



# *The Da'luk*

## WIYOT Resilience Project



The Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) is beginning work on a capacity building grant to start developing a Tribal Resiliency and Adaptation Program to better prepare for impacts from climate change and sea level rise (SLR). We want to hear from everyone about sites and other assets of which we should focus on restoring and caring for from now and into the future. There are many resources that could be impacted, such as Tuluwat, lamprey, salmon, shellfish, ethnobotanical areas, etc. The shoreline is always changing, but we could lose access to many of our hunting and gathering areas. This part of the project is important to find out what resources we want to focus on as we conduct vulnerability assessments and develop adaptation plans and programs. Tribal member Hilanea Wilkinson is working on this project and looking for Wiyot citizens to interview. If you would like your voice to be heard and talk about the importance of cultural and natural sites and the future of the tribe, please reach out. You can call the main office (707) 733-5055 and ask for Hilanea, ext. 122 or email [hwilkinson@wiyot.us](mailto:hwilkinson@wiyot.us) and we can set up a time to talk, in-person or virtually.



# Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Ted Hernandez

*Due to recent events and accusations towards Tribal Council members and Tribal staff that have been circulating Social media via Madison Flynn Tribal citizens have asked for a response to her comments that were asked at the Tribal Council meeting on June 8th, 2020, at the recent Tribal Council meeting I responded to Madison Flynn’s Public comments as follows;*

## Response to Madison Flynn’s Public Comments

**Madison Flynn has alleged that Housing Improvement funds meant to fund her grandmother’s house were misappropriated and used to fund Council members houses.**

The Wiyot Tribe has over the years received federal assistance to build homes on Table Bluff Reservation. Unlike other tribes, the Wiyot tribe has granted these houses to eligible Tribal members to own, not rent. The tribe owns the land, but the Tribal member owns the home. To receive the home, the Tribal member agrees to care for and maintain the home, pay water/sewer, garbage, maintain housing insurance, and abide by the land assignment ordinance. The oldest of these 40 homes was built in 1992 and the newest in 2018.

The Tribe subsidizes water and sewer fees charging only \$20 per month for this Service. Elders and disabled residents pay \$0 for water and sewer. The Tribe also subsidizes garbage, elders pay \$9.50 per month all others pay \$19.50 per month this is a flat rate regardless of weight, size, or number of cans. Furthermore, the tribe subsidizes lawncare, charging a flat rate of \$20 per month to maintain a resident’s lawn. Elders and disabled residents receive this service for free. The Tribe also provides a free chord of wood each year for elders and disabled residents. Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic the Tribe waived water and garbage fees for 6 months as a relieve to Reservation Residents.

The BIA Housing improvement program (HIP) is a home repair, renovation, replacement and new housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and federally-recognized Indian tribes for American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals and families who have no immediate resource for standard housing. This is not an entitlement program. This funding is available to Tribal members if they meet the qualifications and own a home.

To be eligible for HIP assistance, you must be a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or be an Alaska Native; live in an approved tribal service area; have an income that does not exceed 150% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines; have present housing that is substandard, as defined by the regulations; have no other resource for housing assistance; **and have not acquired your present housing through a federally sponsored housing program that includes such housing assistance.**



This is my grandmas floor, she has applied for the grants through the Wiyot Tribe to help fix up houses for the last 4 years and she doesn't get selected for the assistance. In the mean time, numerous employees of the tribe who are Tribal members are getting new houses built and Council members are getting additions put on their houses, with the same funds. I am continually appalled and saddened by the actions of the Wiyot Tribal Council and the Administration. My grandma may be the oldest elder of the Wiyot Tribe and oldest living on the Table Bluff Reservation and this how she is treated.

