **corrections Council Meeting minutes for December 13, 2023, Council Planning/Action**
184 **Meeting. Motion carries by consensus.**

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186 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

187 **Administration Division**

188 *Human Resources Department*

189 HR23-27, New Job Descriptions and Revisions
190 Submitted by Daraxa Mattice

191 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Tribal Child Welfare**
192 **& Behavioral Health departments new and revised job descriptions as well as updated**
193 **organization chart for the following: Housing Services Manager, Benefits Advocate, with**
194 **revisions to ICWA Manager, Social Services Aide, and Wraparound Facilitator. Motion carries**
195 **by consensus.**

196 Note: Council requested to have the organization chart provided when submitting action items
197 for Job Descriptions.

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199 **Health & Human Services Division**

200 *Education Department/Language Program*

201 EDU23-011, Yurok Language Updates

202 Submitted by Victoria Carlson, Yurok Language Program Manager

203 **The Yurok Language Program would like to request time with the Council to discuss Yurok**
204 **Language updates, and planning for funding. Set for January 24, 2024.**

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206 *Client Services Department*

207 YHHS24-03, FY24 State TANF Budget Modification

208 Submitted by Madison Green

209 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve Fiscal Year**
210 **2024 State TANF Budget Modification, Project #369-6. Motion carries by consensus.**

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213 **Natural Resources Division**
214 *Carbon Program*
215 CARB24-001, 2024 World Economic Forum
216 Submitted by Javier Kinney

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve, and authorize Javier I. Kinney, Carbon Project Manager, as a Yurok Delegate to participate in the premiere Davos World Economic Forum, Switzerland Open Forum, and side events January 14-21, 2024, to be held in Davos, Switzerland to highlight Yurok Carbon Projects, Nation Building Economic Initiatives, secure funding, preparations for COP29. (Please see attached). Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-no, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-4, No-3, Abstain-0, Not present-1. Motion carries.

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227 **BREAK:** 11:08am-11:25am

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229 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

230 *Fisheries Department*
231 FISH24-001, Budget Modification
232 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to authorize the Fisheries Department to modify Budget Code #7205 as described in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.

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237 **EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:**

238 **Health & Human Services Division**

239 *Tribal Child Welfare Behavioral Health Department*
240 YHHS24-001, SAMHSA Year 4 Funds
241 Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve SAMHSA Year 4 budget in the amount of \$677,550. Motion carries by consensus.

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245 YHHS23-049, Behavioral Health Recruitment and Retention
246 Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw Hostler

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve acceptance of California Behavioral Health Recruitment and Retention Grant in the amount of \$250,000. Motion carries by consensus.

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251 YHHS23-045, Allcove Model Program
252 Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw Hostler

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize submittal of a grant proposal in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the California Youth Behavioral

255 Health initiative to support the development and implementation of a Yurok Allcove model
256 Program for youth support and services. The grant deadline is September 18. Motion carries
257 by consensus.

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259 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
260 Jewel Frank: I just wanted to say good work.

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262 **Planning & Community Development Division**
263 *Transportation Department*
264 T24-003, Humboldt County Association of Governments
265 Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

266 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve a strategic**
267 **partnership grant application with Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG)**
268 **and Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) as a Co-Applicant for the FY24 Caltrans Sustainable**
269 **Transportation Planning Grant Program (STPGP). Authorize Chairman to sign all documents.**
270 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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272 **Council**
273 CA23-273, District Committee & Board Members
274 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina, Chief Operations Officer

275 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Ray to Pursuant to the**
276 **Constitutional authority of the Chairperson, Chairman James appoints Requa, Weitchpec, and**
277 **North District Committee and Board Members with the advice and consent of the Tribal**
278 **Council with edits as discussed today. Motion carries by consensus.**

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280 **LUNCH:** 12:00pm -1:02pm

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

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284 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

285 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to suspend the rules**
286 **and add FISH24-003. Motion carries by consensus.**

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288 FISH24-003, Funding for Clear Creek
289 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

290 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**
291 **Fisheries Department to accept funding and enter into an agreement with the California**
292 **Department of Fish and Wildlife for restoration activities on Clear Creek, and to approve**
293 **Resolution #24-002 granting a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of California**
294 **Department of Fish and Wildlife. The awards total \$1,725,211, full indirect is allowable, and**
295 **there is no cost match requirement. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember**
296 **Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember**

297 **Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember**
298 **McCovey-np. Yes7, no-0, abstain-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

