



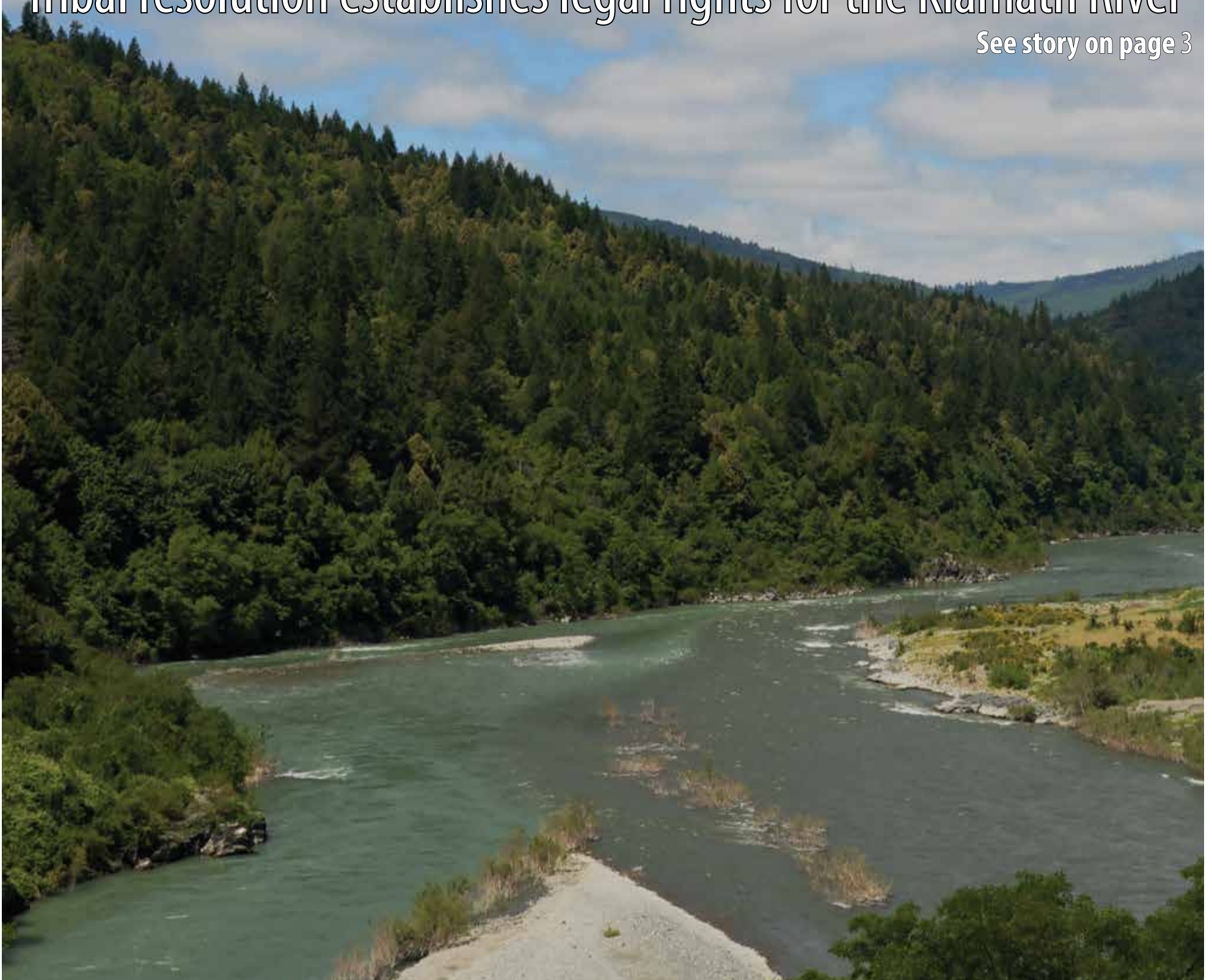
# Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

## Tribal Council Passes Historic Resolution

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# MAY 2019 PUBLIC NOTICES



## 2019 YUROK TRIBE ELECTION NOTICE

TO ALL YUROK TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO WOULD  
LIKE TO RUN FOR THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

**EAST DISTRICT  
SOUTH DISTRICT  
PECWAN DISTRICT**

Any Yurok Tribal members that are interested in running for Election as a Representative for the Yurok Tribal Council may pick up Nomination papers beginning **June 17, 2019**, at the Yurok Tribal Office in Klamath.

