

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021  
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**ROLL CALL:** 11:04am

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District.

**ABSENT:** Lana McCovey, South District.

**STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder); Dawn Baum, Acting General Counsel.

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

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

**REVIEW AGENDA /ADDITIONS /APPROVAL:** No additions to agenda.

**Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to accept the agenda. Motion carries by consensus.**

**REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

January 25, 2022 Sports Betting meeting at Corning, California.

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

Councilmember Ray: Pass

Councilmember Hodge: Good morning everyone. I just like to give another shot out to Madison Green and crew for the Elder Giveaway Event. That was really nice and they continue to do great work. I also wanted to remind everyone that on December 21<sup>st</sup> that there is another Wellness Coalition. The meetings are online. They had a really interesting presentation. Chief O'Rourke was there and they were talking about fentanyl and different subjects. It was a really great presentations that actually showed the response for someone that overdosed on fentanyl. It showed what a Police Officer would do in that circumstance. I urge everyone to check those meetings out. Annelia does a great job with that. I want to remind everyone to sign up for a NCIDC food gift cards. You can look online or give one of us a call to help you with the application. Thank you and I hope you have a great day.

44 Councilmember Williams: Good morning membership. As I stated earlier, I'm serving on the  
45 YHHS Advisory Board. I also want to give a shot out to Madison Green. She has revived the  
46 YHHS Advisory Committee through the pandemic. We have a hard time getting a quorum, but  
47 we are plugging away. We made some progress this last week and elected Twila Sanchez as  
48 President of that committee. We also elected Elizabeth Davis as Vice Chairperson and we will  
49 elect a Secretary next meeting. Thank you.

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51 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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53 Councilmember Provolt: I would like to let the membership know that yesterday we have  
54 established some Winter Celebration dates. It will drive-through event and hopefully we can  
55 get some flyers out soon to post in our various areas and on social media so our families know  
56 it's a drive through event at three separate sites. One will be held in Klamath, one at the South  
57 Site and one in Weitchpec. We look forward to seeing families through these drive through  
58 Winter Celebration events.

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60 Vice Chairperson Myers: Pass

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62 Chairman James: We will be meeting some representatives from the Office of Emergency  
63 Services in Sacramento here shortly at the Klamath Office. Our staff will be coordinating with  
64 them to put our best foot forward and advocate for resources and funding when the time  
65 comes. Again, building that partnership with the Office of Emergency Services out of  
66 Sacramento. On another note, Mr. Barnes can you send an email for boats for funeral  
67 assistance. If you can get a hold of our team the help. That's a good thing to help our citizens in  
68 a time of need.

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70 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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72 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
73 Dam Removal (Vice Chairman Myers)

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

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77 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

78 **Environmental**  
79 YTEP21-061, CalRecycle Grants  
80 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey

81 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to approve Resolution #21-**  
82 **123 with edits, authorizing grant applications to be submitted to CalRecycle, with the**  
83 **understanding that the grant application will still be submitted individually for Council**  
84 **consideration prior to their submission. Motion carries by consensus.**

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86 **Fisheries**

87 FISH21-088, Support Letters for Sacramento River Partners  
88 Submitted by: Barry McCovey, Jr.

89 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to authorize Chairman's**  
90 **signature on the attached letter in support of the Fisheries Department's Sacramento River**  
91 **Restoration Partners. Motion carries by consensus.**

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93 **Health & Human Services**

94 YHHS21-061, Acceptance of LIHWAP funding  
95 Submitted by: Springwind Marshall

96 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to approve the allocation of**  
97 **\$15,556 and \$10,228 from ACF, creating a total amount of \$25,784.00 available for Low**  
98 **Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) funds for immediate assistance to**  
99 **tribal members within the Yurok Tribe service area. Motion carries by consensus.**

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101 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

102 OTA21-097, Natural and Working Lands Climate Strategy  
103 Submitted by: Melodie Meyer

104 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to retroactively approve the**  
105 **sending of two Yurok Tribe comment letters to the California Natural Resources Agency on**  
106 **the draft Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy and 2021 Climate Adaption**  
107 **Strategy update. Motion carries by consensus.**

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109 OTA21-098, Fee to Trust Comments  
110 Submitted by: Melodie Meyer

111 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to retroactively approve the**  
112 **submission of comments regarding the fee to trust process to Assistant Secretary Bryan**  
113 **Newland. Motion carries by consensus.**

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115 **Tribal Court**

116 TC21-021, Memorandum of Understanding with Veteran's Affairs  
117 Submitted by: Jessica Wolsfeld

118 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to approve the Chairperson**  
119 **to sign the attached MOU with the Department of Veteran's Affairs-Roseburg VA Health Care**  
120 **System to authorize tribal staff to use a VA-provided Ipad for client services. Motion carries**  
121 **by consensus.**

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123 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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125 **Executive Office**

126 ExecDir21-019, Communications Grant  
127 Submitted by: Matt Mais

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**Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to approve the distribution of \$10,000 from Sustainable Northwest to the Yurok Tribe, pending data ownership/contract edits. Motion carries by consensus.**

**Environmental**

YTEP21-052, Contract Amendment to Jon Lee Consulting  
Submitted by: Louisa McCovey

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge for Council to approve YTEP Contract amendment from UC Davis Bohart Museum Society to Jon Lee Consulting. Motion carries by consensus.**

YTEP21-059, First Foods Grant  
Submitted by: Louisa McCovey

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Ray to allow the YTEP Food Sovereignty Division to apply to the First Nations Development Institute-First Foods Grant for Approximately \$32,000 per year for one-year, full indirect expenses are allowable and no match is required. Motion carries by consensus.**

**Fisheries**

FISH21-080, Water Rights and Litigation funds  
Submitted by: Barry McCovey, Jr.

**Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to authorize the Fisheries Department to accept \$140,000 of FY2021 funding from the BIA Water Rights Litigation/Negotiation funding source. Motion carries by consensus.**

FISH21-085, Resources Legacy Fund  
Submitted by: Barry McCovey, Jr.

**Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to authorize Chairman’s signature on the attached grant agreement between the Yurok Tribe and Resources Legacy Fund allowing the Tribe to accept funding and to approve Resolution #21-122 with edits granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in favor of Resources Legacy Fund. Roll Call; Vice Chairperson Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-7, no-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.**

FISH21-087, Trinity County DOT  
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to authorize the Fisheries Department to enter into a contract with the Trinity County Department of Transportation for emergency road repairs, contingent on OTA. Approval of Resolution #21-125, a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Trinity County Department of Transportation, with**

170 edits. Roll call; Vice Chairperson Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-  
171 yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-  
172 yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-7, no-0, abs-0, np-1.  
173 **Motion carries.**

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175 **Health & Human Services**

176 YHHS21-046, Contract for Cultural Consultation  
177 Submitted by: Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler

178 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Ray to approve Chairman to sign**  
179 **contact and all related documents for Red Deer Consulting. SAMSHA requires community**  
180 **based intervention and prevention services. Therefore, a non-competitive single source**  
181 **contract is justified because only Red Deer has the capacity to connect Yurok Cultural**  
182 **Mentors to suicide prevention project goals as described and is a provider licensed to do so.**  
183 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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185 YHHS21-063, Youth Opioid Response Prevention Contract  
186 Submitted by: Alita Redner

187 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Vice Chairperson Myers to approve Chairman to sign**  
188 **contract and all related documents for Red Deer Consulting. Youth Opioid Response requires**  
189 **prevention curriculum. Therefore, a noncompetitive single source contract is justified**  
190 **because on Red Deer Consulting has the capacity to connect Yurok Cultural mentors to**  
191 **prevention project goals. Motion carries by consensus.**

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193 **Human Resources**

194 HR21-018, Job Descriptions Social Worker Supervisor  
195 Submitted by: Rose Sylvia

196 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Ray to approve job description for**  
197 **Social Worker Supervisor for the Tribal Court. Motion carries by consensus.**

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199 HR21-019, Job Descriptions-Language Program  
200 Submitted by: Rose Sylvia

201 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Vice Chairperson Myers to approve job description for**  
202 **Language Collections Coordinator/Lead Teacher, Language Cultural Coordinator, and**  
203 **Language Distance Learning Coordinator. Motion carries by consensus.**

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205 HR21-020, Job Descriptions-Fire Department  
206 Submitted by: Rose Sylvia

207 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve Administrative**  
208 **Assistant IV job description for Fire Department. Motion carries by consensus.**

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210 **Tribal Court**

211 TC21-026, Yurok Honor and Color Guard

212 Submitted by: Jessica Wolsfeld

213 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge to approve Resolution #21-**  
214 **121 with edits, authorizing and supporting the establishment of a Yurok Veterans Volunteer**  
215 **Honor and Color Guard. Roll call; Vice Chairperson Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**  
216 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
217 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-7,**  
218 **no-0, abstaining-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

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220 **Council**

221 CA21-205, Orick District Committee appointments

222 Submitted by: Taralyn Ipina

223 **Item pulled. This agenda item was completed the last Council Meeting cycle.**

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225 CA21-223, CNIGA membership

226 Submitted by Vice Chair Myers

227 **Motion made by Vice Chairperson Myers/Councilmember Hodge to ratify Resolution #21-124**  
228 **authorizing membership to California Nations Indian Gaming Association and authorize**  
229 **payment of associated dues \$5,000 from budget #50. Motion carries by consensus.**

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231 CA21-224, Appointment of Executive Director

232 Submitted by Chairman James

233 **Motion made by Vice Chairperson Myers/Councilmember Natt pursuant to the Tribal**  
234 **Constitution, Chairman James appoints Don Banas as Executive Director with the advice and**  
235 **consent of the Tribal Council. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**  
236 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
237 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-7,**  
238 **no-0, abstaining-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

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240 **LUNCH: 12:15pm -1:15pm**

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

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244 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

245 **Council**

246 CA21-206, Council Delegates/Liaisons List

247 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

248 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge to approve**  
249 **Delegate/Liaison list as agreed up on December 1, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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251 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Ray to suspend the rules and add**  
252 **CA21-322, Elder Payment to today's agenda. Motion carries by consensus.**

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254 CA21-322, Elder Payment  
255 Submitted by Chairman James

**Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Ray to authorize a payment of \$200.00 to all tribal elders (age 60 years and over as of December 31, 2021) from Morgan Stanley's Elder Fund. Using provisions under the General Welfare Ordinance. Roll call; Vice Chairperson Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-0, abstaining-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 12:37pm - 3:09pm  
KRRC/dam removal (Vice Chairperson Myers)  
Property (staff update)

**Directive to Executive Director and Planning Director to continue to negotiate for the property as stated in Executive Session on December 1, 2021.**

**Directive to several staff members including consultant Amy Cordalis to draft a letter for Council to approve for the KRRC Board Meeting on December 9, 2021.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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

**ADJOURN:** 3:12pm

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**January 27, 2022**



01/28/22

**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

**Date**