The Tribe sent out Housing Improvement Program applications to all Tribal Citizens those received by the deadline of February 2016 were sent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. On

Honorable Theodore Hernandez  
Chairman, Wiyot Tribe of Table Bluff Reservation  
1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, California 95551

Dear Chairman Hernandez:

Enclosed is an electronic version of Modification One (1) for the Housing Improvement Program, (HIP), Contract Number A16AV01045. This Modification is issued to award 2016 HIP funds of \$240,000.00 for four HIP applicants, three categories B Rehabilitation Projects for Henry James, \$60,000; Brian Meade, \$60,000 and Timothy Black, \$60,000 and one Category C for Hazel James, \$60,000.

April 7, 2017, the BIA awarded four Tribal members HIP awards. In order to accept the award, the tribe was required to submit a resolution to BIA agreeing to accept the awards and naming the four recipients and the amounts they were awarded. Madison Flynn was a council member at the time these funds were awarded, she viewed the award letter and voted to adopt the Resolution accepting the award listing the recipients of the funding and the award amounts. The Tribe does not choose who receives the funds, the award letter came to the Tribe with the names of the awardees, and the amounts they were awarded. The Tribe does not make decision as what type of work is to be completed, the homeowner has submitted on their application the types of work needed, the home is then inspected by BIA representatives, and then the Tribe assists the home owner in seeking three bids, completing the contract with the contractor to accomplish as much of the identified work with the funding that is available to them. There is an additional approval process where the applicant has to demonstrate that they are still eligible to receive the funding at the time of the award. The Tribe is also responsible for providing oversight to the work and submitting progress reports and final reporting to the BIA.

In the case of the 2017 BIA HIP award Madison's grandmother was not an applicant during the application period, nor was she a recipient of the award. Madison's grandmother did apply in the next round of funding, and her grandmother was tied for 3rd/4th in the funding priority list for the following year which was not funded. The Tribe does not know when or if this application will be funded but is working with the BIA to ensure eligibility in the next round of funds. Please note Madison's grandmother has been the recipient of previous awards by the Tribe in past years and has not herself contacted the Tribe regarding this issue. Discussing a tribal members individual application and eligibility is not something the tribe does publicly but Madison Flynn has been adamant the Tribe respond for nearly a year.

As a result of the controversy created by a complaint directly to the BIA. The Tribe was the subject of an in person visit by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and a desk audit of these HIP funds. All documents related to the grant were thoroughly inspected by a team of BIA specialists. The Tribe completed the desk audit without any questioned costs and the grant was closed out in early 2020. The HIP funds were also reviewed by the external auditing firm in the 2018 audit. Now that the 2017 grant is closed out, the Tribe became eligible for the next round of funding. The tribe does not know when or if the Tribe will be funded in the next round, but we are hopeful. Tribal staff recently installed a new deck on Madison Flynn's grandmother's back porch, this was completed with Title VI funding, not HIP.

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Submitted By: Ted Hernandez

## Madison Flynn Alleges that the Tribe conducted an illegal election in April of 2020 failing to properly notice Tribal Citizens.

In accordance with the Wiyot Constitution and By-Laws Section 1.a. the *General Council shall meet on the first Saturday in April. The General Council will be notified thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting time by posting at the Reservation Tribal Office, newsletter and such other methods as the Tribal Council deems appropriate.* Tribal elections were held on the first Saturday in April (April 4, 2020). Notices were sent to Tribal members more than 30 days in advance of the meeting by posting at the Tribal Office (March 4, 2020), newsletter (January mailed December 31, 2019, February mailed January 31, 2020, March mailed March 3, 2020, and April mailed April 1, 2020), continuously via the Tribes website (December 31, 2019), and via Facebook on March 17, 2020 and on April 4, 2020. Tribal staff sent additional notices out to encourage Tribal Citizens to request and vote absentee due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. 67 Absentee ballots were requested by tribal citizens and mailed out by tribal staff. Citizens had the option to vote in person, by mail, or drop off their ballot giving all citizens means to exercise their right to vote.