All Candidates must be 25 years of age for a district seat as of October 9, 2019. There is a \$105 filing fee due when you pick up the Nomination forms and background check packet. Fingerprinting will also be done at the time you turn in your background check packet.

The Nomination Period closes **July 19, 2019**.

For More Information, Please call the Election Office at (707) 482-1350.

### YUROK TRIBE 2019 ELECTION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 9, 2019	PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 13, 2019	RUNOFF ELECTION
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JUNE 17 (8:30AM)	FIRST DAY TO ISSUE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR COUNCIL OFFICE
JULY 12 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER WHEN MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT (90 DAYS)
JULY 19 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS
AUGUST 9 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO FILE INITIATIVE(S)
AUGUST 9	PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION (60 DAYS)
AUGUST 16 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE SAMPLE BALLOT (250 words) AND NEWSLETTER (750 words)
AUGUST 26	LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION (45 DAYS)
AUGUST 27- 29	ELECTION BOARD CERTIFICATION OF NEW REGISTRANTS
AUGUST 30	MAIL OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS TO REGISTERED VOTERS (40 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 6	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS (34 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 26	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL (14 DAYS)
OCTOBER 8	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (1 DAY)
OCTOBER 9, 2019	PRIMARY ELECTION
OCTOBER 30	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL FOR RUN OFF (14 DAYS) <small>ONLY IF YOU DID NOT REQUEST AN ABSENTEE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION</small>
OCTOBER 18	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (27 DAYS)
NOVEMBER 12	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (1 DAY)
NOVEMBER 13, 2019	RUNOFF ELECTION

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# Tribe passes powerful resolution

## *Tribal declaration establishes legal rights for the Klamath River*

The Yurok Tribal Council recently voted unanimously in favor of a forward-looking resolution to establish the rights of the Klamath River.

The resolution “establishes the Rights of the Klamath River to exist, flourish, and naturally evolve; to have a clean and healthy environment free from pollutants; to have a stable climate free from human-caused climate change impacts; and to be free from contamination by genetically engineered organisms.”

“This resolution provides another powerful tool to protect our river, which has sustained the Yurok people since time began,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “We have always and will always do everything in our power to preserve and enhance the Klamath for all future generations.”

“We are sending a strong message that we now have an additional legal mechanism to shield the Klamath against those who might harm our most sacred resource. It is and always will be our responsibility to defend this river by any means necessary. In recent times, we have had to fight for the health of the river and the fish on an almost annual basis,” added Toby Vanlandingham, the Weitchpec District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council. “The Klamath River and her tributaries are our family.

The Klamath River has supported uncountable generations of Yurok people. The river is central to the Tribe’s ceremonial practices, food security and many other important facets of the Yurok lifeway.

With the adoption of the resolution, the Tribal Council is seeking to secure the highest level of protection for the Klamath through the recognition of the river’s legal rights. The resolution is reflective of the Tribe’s strong stewardship of the Klamath and longstanding, reciprocal relationship with the river.

Other forward-looking federally recognized tribes have passed similar declarations to safeguard their sacred resources. For example, in late 2018 the White Earth band of Ojibwe passed a



law formally recognizing the Rights of Manoomin. Monoomin is a wild rice variety. The Tribe pursued the resolution because “it has become necessary to provide a legal basis to protect wild rice and fresh water resources as part of our primary treaty foods for future generations.”

*“We have always and will always do everything in our power to preserve and enhance the Klamath for all future generations.”*

**Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James**



# Tribal Council passes Hemp Ordinance

*Legislation is a reflection of the Tribe's sovereignty and desire to protect the environment*

On May 9, the Yurok Tribal Council passed the first Yurok Hemp Ordinance.

"The Yurok Hemp Ordinance is a reflection of our inherent sovereignty and capacity to self-govern. It affords us the ability to better determine our collective destiny as a tribe," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "We see hemp as a potential vehicle to diversify our economy and create jobs for our people."

"We did a tremendous amount of due diligence before making this decision. I voted for the ordinance because it creates another avenue for us to grow our economy in a way that is consistent with our values," added Mindy Natt, the Pecwan District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council.

The Hemp Ordinance calls for the development of a plan to regulate the manufacture of hemp products on Tribal lands. With the passage of the new law, the Tribe will also soon consider engaging in markets for organic, non-psychoactive hemp products. If the Tribe opts to participate in hemp commerce, the decision will be made with much input from the Tribal membership.

