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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**

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ROLL CALL: 10:00am

PRESENT: Joe James (12:02), Frankie Myers, Sherri Provolt, Mindy Natt, Ryan Ray, Lori Hodge, Toby Vanlandingham, Lana McCovey (1:22pm), Phillip Williams

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Don Barnes, Earl Jackson, Taralyn Ipiña, Georgiana Gensaw (recorder), Dawn Baum

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chair Myers.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Williams /Councilmember Hodge to accept the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR/AGENDA ITEMS

Fisheries

FISH21-020, Trinity River Planning Session request
Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

Council consensus to set a planning session for May 5, 2021 for 2 hours to discuss issues affecting restoration of the Trinity River fishery and associated strategies for addressing these issues. Motion carries by consensus.

Wildlife

WILD21-008, Condor Reintroduction Planning Session request
Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

Council consensus to set a planning or work session for April 21, 2021 to discuss timeline and implementation needs for California condor reintroduction in Yurok Ancestral Territory.

BREAK: 10:30am-11:30

COUNCIL CHECK IN

Councilmember Provolt: I would like to remind our membership and Council to remind your appointed members to attend the Advisory Committee meetings, like Social Services,
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44 Education, and Natural Resources. There have not had a quorum to conduct business and it's
45 important to attend those meetings. I will be presenting at the Federal Home Loan Tribal
46 Nations Economic Summit on behalf of the Yurok Tribe's CDFI. If anyone is interested, I will be
47 glad to send you that information.

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49 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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51 Councilmember Ray: Pass

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53 Councilmember Hodge: I had a district meeting and I wanted to thank Nicole Sager from YIHA
54 for giving us a presentation on the work being done in housing. I also want to really thank Ray
55 Bacon and he gave us a report of the 12 businesses he oversees, he showed us pictures of
56 Shoreline and showed us what it will look like all cleaned up. It looked nice. Our elders asked
57 about a getting a program to help them get to their doctor appointment, both local and out of
58 the area. If we could get together and think about that kind of funding, it is a needed program.
59 I'm also looking at property here in East District for property for food sovereignty. Raymond
60 announced that the T-Shirt business is up for sale. If anyone is interested please, contact Sara
61 Barbour at YEDC.

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63 Councilmember Williams: I want to announce our next natural resource meeting is May 3rd. I
64 would like to remind Council to update their liaison information so that staff can contact them.

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66 Councilmember McCovey: Not present.

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68 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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70 Vice Chair Myers: I want the membership to understand that we found out that the (river) flows
71 are not going to be that great or even anything that we expected. This year will have some
72 drastic effects.

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74 Chairman James: Not present.

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

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78 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

79 OTA21-047, Construction Corporation and Fisheries Contract

80 OTA21-051, Prey-go'-neesh Investment Agreement

81 Personal (Hodge), Land Access (Ray), Legislative Trip Sacramento

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83 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

84 No agenda items provided.

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86 12:00pm Chairman James joins the meeting.

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87 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

88 **Fisheries**

89 DJ Bandrowski

90 FISH21-021, Elk Meadows of Prairie Creek

91 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

92 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to retroactively authorize**
93 **the Fisheries Department to submit the attached proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy**
94 **to conduct restoration planning and development of designs to conduct restoration in Elk**
95 **Meadows area of Prairie Creek (see attached memo, budget, proposal, and prior action items**
96 **for more information). Motion carries by consensus.**

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98 FISH21-022, Watershed Training Center

99 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

100 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams Authorize the Fisheries**
101 **Department to enter into the attached contract addendum to provide technical services to**
102 **the Watershed Research and Training Center to extend the contract through December 31,**
103 **2022 and add an additional \$150,000 to the contract (see attached OTA approval and contract**
104 **addendum for more information). Motion carries by consensus.**

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106 FISH21-023, Nature Conservancy proposal

107 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

108 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to authorize the Fisheries**
109 **Department to collaborate with Northern Hydrology Engineering on a proposal to perform**
110 **technical services for restoration projects in North Coast river to The Nature Conservancy per**
111 **the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ). See attached memo and RFQ for more**
112 **information. Motion carries by consensus.**

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114 FISH21-024, USFWS Partners funding proposal

115 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

116 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to authorize the Fisheries**
117 **Department to submit the attached proposal to the USFWS Partners Program to receive**
118 **funding to hire a restoration biologist (or physical scientist) and Fisheries Technician to assist**
119 **with restoration planning/implementation in the Lower Klamath Basin (see attached memo,**
120 **proposal, and budget for more information). Motion carries by consensus.**

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122 FISH21-025, 2017 Disaster Relief Funds project code

123 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

124 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Natt to authorize establishment of**
125 **a project code for the 2017 disaster relief funds per the budget contained within the attached**
126 **memo. See attached memo and grant agreement for more information. Motion carries by**
127 **consensus.**

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130 FISH21-026, Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act Support
131 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