The polls were open from 10:00 am to 2 pm. Due to the declared Tribal, County, State and Federal Emergency related to COVID-19 the polling format was modified to a "no-touch voting" with social distancing protocols in place to protect Tribal Citizens and poll workers as recommended by public health. Polling occurred outdoors, in front of the Tribal Office. Tribal citizens were encouraged to adhere to social distancing protocols while voting. The polling booth was monitored by 3 video cameras and observed in real time by two separate on-site observers and recorded and preserved for posterity. 31 Absentee Ballots were returned, and 6 Tribal Citizens voted in person on April 4, 2020. The elections were supervised by the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, a bipartisan group. Votes were counted by three separate League of Women Voters of Humboldt County volunteers to ensure accuracy and objectivity. **Two Council positions were elected Theodore Hernandez, Chair, elected term ends 2024, Aaron Stephenson, Council Member term ends 2024.** Bureau of Indian Affairs accepted and certified the election in April 2020.



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WIYOT TRIBE

Theodore Hernandez, Chairman  
Wiyot Tribe  
1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, CA 95551

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the Report of Tribal Election received by this Agency on April 13, 2020, for the Wiyot Tribe. We thank you for providing the information to us on the Report of Tribal Election form because it contains the information we need for the record. A copy of the report has been forwarded to Director, Pacific Region. Also, a blank Report of Tribal Election form is enclosed for use in submitting the results of the next election. Should you have a question, please contact Sarah Johnson, Tribal Operations Specialist, at (530) 223-7970.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virgil Atkins  
Superintendent

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Enclosure

cc: Director, Pacific Region (w/enclosure)

Wiyot Tribe Regular Annual Election April 4, 2020

Part I		
CANDIDATE'S NAME	NUMBER OF VOTES	
Chairperson: (4 year term 2024)	Theodore (Ted) Hernandez	30
Elected CHAIRPERSON is <u>Theodore (Ted) Hernandez</u>		
Member-at-Large: (4 year term 2024)	Vincent DiMarzo	4
	Aaron Stephenson	17
	Vanessa Rios	14
Elected MEMBER-AT-LARGE is <u>Aaron Stephenson</u> <u>Shelley Lohlein</u> <u>Byrd A. Lohlein</u>		
LWVH -Election Board member		
LWVH -Election Board member		
LWVH -Election Board Chair		

Election conducted by:  
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County Elections Service  
P.O. Box 3806 Eureka, CA 95502 (707) 444-9252

Madison Flynn made comments that the Tribal Council elections in April were illegal because the Tribe failed to post candidate statements in the newsletter or hold a Town Hall meeting.

Article VII Section 2 of the Tribes constitution states that, "official notification of qualified nominees will be listed in the February Tribal Newsletter." The Tribe announced all candidates for the Tribal election in the February 2020 Tribal newsletter which was mailed to all Tribal member households.

Article VII Section 2 of the Tribes also states that, "between the months of February and April, but before the elections meeting, all nominees will submit at least one article to the Tribal Newsletter or participate in at least one Town Hall meeting to discuss issues they and their constituents find important to the Tribe." All but one candidate turned in their newsletter articles to the Tribal newsletter. The candidate statements were posted in the Tribes newsletter in February of 2020 and mailed to all tribal