In December of 2018, the United States government fully legalized hemp with the approval of the Agricultural Improvement Act (Farm Bill) and Hemp Farming Act. The Farm Bill established an administrative path for federally recognized tribes to regulate the production of industrial hemp and hemp products, including cannabidiol or CBD oil, on tribal lands. The Farm Bill requires tribes to approve an ordinance and submit a comprehensive

regulatory plan to the US Department of Agriculture in order to conduct hemp-related business.

Hemp, a multiuse commodity, is employed throughout the world as a renewable food, fiber and fuel crop. In the US, hemp is primarily used to produce nutritionally dense foods and CBD oil, a popular health supplement with many useful applications.

Although the plant is a cannabis sativa relative, consuming hemp or products made from it, even in large quantities, will not result in intoxication. That is why it was removed from the Schedule 1 controlled substances list. Currently, milk alternatives, protein powder and bread made from hemp seeds, most of which are grown outside of the US, are common features on mainstream grocery stores shelves. However, companies will soon be able to source hemp from tribes and all 50 states with the



The Yurok Tribal Council passed the Hemp Ordinance at its meeting on May 9, 2019.

ratification of the 2018 bills.

According to stipulations in the Farm Bill, the Tribe would have by default ceded regulatory control to the state, which runs counter to Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, if it had not passed the Hemp Ordinance.

"We are approaching this from a proactive position, rather than responding reactively to state regulations. State-regulated industries, such as logging, fishing and mining have done immense harm to our natural resources. This ordinance empowers us to protect the Klamath River, the health of our forests and our food security," said Frankie Myers, the Yurok Tribe's Vice Chairman. "The ordinance also creates an avenue

to expand our economy in an environmentally-friendly manner and move the Tribe toward becoming more economically independent.”

The Tribal Council has decided to carefully contemplate the development of hemp-related business opportunities, as a means of diversifying the Tribe’s economic portfolio and generating revenue that can be used to build programs to serve all Yurok people.

“We are looking at hemp as a gateway to getting our people employed, to providing our elders with a safe method of managing pain and to helping local residents overcome opioid addiction,” said Edward “Horse” Aubrey, the Yurok Tribal Council’s North District Representative.

If the Tribe chooses to participate in the hemp industry, all

activities will be governed by a substantial set of existing resource protection and Tribal hiring preference ordinances. These laws include: the Tribal Employment Rights, Cultural Protection, Genetically Engineered Organism, Water Pollution and Pesticide Ordinances.

“With this ordinance in place, any entity wanting to do business within Yurok Country must adhere to our laws regarding cultural and natural resource protection. This ordinance will allow the Tribe to explore the full extent of sovereignty within our territory by developing our regulatory authority and our own tax base that can be used to improve our communities and create prosperity,” concluded Toby Vanlandingham, the Yurok Tribal Council’s Weitchpec District Representative. 🌲

# Tribe taps firm to create canoe biz plan

*LACO Associates will draft blueprint for Redwood Canoe Adventure Tour business*

The Yurok Tribal Council recently voted to award LACO Associates a contract to compose a business plan for the burgeoning Redwood Canoe Adventure Tour project.

The business plan represents the second stage in the evolution of this exciting economic development endeavor. The Yurok Tribe has already completed a feasibility study focused on the Redwood Canoe Adventure Tour business, which determined that providing this type of extraordinarily unique, ecological tourism experience would yield a sustainable and significant source of revenue.

“The strong findings in the feasibility study and positive response from investors are driving this project forward,” said Josh Norris, who is a Yurok Planner, Tribal member and the manager of this project. “LACO has a unique familiarity with the Tribe’s objectives and vision due to its breadth of experience in Yurok country. I’m honored to work on this project due to the opportunity it creates to teach one of our most cherished crafts to the next generation and to share the beauty of this creation with others.”

The business plan will become a blueprint for operating the low-impact Redwood Canoe Adventure Tours, which will be run in partnership with the Yurok Economic Development Corporation.


“The Klamath River will be the only place in the world where people can experience a redwood canoe tour,” said Joseph L.



**The Yurok Tribe and the YEDC are developing a Redwood Canoe Adventure Tour business in Klamath.**

James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “The redwood canoe business will create jobs for Tribal citizens and it will provide an ideal platform to share the Yurok perspective in a way that is consistent with our cultural principles. It will also bolster our existing businesses and provide new opportunities for Tribal entrepreneurs.”

