

1 **YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**
2 **PLANNING MEETING**
3 **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**
4 <https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>

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6 **ROLL CALL:** 10:00am

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8 **PRESENT:** Joe James, Frankie Myers, Sherri Provolt, Mindy Natt, Ryan Ray, Lori
9 Hodge, Toby Vanlandingham, Lana McCovey, Phillip Williams

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11 **ABSENT:** None

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13 **STAFF:** Don Barnes Executive Director, Earl Jackson Deputy Executive Director,
14 Taralyn Ipiña Council Operations Director, Dawn Baum Office of Tribal
15 Attorney, Georgiana Gensaw (recorder),

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

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19 **OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

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21 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

22 Legal issue (Natt)

23 Legal Yurok/Klamath Tribes (Vice Chair Myers)

24 Strawberry Rock (Provolt)

25 Litigation Update (OTA)

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27 **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

28 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to accept the agenda with**
29 **no additions. Motion carries by consensus.**

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

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33 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

34 Annelia Hillman presents

35 YHHS21-06, YHHS Client Services Strategic Planning

36 Submitted by Annelia Hillman

37 **Report and presentation of strategic plan and vision for YHHS Client Services branch. Work**
38 **session set for March 4, 2021 at 2pm.**

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40 **COUNCIL CHECK IN**

41 Councilmember Provolt: Pass

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43 Councilmember Natt: Pass

February 24, 2021 Council Planning meeting

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Councilmember Ray: I've been working with NCIDC to bring on 6 employees, two of them will be sanitizer technicians. That will be their whole job. NCIDC is waiting for our HR to respond. They have two people ready to go. They are working with YEDC and NCIDC to bring people on. The grant requirement is to be enrolled or a lineage descendant. Right now, there is a job for disc golf course here in Klamath for \$14 an hour. Housing has money to help with your utilities or back rent. Please get a hold of Housing Authority. If you know anyone who needs please let them know.

Councilmember Hodge: Pass

Councilmember Williams: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: As I stated in this last conversation, we recently just had our Social Services committee meeting started up again, we had a lot of good discussions. The committee did ask to have a review of what we have been doing and have a refresher course. I would like Council to hear the presentation and then have a work session. I did have my South District meeting on the 15th, there was quite a few things that came out of that meeting. Elders wanted to know if the food boxes would continue. I stated that if funding becomes available, we could potentially look at that again. They asked if we do food boxes again that we purchase produce vouchers from UIHS for Tribal Members to be able to get fresh produce. For those homebound to work out having someone pick up their fresh produce. We talked about the new south area office, a lot of people are excited about, especially employees. One of the items came up was to have an ICWA safe meeting space. After transition, we use the Bonnie Green site for a community computer lab, I also asked for my members to provide me with more ideas. They want to try a community garden. They know there used to be one. But they want to try again. I am going to have YTEP do a presentation at one of my district meetings. On the realigning of Orick and South Districts boundary lines, I informed the membership that Council has been asked to talk about this. They wanted to know why other districts are bringing this up, besides Orick and South councilmembers or tribal members. I asked that they make comments before the work session. Orick District has the potential to grow and we need to consider that. They requested to have Council meet with the writers of the Constitution (Yurok) about the existing boundaries lines. If we are looking at Orick and South lines, we need to look at all district. I talked about our raises and it was brought up that maybe smaller districts receive smaller pay. My response to that, was the size of your district does not determine the amount of work. When a Councilmember decides, they are making a decision for the whole Tribe. The requirements for Council, they were not really for an education requirement, but maybe learning about budgets, ordinances and Roberts Rules of Order. I did bring up the Spring Fishery meeting. From what I got, you guys are going to get a lot of comments. The only other off agenda item they wanted to talk about was education and I have that on the agenda, so I can go more into that later.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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Vice Chair Myers: Pass

Chairman James: I want to inform Council, Staff and membership, Ms. Deb Haaland is doing her confirmation hearing right now. It's letting everyone know this is Indian land. We need to support her, people are questioning her and we need to support her. If you have a chance you should watch it. Look behind the questioning. Sending prayers her way, sending our support her way. It's for all of Indian Country.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Yurok Health & Human Services

Alita Redner presents
YHHS21-05, Elder Generator Program
Submitted by Alita Redner

Discussion to provide an update for generator program and out of area service delivery planning. Discussion only, no action.

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Jessica Clayburn, Rich Nelson, Manuel Sanchez presents
CA21-029, Watershed Training Center
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Discussion/action on Watershed Training Center. Referred to a work session.

LUNCH: 12:22-1:32pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:

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Michael Gerace presents
CA21-030, Willow Creek Building update
Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

Discussion/action on development and planning of Willow Creek building (Umpqua Bank). Discussion, no action.

CA21-031, Back to School Issues-Education Dept.
Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

Directive to the Education Director to meet with Council regarding current issues with students due to COVID-(being held back, summer school requirements, ability to participate in ceremonies, etc.). Discussion, no action. Item sent to a work session.

129 **Council**

130 CA21-032, Child Custody Safe Spots

131 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

132 **To identify areas to be used as Child Custody Safe Spots for supervised visitation in Yurok**
133 **Tribal custody cases. Areas should be identified in Crescent City, Weitchpec, Klamath, and**
134 **Eureka. Discussion, item sent to a work session.**

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136 CA21-033, Computer Labs-Eureka

137 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

138 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge to have Information**
139 **Services determine what the cost will be to set up a full computer lab in all Districts. These**
140 **labs will be used for student development and community activities/training. Motion carries**
141 **by consensus.**

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143 CA21-034, COVID Workplace Policy

144 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

145 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Provolt to have Hollie Strahm,**
146 **Public Health Nurse work with Human Resources and Executive to develop a COVID**
147 **Workplace Policy. (Items to be considered: workspace distancing, masks, quarantine pay,**
148 **employees who choose not to get vaccine, non-compliance with policy, etc.) Information due**
149 **back to Council by March 25, 2021 Council Action Meeting. Motion carries by consensus.**

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151 CA21-035, Update-Eureka Area Office Transition Plan

152 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

153 **Directive to Executive Director to get an update on what has happened in regard to this**
154 **subject and provide further direction if needed.**

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156 CA21-036, Update-Casket/Urn Business Opportunity

157 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

158 **Directive to have Executive Director gather information and report back to Council.**

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

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162 **BREAK:** 3:17pm-3:35

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164 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 3:35-5:37

165 Legal issue (Natt)

166 Legal Yurok/Klamath Tribes (Vice Chair Myers)

167 Strawberry Rock (Provolt)

168 Litigation Update (OTA)

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171 Items out of Executive Session:

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173 **Directive to ED to work with legal team to develop a Treaty Friendship with Klamath Basin**
174 **tribes.**

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176 **Directive to set up a meeting with Trinidad Coastal Land Trust RE: Strawberry Rock.**

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178 **Directive to set up a work session with Cannabis Task Force.**

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180 **Directive to OTA to do an evaluation of the Controlled Substance Ordinance and do a**
181 **clarifying paper.**

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

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

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187 **ADJOURN:** 5:39pm

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189 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

February 11, 2021

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03/16/2021

193 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date