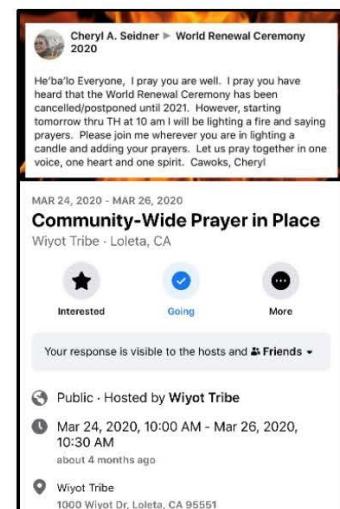
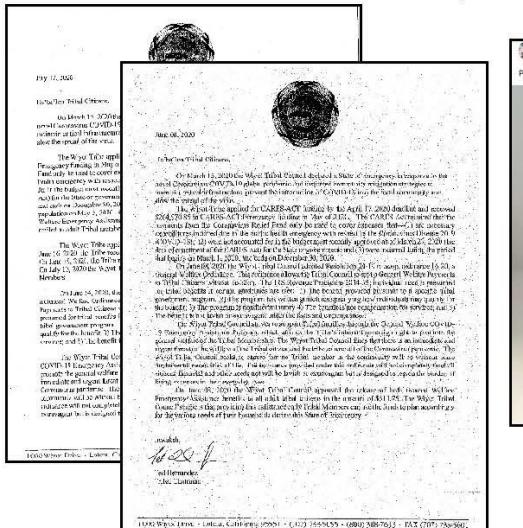
repeatedly contact the candidate and encourage the person to submit an article or hold their Town Hall meeting.

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**Madison Flynn submitted a comment that the Chairman had not released a letter of leadership to the Wiyot Tribal Membership since the global pandemic has started? And stated I should resign as a result.**

The Tribe held a community wide Prayer in place on March 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. I, personally sent out a video statement and prayer to the community on April 6, 2020. As Chairman I sent out letters to all tribal adults on June 11, 2020, and July 24, 2020.



**Madison Flynn made the following Public Statement: Where is the Resolution that states council can conduct closed meetings? This resolution should have been made public to the membership before the March continuance meeting and April Meeting. If it was proposed and passed, was it just put on the door at the Tribal Office where a small percentage of Tribal members could see it?**

The Emergency declaration and Community Mitigation strategies



were approved by emergency telephone vote on Sunday March 15, 2020. The COVID-19 Global pandemic evolved very quickly; Council having met in person on March 9, 2020 with the public present. The declaration and community Mitigation strategies developed and approved by Council as a result of communications with the Tribe by Public Health, CALOES, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The Tribe acted quickly to respond to the developing global emergency. Notices were immediately posted at the Tribal office on Sunday March 15, 2020 and to the Tribes website and Facebook page and the subsequent Tribal newsletter in April.

**Wiyot Tribe declares emergency over coronavirus**

Ruth Schneider  
March 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
Crime and Public Safety, Health, Local News, News, Top Headlines

Additionally, press releases were sent out to local news media and picked up and published by the Times Standard and North Coast Journal. The President of the United States, and State Governor, and County of Humboldt also made Emergency declarations on March 13, March 4, 2020, and March 11, 2020. Additionally, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (amending Executive Order N-25-20 in part), which allows local or state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically without violating the open meeting laws found in the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act.

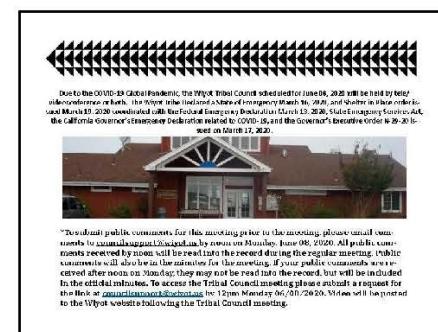
**Madison Flynn also commented that Contingent of Tribal Administrator Michelle Vassel rehiring, she was to provide a 5-year plan to Council. I inquired about it to Michelle in April of 2019 and she said that Council had yet to approve it. Has it been approved by Council and will it be released to the membership?**

Michelle Vassel was not employed by the Tribe in April of 2019. She came back to work for the Tribe in May 13, 2019. Michelle immediately scheduled the 5-year plan development with California Rural Indian Health Board as requested by Council. These meetings were held on July 23, 2019 July 24, 2019, and July 25, 2019 at the Wiyot Community Center. The draft 5-year plan was submitted to Tribal Council on October 14, 2019 for review and comment. The Tribe approved the 5-year plan on December 9, 2019. It is presently housed on the Tribes website <http://www.wiyot.us/218/Strategic-Plan>.