The Yurok Economic Development Corporation has plans



facilitate the tours on the lower part of the reservation, where thousands of international and environmentally conscious travelers visit each year. YEDC is quickly becoming a force in the eco-tourism industry. Every year, people visiting from all over the globe stay in the tribal corporation's Redwood Hotel Casino and enjoy its Klamath Jet Boat Tours.

In addition to the successful hotel and jet boat tour company, the Yurok Economic Development Corporation is the proprietor of the Yurok Country Visitor Center, as well as multiple well-maintained RV parks and campgrounds along the river. Currently, YEDC has 126 staff members working in its ten businesses, which seek to capitalize on the growing number of nature-loving individuals who travel to Yurok Country to relish in the radiance of the Klamath River and towering redwoods. Soon, visitors will be able to pay for the privilege of gliding down the Klamath in one of

the Yurok Tribe's masterfully built and beautiful canoes. Seeing the potential to establish a new revenue stream and diversify the tribal economy, Chairman James developed the concepts for the Redwood Canoe Adventure Tours when he was the Transportation Manager. He pursued this business opportunity as a means of generating economic growth and resolving the numerous complications associated with being a largely grant-funded organization.

LACO Associates was awarded the contract through the Tribe competitive bid process. The highly reputable firm has been intimately involved in several Tribal projects in the past and has a proven track record of producing excellent results. For example, the highly reputable firm did the design and engineering work for the Yurok Veteran's Cemetery, the Cultural Knowledge Park and for multiple roads. 🌲

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# Contractor hired to remove Klamath dams

## *Selection of Kiewit marks another monumental moment in march toward dam removal*

Dam removal on the Klamath River is one step closer to reality. The selection of Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. to perform the physical removal of four dams on the Klamath River represents another major milestone in the largest fish habitat restoration project in US history. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC), which is the entity charged with removing the lower four dams on the Klamath River, chose Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. (Kiewit) as the prime contractor for this project.

The Yurok Tribe began its efforts to remove the lower four dams on the Klamath River in 2000, and an agreement was reached for their removal in 2010 and modified in 2016. Working with a broad alliance of partners, including other Tribes and environmental groups, and supported by various federal and state agencies, the Yurok Tribe worked tirelessly for this restoration project. The removal of the Klamath River dams will be the largest dam removal project in the history of the world.

"We congratulate Kiewit on its selection as the prime contractor for the removal of the dams on the Klamath River. We look forward to working with Kiewit, KRRC, and PacifiCorp to make

this project happen in a timely manner. At its heart, this is the largest fish restoration project in the history of the country. Dam removal is the single best action we can take for our salmon and it will create many good-paying jobs for community members," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "Dam removal cannot come soon enough. I look forward to the day when we will never again have to worry about there not being enough fish to feed our elders or if it is safe for our children to swim in the river. I commend the KRRC for its thorough and deliberate approach to choosing Kiewit and we look forward to working with them."

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co has completed a long list of extraordinary engineering projects in the United States and Canada. Notably, Kiewit was responsible for performing the highly publicized emergency repairs on the Lake Oroville spillway, as well as many other endeavors that are applicable in terms of scale and complexity.

"Now that a prime contractor has been selected, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work," said Frankie Myers, Vice-Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. 🌲

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***Yurok Vice Chairman Frankie Myers***



# Tribes, PacifiCorp applaud access agreement

## *PacifiCorp weighs in on the removal of four of its dams*

Portland, OR – PacifiCorp has entered into a site access agreement with Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. to allow the firm to conduct initial surveying and other work connected to planned removal of four dams on the Klamath River.

The site access agreement follows an announcement by the Klamath River Renewal Corporation on April 25, 2019 that it had finalized and signed an initial contract with Kiewit to perform preliminary services that include design, planning and permitting support to carry out dam removal. Removal of the dams would occur as soon as 2021 upon approval of the agreement by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Karuk and Yurok Tribes, both parties to the amended Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, applauded both developments as key steps in facilitating enactment of the KHSA. For years the Tribes have viewed dam removal and the KHSA as a means to resolve long-standing environmental justice issues in the Klamath River Basin in a manner that provides a good outcome for PacifiCorp and its customers..

“This is a win-win for the Yurok people and for business, and we look forward to working with PacifiCorp to implement the KHSA and free the Klamath River.” said Joseph L. James, Yurok Tribal Chairman.