132 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to authorize signature by the**
133 **Chairman on the attached letter of support for extension of the Habitat Restoration and**
134 **Enhancement Act (see attached memo and letter of support for more information). Motion**
135 **carries by consensus.**

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137 **Health & Human Services**

138 YHHS21-009, Bringing Families Home **please see the separate file for full agenda item*
139 *documents.*
140 Submitted by Alita Redner

141 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve Bringing Families**
142 **Home Grant and Budget. Motion carries by consensus.**

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144 **Human Resources**

145 HR21-006, Tribal Child Welfare & Behavioral Health
146 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

147 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve**
148 **Department name change from Indian Child Welfare to Tribal Child Welfare & Behavioral**
149 **Health. Approve job description change for Youth Advocate, Youth Prevention Specialist,**
150 **Community Navigator and Court Coordinator. Motion carries by consensus.**

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152 HR21-007, Benefits Department job descriptions
153 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

154 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve Benefit**
155 **Department organization structure and job descriptions for Accountant II and Administrative**
156 **Assistant IV. Roll Call: Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember McCovey-Np,**
157 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes,**
158 **Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Vice Chair Myers-yes; Yes-6, No-1,**
159 **np-1. Motion carries.**

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161 **Information Services**

162 IT21-010, Emergency Broadband Benefit Program
163 Submitted by Jessica Engle

164 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approval of the**
165 **Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program and Implementation Plan. Motion carries by**
166 **consensus.**

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168 **Natural Resources**

169 NR21-010, Blue Creek Management Plan **please see the separate file for full agenda item*
170 *documents.*

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171 Submitted by Tim Hayden

172 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve and sign**
173 **the Council Resolution #21-31 with edits to adopt and enact the Interim Blue Creek**
174 **Management Plan as the overarching management plan to guide land and resource**
175 **management within the Phase II lands. Motion carries by consensus.**

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177 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

178 OTA21-044, Retroactive Approval of Department of Interior Comments

179 Submitted by Kori Cordero

180 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to retroactively approve the**
181 **attached, "Department of Interior Consultation with Tribes: EO 13175, Consultation and**
182 **Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" Comments on behalf of the Yurok Tribe,**
183 **authorize Chair to sign, and authorize OTA to submit. Motion carries by consensus.**

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185 OTA21-045, Retroactive Approval of USDA Consultation Comments

186 Submitted by Kori Cordero

187 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to retroactively approve**
188 **the attached, "Tribal Consultations [...] Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships &**
189 **Executive Order on [...] Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal**
190 **Government" comments on behalf of the Yurok Tribe, authorize Chair to sign, and authorize**
191 **OTA to submit. Motion carries by consensus.**

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193 OTA21-046, Health & Human Services Tribal Consultation

194 Submitted by Tamara Honrado

195 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Natt for retro-approval of Chair's**
196 **signature on U.S. Health and Human Services Tribal Consultation comments on agency**
197 **consultation policy and practices. Motion carries by consensus.**

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199 1:22 Councilmember McCovey joins the meeting.
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201 OTA21-048, Department of Interior Energy Comments

202 Submitted by Melodie Meyer

203 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Natt to authorize Chairperson to**
204 **sign the Department of Interior Energy Comments letter and to participate in a follow up**
205 **phone consultation on April 27 or 29 with the Department of Interior and/or request to have**
206 **a government-to-government meeting with the Department (see attached memo). Motion**
207 **carries by consensus.**

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209 OTA21-050, Notah Begay III Application for Minors Advocate

210 Submitted by Tamara Honrado

211 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken**
212 **on April 9, 2021 for Chairman to sign tribal Resolution 21-38, to approve Office of Tribal**

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213 **Attorney to apply for the NB3 grant to fund Minor's advocate for Title IV-E Children's Code**
214 **matters. Motion to approve 9.47% or approximately \$18,940 to come out of Council budget**
215 **for indirect overage. Roll call; Vice Chair-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember**
216 **Ray-abs, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember**
217 **Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-abs. Yes-6, no-0, abs-2, np-**
218 **0. Motion carries.**

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220 **Planning**

221 P21-009, Annual FTA FY21 Certification and Assurances

222 Submitted by Melissa Miguelena

223 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember McCovey to approve FTA FY21**
224 **Certification and Assurances and to authorize Chairman to sign all agreement related**
225 **documents. Motion carries by consensus.**

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227 Gino O'Rourke presents

228 P21-017, Redwood Coast Energy Authority Customer participation agreement

229 Submitted by Gino O'Rourke

230 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve and authorize the**
231 **Chairperson to sign the Agreement with Redwood Coast Energy Authority to conduct energy**
232 **efficiency assessments on eligible tribal facilities located within the PG&E service area.**
233 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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235 P21-020, California Rural Indian Health Board Micro grant application