**Madison Flynn asked, “How come the Tribe has not addressed multiple people’s questions on FB regarding the status of the meetings? There has been no other outlet for people to ask questions since the Tribal business council meetings have been closed to the membership, if Administration is not going to address valid concerns from concerned members, why have the option to leave comments on the FB page?”**

The Tribe’s notices on the Tribe’s Facebook page directed them to send emails to [Councilsupport@wiyat.us](mailto:Councilsupport@wiyat.us). The Tribes Facebook page has more than 3396 likes and only 645 tribal citizens of which more 200 are minor children. The tribe has an automated response to messages to the Tribes Facebook page that directs them to call or send an email to staff. Staff has during business hours responded to some of the questions on the tribes Facebook page but not all.



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Submitted By: Ted Hernandez



**Wiyot Tribe**



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Government Building

12:22 PM

Thanks for messaging us. For questions relating to the Wiyot Tribe, please contact the Wiyot Tribal Office at [707-733-5055](tel:707-733-5055), during regular business hours, or email [office@wiyot.us](mailto:office@wiyot.us). Facebook messages and comments are not answered on a regular basis.

**Madison Flynn Commented How come it has taken the Tribal Administrator Michelle Vassel 3 months to resolve the issue of allowing Tribal members participate in meetings? The basic requirements of the Constitution are being met? The last two notifications said that members were allowed to participate and in fact that was a lie. How come the previous meeting have not been posted as told me by Vanessa via Michelle?**

First, this statement is untrue, there has been opportunity for Tribal participation in every meeting since the COVID-19 global pandemic emergency declaration. Additionally, it is not the role of the Tribal Administrator's but the Council support persons role to, before and after the Council takes action, the Council Support ensures that actions are in compliance with all federal, and local statutes and regulations and that all actions are properly executed, recorded, and archived. The Council Support person serves as the liaison between the public and Council.

The Tribes Council support person reached out to seven local governments, legal Counsel, California Rural Health Board, and

the league of women's voters. The mitigations the Tribe had in place for the Council meetings were identical to other local and tribal governments. The Tribe has heard Tribal members requests for more access and has been working to provide that. All tribal Council meeting agendas have been posted in advance of the meeting, tribal members noticed as to how to submit public comments and the meetings have been recorded and the video and minutes posted to the Tribes website.

**Madison Flynn also Commented, Will the meetings be held in real-time via Zoom or other platforms or will the membership have limited access and participation to meetings?**

The Tribe used zoom unsuccessfully for several meetings in that several Council members, were unable to join or stay on for the duration of the meeting. As a result of repeated technical difficulties, the Tribe is now trying a new platform GotoMeeting. This is a work in progress, the Tribe is working to try to find technical solutions that meet everyone's needs during this global emergency.

**Madison Flynn Asked How come the tribe has not been more actively trying to assist membership during the last 3 months? What grants were immediately applied for and when? It is very disheartening that only a small percentage of the membership was assisted during the pandemic. Is the CARES funding going to be distributed to membership? And is it to every tribal member or just membership that is over 18? Or just a percentage?**

The Tribal Health and Human Services department, Title VI program, and Cultural departments Tsek Houdaqh program have been working diligently to assist Tribal members with requests for assistance as they have come in. These staff have been working every day on the front line assisting Tribal members. They have been delivering meals 5 days a week to elders, and children through no-touch home delivery, and taking and responding to requests as they come in. I would like to take a moment to publicly thank them for all of the work they have done. These staff members have come to work every day, while they themselves struggled to care for their own children who were at home, and assist their children with their homework while they were at work and find their own toilet paper, cleaning products and hand sanitizer while there were shortages and they themselves had none. I would like to thank Cooperation Humboldt whose volunteers made hand sanitizer for staff to use in those early days where it just was not available. Many of our staff members used their 1 per customer limit at Costco and other stores to purchase toilet paper that was distributed to elders and at-risk individuals in our community. Many of our staff members used their 1 per customer limit to purchase hand sanitizer for our community and elders. Thank you, Wiyot Tribal Staff, for all you do. We often only hear negative comments at Council meetings from individuals who are upset or frustrated, I want staff to know that I have received numerous cards, letters emails from tribal citizens thanking you for all you have done to help families during these unprecedented times. Thank you staff and thank you to all the Tribal citizens who have been sending love to our essential worker staff!