Karuk Chairman Russell ‘Buster’ Attebery added, “We are pleased to be one step closer to restoring our river. We appreciate PacifiCorp’s commitment to the project and we are excited to welcome Kiewit to the Klamath team.”

“PacifiCorp remains fully committed to successful implementation of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, which will result in removal of the lower four Klamath River dams coupled with customer protections,” said Scott Bolton, senior vice president for Pacific Power, a division of PacifiCorp that serves electricity customers in Oregon, California, and Washington. “The agreement provides a better outcome for our customers compared to the unknown costs and risk of relicensing the dams. PacifiCorp appreciates the expertise Kiewit brings to this endeavor and the continued hard work of our settlement partners as we move to fully implement this important agreement.” 🌲



Iron Gate is the first of four dams slated for decommissioning in 2021.

## The 2019 Klamath River Clean Up was a particularly special event

This Yurok Tribe Environmental Program’s 18th Annual Klamath Clean Up was a particularly special event. Despite a record attendance, much less litter was removed at the Klamath Clean Up than was collected in previous years. The remarkable reduction in trash is the result a collaborative, YTEP-led effort to remediate problem areas on the lower Klamath River. Over the past few years, YTEP has collaborated with Del Norte County and the Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps to remove illegally dumped trash and green waste from a large lot adjacent to the Klamath Glen. Volunteer work at past clean ups has also positively contributed to the success of this endeavor. Since the site was restored to a natural state, illegal dumping has significantly declined. The Yurok Tribe would like to thank all of the Klamath Clean Up volunteers and sponsors for helping to make this such an exceptional event.

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# 2019 Klamath River Clean Up

*Good times at the 18th Klamath River Clean Up*



Delray Ray participated in the 18th Annual Klamath River Clean Up.



(right) Yurok elder Frank Eisele and the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program's Kassandra Grimm chat before the Klamath River Clean Up.



(right) Community members Samantha Myers and her son-in-law Hector Natt enjoyed the 18th Annual Klamath River Clean Up.



(Left) Roger Boulby and his son Robert helped YTEP install "No Dumping" signs as part of the 18th Annual Klamath River Clean Up



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## Development

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority has been working to prioritize much needed maintenance on our units. In the last few months we have painted the Chance Lane Apartments, Orick multi-plexes, and an individual YIHA home in the Klamath Glen. The work was completed by All Star Painting. We will continue to work towards ensuring our tribal members are proud of the places they call home.



Above is the Chance Lane Apartments. Below is the Orick Multi-plexes.



The final project is located in the Klamath Glen.





# Tribe honors important historical figures

On April 12, the Yurok Tribal Council put on a special event to honor the Transition Team, Interim Council and past Tribal Council members. "We honored those who paved the way for us to get to the positive place we are in today," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. Here are some photos of the event.



(Left) Tribal Council Rep. Ryan Ray, Tribal Council Rep. Edward "Horse" Aubrey, Tribal Council Rep. Sherri Provolt, Tribal Council Rep. Mindy Natt, former Chairman Thomas P. O'Rourke Sr, former Vice Chairwoman Susan Masten, Former Chairwoman Susie Long, current Chairman Joseph L. James, former Tribal Council Rep. Rose Sylvia, Transition Team member Robley Schwenk, current Vice Chairman Frankie Myers, former Tribal Council Rep. Raymond Mattz.



(Left) Former Chairman Thomas P. O'Rourke Sr, former Vice Chairwoman Susan Masten, Former Chairwoman Susie Long and current Chairman Joseph L. James.



Rose Sylvia represented the East District from 1995-1997. She is currently the Yurok Tribe's Human Resources Director.



Members of the McCovey Family accept an award for past Yurok Tribal Council member Vlayn McCovey, who represented the North District from 1996-1998.





# Learn more about household hazards

*Yurok Tribe Environmental Program informs community about household hazardous waste*



*Submitted by the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program*

## **Do You Have a Hazardous Home? Four Types of Hazardous Waste:**

Everyday household tasks have the potential to generate a hazardous environment if we are not careful. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hazardous waste management system provides the critical foundation needed to keep America's land and people safe. The EPA has defined four types of hazardous waste: ignitable, corrosive, toxic and reactive. The EPA considers some leftover household products that can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic as household hazardous waste (HHW). HHW products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them.