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300 CA23-280, Job Description for Executive Director of Wellness Center
301 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

302 **Status Update RE: to have staff develop a new job description for an Executive Director for**
303 **the Wellness Village. Item tabled.**

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305 CA23-297, Legal Opinion on Executive Session
306 Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

307 **Status Update RE: Directive to General Counsel to provide the Tribal Council with a legal**
308 **opinion on when a Councilmember can be excluded from executive session. Item tabled to**
309 **March 2024.**

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311 CA23-301, Endorsement of Candidate
312 Submitted by Chairman James

313 **Motion to endorse Adam Schiff for California State Senator seat (formally Senator Feinstein’s**
314 **seat.) Item pulled.**

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316 **Directive to have OSG Office research Humboldt County’s Measure A.**

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318 CA23-306, RWE Communications Plan
319 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

320 **Discussion/Action on RWE Native American Tribes Communication Plan. Item pulled.**
321 **Directive to Staff to submit a letter informing RWE of our displeasure with their process.**

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323 CA23-324, Status of Policies/Council Ethics Ordinance
324 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

325 **Status Update RE: Staff to provide an update to the Council on the status of the Personnel**
326 **Policies and Council Ethics Ordinance. Discussion only, no action.**

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328 CA23-329, Regua Resort-sewer
329 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

330 **Status Update RE: Action/discussion regarding sewer/septic issues at Regua Resort. Updated**
331 **provided. Discussion only, no action.**

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333 CA24-331, Recreation Committee
334 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

335 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Ray to have staff work towards**
336 **setting up a non-profit Recreation Committee and a Board. Motion carries by consensus.**

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338 CA24-001, Waive Indirect for Donations

339 Submitted by Jodi Hoone, Grants and Contracts Compliance Officer

340 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to authorize waiving of**
341 **indirect for Project # set up for Council Operations donations for Council directed events.**
342 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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344 CA24-002, COP28 Report to Council
345 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

346 **Request staff to provide a written/verbal report to Council on Conference travel to COP28.**
347 **Report out given by Javier Kinney. Discussion only, no action.**

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349 CA24-004, Klamath Drainage District
350 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

351 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve**
352 **Memorandum of Understanding between Yurok Tribe and Klamath Drainage District. Motion**
353 **carries by consensus.**

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355 CA24-005, Wautec Cemetery Repairs
356 Submitted by Councilmember Natt
357 To approve funding from the Community Donation and Cemetery funds to repair fence at
358 Wautec due to the recent storm damages. Discussion to include Culture Department Director
359 and TERO to help with installation.

360 **Directive to THPO and TERO to coordinate a plan and budget.**

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362 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
363 Richard Myers II: Wautec Cemetery is starting to get filled up. We'll need to make more room
364 soon. I mean it's not filled up yet, but it's getting close. So, we need to look at that.

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366 CA24-006, Traffic Citation & Revenue Sharing
367 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

368 **Discussion/action on Council's interest in reviewing their agreement and how the Tribe could**
369 **apply this to Yurok. Item tabled.**

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371 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 2:09pm -4:05pm
372 CA23-310, Parcel B Skeleton Proposal
373 CA24-003, Party Status-RREN Proceedings
374 CA23-309, Bluff Creek Management

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376 **Action out of Executive Session:**
377 CA23-310, Parcel B Skeleton Proposal
378 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

379 **Discussion on Parcel B Skelton proposal. Item pulled.**

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381 CA24-003, Party Status-RREN Proceedings
382 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve and authorize filing of a motion for party status and comment to California Public Utility Commission proceeding A2202005 with OTA edits. Approval to participate in ex-parte meeting(s) with CPUC Commissioners. Motion carries by consensus.

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388 **Council**
389 CA23-309, Bluff Creek Resort Management
390 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Discussion in Executive Session of transfer management of Bluff Creek Resort from the Yurok Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) to the Yurok Indian Housing Authority (YIHA) contingent on YEDC and YIHA Board approvals. Discussion only, no action.

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395 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

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397 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Amy Cordalis has several items for litigation update.

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399 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

400 Jewel Frank: I want to make a tribal member comment, that it's nearly impossible to
401 participate. It would be great to have a meeting on a Saturday just like once or twice a year. It
402 can also be a way to get more tribal members involved. I've been waiting for Weitchpec District
403 meeting, and I have been waiting for a postcard. I wish you all a happy new year.

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405 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

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407 **ADJOURN:** 4:13pm

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409 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

January 25, 2024

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413 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date