236 Submitted by Henry Solares

237 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve the Planning**
238 **Department to submit a grant application to the California Rural Indian Health Board, Tribal**
239 **Medically Assisted Treatment Micro Grant program, on behalf of Yurok Health and Human**
240 **Services Department and authorize the chairperson to sign all required grant documents. (A**
241 **funding commitment of \$2,470 is required from Council to cover unallowable indirect**
242 **expenses). Motion carries by consensus.**

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244 **Wildlife**

245 Tiana Williams-Claussen, Chris West presents

246 WILD21-007, Support for Recovering America's Wildlife Act

247 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

248 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve Chairman**
249 **signature on a letter to Secretary Deb Haaland regarding Yurok Tribal support for the**
250 **Recovering America's Wildlife. Motion carries by consensus.**

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252 WILD21-008, Planning Session request

253 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

254 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to set a planning or work**
255 **session date to discuss timeline and implementation needs for California condor**
256 **reintroduction in Yurok Ancestral Territory. Motion carries by consensus.**

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258 WILD21-009, Oregon State University Marten Research
259 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

260 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve Oregon State**
261 **University and California Department of Fish and Wildlife access to Yurok tribal lands for non-**
262 **invasive Humboldt marten survey study, to be conducted in coordination with Yurok Tribe**
263 **Wildlife Department. Motion carries by consensus.**

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265 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**

266 Nicole Sager presents
267 YIHA21-011, Letter of Credit Umpqua Bank and Resolution #21-36
268 Submitted by Nicole Sager

269 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to authorize the Yurok**
270 **Indian Housing Authority to secure a letter of credit in favor of the City of Arcata for the off**
271 **site improvements required in the subdivision agreement for Arcata Homes #3 and to**
272 **approve corresponding Resolution #21-36 authorizing the Chairman to sign and the Secretary**
273 **to attest. Motion carries by consensus.**

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275 **Council**

276 CA21-060, Chair's travel line-item retro approval
277 Submitted by Chairman James

278 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge retro-approval for**
279 **Chairman James to use his travel line item for Tribal Member # 1093 emergency assistance in**
280 **the amount of \$700.00. Roll call; Vice Chair-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember**
281 **Ray-abs, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember**
282 **Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-0, abs-1, np-**
283 **0. Motion carries**

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285 CA21-066, March 23-25, 2021 minutes (placeholder)
286 Submitted by Council Operations

287 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to approve with edits and**
288 **corrections Council meeting minutes for March 23-25, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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

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292 **BREAK:** 2:20-2:40pm

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294 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 2:40pm-4:46pm
295 OTA21-047, Construction Corporation and Fisheries Contract

296 OTA21-051, Prey-go'-neesh Investment Agreement,
297 Personal (Hodge), Land Access (Ray), Legislative Trip Sacramento (Council)

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299 **Action out of Executive Session:**

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301 OTA21-047, Construction Corporation and Fisheries Contract
302 Submitted by Geneva E.B. Thompson

303 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to authorize Chairperson**
304 **to sign the Master Services Sole Source Contract between the Yurok Tribe and the Yurok Tribe**
305 **Construction Corporation and to sign Resolution #21-41 granting a limited waiver of**
306 **sovereign immunity in favor of the Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation. Roll call; Vice Chair-**
307 **yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-np,**
308 **Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-np, Councilmember Williams-yes,**
309 **Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-5, no-0, abs-0, np-3. Motion carries.**

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311 OTA21-051, Prey-go'-neesh Investment Agreement
312 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

313 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to approve investment**
314 **agreement between the Yurok Tribe and Prey-go-neesh Construction Corporation and**
315 **authorize Chairperson to sign. Roll call; Vice Chair-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**
316 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-np, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**
317 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6,**
318 **no-0, abs-0, np-2. Motion carries.**

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320 Watershed21-003, Contract #143-03 and Waiver of Sovereign Immunity
321 Submitted by Richard Nelson

322 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken**
323 **on April 9, 2021 that approved the Chairman to sign the Contract, Resolution #21-39**
324 **Sovereign Immunity Waiver, all associated documents for execution of the contract, once**
325 **they are approved by legal, fiscal, Grants and Compliance, Insurance Provider and other**
326 **individuals that may need to approve. Roll call; Vice Chair-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**
327 **Councilmember Ray-abs, Councilmember Vanlandingham-np, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**
328 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-5,**
329 **no-0, abs-1, np-2. Motion carries.**

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331 CA21-071 Road Maintenance and repair at Waukell
332 Submitted Council

333 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to authorize Watershed**
334 **Road's Department, THPO, Yurok Police, Council and staff to take necessary measures to**
335 **keep BIA access road open to Waukell cemetery. Roll call; Vice Chair-yes, Councilmember**
336 **Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-np, Councilmember**
337 **Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember**
338 **McCovey-np. Yes-6, no-0, abs-0, np-2. Motion carries.**

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TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James

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MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:

May 20, 2021



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

05/24/21

Date