HHW products, such as used motor oil and filters, batteries, and paint require proper disposal methods by dropping them off at collection facilities or by recycling. Used oil and filters can be recycled at any of the Certified Collection Centers <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/CertifiedCenters/> in California. All batteries are hazardous waste in California when they are discarded. All batteries must be recycled, or taken to a household hazardous waste disposal facility, a universal waste handler (e.g., storage facility or broker), or an authorized recycling facility. This includes all batteries of sizes AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9 Volt, and all other batteries, both rechargeable and single use. For paint disposal PaintCare makes it easy to recycle leftover, unwanted paint (latex and oil-based) at

various locations for no charge

(<https://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/#/find-a-drop-off-site?>).

HHW products can cause environmental and safety issues if not disposed of properly. Some of the more obvious items that need proper disposal include motor vehicle fluids, household cleaners, fluorescent lamps and tubes, pesticides and herbicides, solvents, fuels, mercury thermometers, portable propane tanks and acids. Products, such as nail polish, insect repellent, lighter fluid, aerosol sprays, some

cleaners, and products containing alcohol are flammable. Cleaning supplies can have a chemical reaction when mixed together. Fuels and chemicals when left exposed and not sealed properly can emit noxious and toxic vapors and gases. Because they contain mercury, fluorescent lamps and tubes are hazardous waste when they are discarded and must be disposed of properly. Aerosol cans contain liquid or gas propellant and are packed under pressure. These cans can explode under certain conditions. Full or partially filled aerosol cans are potentially dangerous, and may explode when exposed to heat or punctured, which can be a potential issue when compacting in a garbage truck.

Areas of the home that are typically the most likely to contain HHW items are the garage and kitchen. Typically, the garage is an all-purpose storage location for pesticides, fuels, paints, oils, and a surplus of supplies and equipment that can cause a chemical reaction. Making the garage the highest threat for creating a flammable and hazardous environment. The kitchen is the second highest threat in a home. Generally, HHW found under a kitchen sink includes many chemicals used for disinfecting surfaces.

## **Is it time to clean out the HHW in the garage and kitchen?**

***HHW drop off locations for Yurok Reservation community members are:***

1. Humboldt Waste Management Authority <http://www.hwma.net/facilities/hazardous-waste-facility> There is a fee for HHW disposal.

1059 W Hawthorne St, Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 441-2005  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm By Appointment  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm First Saturday of the Month Sunday:  
Closed

2. Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority <http://www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov/hazardous-waste/>  
1700 State St, Off Elk Valley Rd, Crescent City, CA 95531 (707) 465-1100  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Important Participation Requirements:

1. Assess how much waste you have
2. Limit waste to 15 gallons or 55 pounds per appointment
3. Make an appointment
4. Stay in your vehicle and turn off your engine at all times during the appointment

\*Resident participation requirements are due to the Program's storage capacity limits, state regulations, and for your safety. 🚫

# Tribe sends two staff to Harvard Univ.

## *Two staff members participate in investing, economic development program*

The Yurok Tribe recently sent two Tribal staff members to Cambridge, Massachusetts to complete Harvard Business School's Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program.

During the 5-day program, Taralyn Ipiña, the Tribal Council Support Director and Amanda Clark, the Assistant Director for the Yurok Office of Self-Governance, participated in interactive sessions with Harvard faculty and tribal leaders from Indian Country who have had much success in investing in economies and communities. The talented Yurok citizens engaged with several representatives from other Tribal Nations and Native American organizations from across Indian Country.

"Based on what I learned about Harvard's approach to nation-building, I have several ideas and initiatives I would like to incorporate into our tribal government structure. Through the program, I developed a new perspective on tribal issues and improved my skill-set so I can contribute at a higher level on tribal initiatives," Taralyn Ipiña said

"I am grateful to have been blessed with this opportunity to get a better understanding of what diversified investing can look like when you invest in all areas of your community. Indian Country has unique challenges and this program has given me tools with which I can use every day in the Yurok Office of Self-Governance," added Amanda Clark.



Taralyn Ipiña, the Tribal Council Support Director and Amanda Clark, the Assistant Director for the Yurok Office of Self-Governance, participated in Harvard Business School's Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program.



**The training offered by the Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program included:**

- Capital Allocation and Asset management
- Investment Strategies and Governance
- Portfolio Allocation Across Asset Classes
- Different Approaches to Portfolio Management
- Tribal Government Foundations of Economic and Financial Well-being
- Evaluation of Start Up opportunities
- Techniques for Valuing Companies and Stocks
- Assessing, Valuing and Structuring Acquisition Opportunities
- Essentials of Effective negotiation
- Leading through Turbulent times
- Setting the conditions for People to thrive

Both Taralyn and Amanda recommend the Leading People and

Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program to Tribal citizens who are interested in these topics.

“I can’t say enough good things about the program. The program was empowering, inspiring and elevated my leadership capacity by building a wider business knowledge and providing the skills to become a more effective negotiator and decision-maker under pressure,” said Taralyn Ipiña. “I would absolutely recommend it to others.”

The Harvard Business School’s Executive Education branch developed the Program for the Native American Finance Officers Association, Aboriginal Financial Officers Association and the National Congress of American Indians.

At the program’s conclusion, both Tara and Amanda earned a Certificate of Completion from the Harvard Business School.🌿

The Yurok Tribal Council put on the fourth Elders Listening Session on May 15 in Weitchpec.

The purpose of the series of meetings is to obtain feedback from Tribal elders, living throughout Yurok ancestral territory, about what should be included in the new Elder’s Program. To date, the Tribal Council has facilitated Elders Listening Sessions at the following locations: Crescent City, Klamath, Eureka and Weitchpec.

At the meetings, representatives from the Yurok Indian Housing Authority and Morgan Stanley made presentations and answered questions. The presentations were followed by an open-ended question and answer session between Tribal elders and the Tribal Council. 🌿



Esteemed Tribal elder Darlene Magee participated in the listening session.



Yurok Elder Advocate Noreen Jones participates in the fourth Elders Listening Session in Weitchpec.



Yurok Tribal Council Rep. Sherri Provolt attended the Elders Listening Session.

## We Are Proud Of YOU!

\*David Risling-Gensaw! David is twelve years old and in fifth grade at Margaret Keating Elementary School. Congratulations on making it to the Freestyle State Wrestling Tournament in Fresno!

\*Josie Dowd is eight years old and second grader at Margaret Keating! Congratulations on making it to the Freestyle State Wrestling Tournament in Fresno!

DAVID RISLING-GENSAW



Photo courtesy of Cheyenne Schaad

JOSIE DOWD



## YIHA-Did you know...

- Home owners on the Yurok Reservation can get home owners insurance? If this is something you are interested in, please call the Housing Authority and we can work to connect you with local companies that provide this service.
- The Housing Authority provides Foreclosure Assistance if you have been notified that your house is in foreclosure due to liens, back taxes, etc.
- There are three veterans that serve on the Board of Commissioners \*\*\*
- The Housing Authority will assist you with applying for a home loan with lenders such as First Tribal Lending to meet the qualifications to buy your own home.

## Programs

Low Rent  
Student Rental Housing  
Foreclosure Relief  
Mutual Help (rent to own)  
Down Payment Assistance  
Rehabilitation/  
Replacement  
Self Help  
Elder Emergency Assistance  
Weatherization

## Points

Qualifying Points: (Limit One)

185 points—Tribal Member Head of Household

85 points— Yurok Children in the Household

5 points—Other Federally Recognized Tribe

Additional Preference Points

85— Yurok Veterans

100—Homeless

50—Disabled

2— for every year over age 60

2— for every year on the waitlist with a completed application

## Income Guidelines

	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80%	\$40,264	\$46,016	\$51,768	\$57,520	\$62,122	\$66,723	\$71,325	\$75,926
100%	\$50,330	\$57,520	\$64,710	\$71,900	\$77,652	\$83,404	\$89,156	\$94,908



## CA Hunter Education Course

### LOCATION & DATES

Church of the Mountains, Community Center  
429 Loop Rd, Hoopa, CA  
June 17, 18, and 20, 2019  
5:30PM to 9:00PM

### INSTRUCTED BY

Hoopa Tribe Wildlife Program  
&  
Yurok Tribe Wildlife Program

### COURSES ARE FREE

Must attend all days and pass exam  
Course will include all study material  
Please bring pencil and note paper

All ages are welcome, so long as they are able to pass the certifying exam at the end (80 of 100 questions). Under 16 years of age must be accompanied by adult. Focus will be on Hunter Safety, Principles of Conservation, and Sportsmanship and Ethics.

### Sign Up Online

Visit the Hunter Education Page on the  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Web Site  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>  
This is a "Traditional Hunter Education Course"

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The Yurok Tribe and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) are working together to make sure Tribal members are enrolled in these programs. PG&E has mailed out applications to residents living on the reservation in PG&E's service area and the Tribe urges you to fill out the application and return it to PG&E. If you do not live on the reservation or do not receive an application, a link to the application can be found below. Applications can also be picked up at the nearest PG&E office or the Yurok Tribal offices in Weitchpec and Klamath.

Contact Gino O'Rourke at the Yurok Tribe, Phone: (707) 482-1350 ext. 1359, Email: [eorourke@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:eorourke@yuroktribe.nsn.us) with any questions.

## CA Hunter Education Course

### LOCATION & DATES

Yurok Tribe Office  
190 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA  
June 24, 25, and 27, 2019  
5:30PM to 9:00PM

### INSTRUCTED BY

Yurok Tribal Wildlife Programs

### COURSES ARE FREE

Must attend all days and pass exam  
Course will include all study material  
Please bring pencil and note paper

All ages are welcome, so long as they are able to pass the certifying exam at the end (80 of 100 questions). Under 16 years of age must be accompanied by adult. Focus will be on Hunter Safety, Principles of Conservation, and Sportsmanship and Ethics.

### Sign Up Online

Visit the Hunter Education Page on the  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Web Site  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education>  
This is a "Traditional Hunter Education Course"

# Tribal Council Attendance

		James	Myers	Provoit	Natt	Ray	VACANT	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
1/9/2019	Planning	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
1/10/2019	Action	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
1/22/2019	Finance	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
1/22/2019	RHC	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
1/23/2019	Planning	X	X	X	T	X	n/a	X	E	X
1/24/2019	Action	X	X	X	T	X	n/a	X	X	X
2/6/2019	Planning	X	X	X	X	E	n/a	X	T	X
2/7/2019	Action	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	T	X
2/11/2019	YIHA Joint mtg	X	X	V	E	X	n/a	E	X	X
2/19/2019	Gaming	X	L	L	X	X	n/a	E	X	X
2/19/2019	Finance	X	L	X	X	X	n/a	E	X	X
2/20/2019	Planning	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
2/21/2019	Action	X	X	UL	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
2/28/2019	Special	E	X	X	UL	X	n/a	X	X	X
3/6/2019	Planning	T	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	E	X
3/7/2019	Action	T	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	E	X
3/19/2019	Gaming	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
3/19/2019	Finance	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
3/20/2019	Planning	X	X	UL	X	X	n/a	X	X	T
3/21/2019	Action	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	T
4/9/2019	Action	X	X	X	T	X	n/a	X	T	X
4/10/2019	Special	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	X	X
4/10/2019	Planning	X	X	X	T	X	n/a	X	T	X
4/23/2019	Gaming	X	T	X	X	X	n/a	V	E	T
4/23/2019	Finance	X	T	X	X	X	n/a	V	L	T
4/24/2019	Planning	X	T	X	X	X	n/a	V	X	T
4/25/2019	Action	X	T	X	X	X	n/a	V	X	T

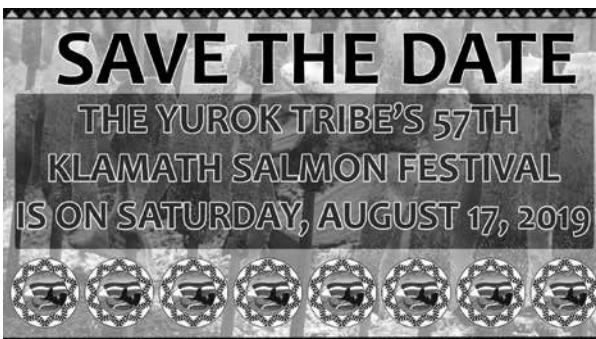
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### PRESS RELEASE:

The Yurok Indian Housing Authority is looking for information about youth who live in Yurok Housing and deserve an honorable mention in the Tribe's newsletter. If your child is participating in a sport, hobby, or has recently begun learning a cultural activity, we want to hear about it. We will pick two every month to showcase in the Yurok Tribe's monthly newsletter.

Please contact Tatia Lara at (707)482-1506 ext.1014 or email [tlara@yurokhousing.com](mailto:tlara@yurokhousing.com) with the following information:

Name of the child:
Age of the child:
Reason you would like to nominate your child:
Anything additional you would like to add about your child's achievements:
By providing the information above, you are authorizing the Yurok Indian Housing Authority to share this information with the Yurok Tribe for submission in the Yurok newsletter.
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____