As for grants the Tribal Administrator applied for small mini-grants of \$1000 from Humboldt Area Foundation and Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria which were used to supply small food purchases for elders during the initial pandemic days. The Tribe received a donation of 16 bags of cleaning supplies from Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria which were handed out to the eldest members living on the Reservation. The Tribe also received some funding through a partnership with Cooperation Humboldt to purchase \$400 in food that was available for anyone in need upon request. This food was not subject to the restrictions of the Commodity food program, SNAP or WIC, which had automatic additional funds available to eligible families. The Tribe also applied for Emergency Commodity Food for elders in our service area. Food boxes were delivered to the door of all elders in our area. We applied for assistance through our local Area on Aging and received a pallet of shelf ready food that was available to distribute to elders over the age of 65 who live in Humboldt County. The Tribe purchased and sent out \$50 gift cards to all tribal members wherever they live to help them purchase hygiene and food supplies this was without any grant funding. The Tribe applied for CDC funding which has not yet been awarded, the Tribe requested funding to add to the community center a small private

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room, with telehealth equipment set up for Community Members to reserve and use for telehealth appointments with their provider. SAMSHA Funding which has not yet been awarded, CARES act 1 and CARES ACT 2 Funding 90% of which was sent out via 2 checks that went out in June and July to all adult Tribal members. The Tribe also applied for and was approved for FEMA disaster assistance, part of the Tribal plan which has been submitted but not approved is to building a tower to receive and disburse internet in our local area which is a barrier to education for Tribal youth and a barrier to the Tribe to conduct business during the current pandemic. The Tribe applied for and received Tribal Nations Grant-COVID-19 funding which approved the distribution of \$300 gift cards to each and every Tribal member. The Tribe also began mailing hand sanitizer and masks out to all Tribal members. We are mailing them out as supplies come in.



**Madison Flynn Commented, “How come the newsletters are not uploaded on the webpage? The last newsletter was uploaded October 2017. The following have broken links January, November, December 2017 and February 2018.”**

This comment was the first the Tribe heard that the newsletters were not accessible on the Tribes website. The Tribe has since identified and rectified the problem so all newsletters should now are available to view via the website.

**Madison Flynn Commented, that there was a healthy discussion on the Wiyot FB page between tribal members when it was hijacked by non-tribal members who being disrespectful and hindered the discussion at hand. The conversation was also ambushed by long winded, non-sense of religious context that implicated Chairman Hernandez. I am requesting that a member only informed FB page be revisited. There are many tribes that have successfully accomplished this, and I believe that can be done by the Wiyot Tribe.**

Facebook pages are open for anyone to “like” as stated previously there are more than 3,586 likes on the Tribes Facebook and only 645 tribal members of which more than 200 are children. Unlike a personal page the Tribe does not accept friends anyone can “like” the page. This a public page, anyone can view and comment on the page even if they have not “liked” the page. Council discussed at the last meeting setting up a Facebook group, and that will be something will be implemented in coming months. As with your personal Facebook page you are free to report to Facebook any activity you do not believe is appropriate.

*I would like to extend my gratitude to the Natural Resource Dept., Health & Human Service, Administration, Cultural and Fiscal Dept. for maintaining infrastructure to the Wiyot Tribe, I know it has been very difficult to find the balance of work and taking care of family members during this Global Pandemic of COVID-19, as employees you are all very much appreciated and your hard work for all Tribal Citizens doesn't go unnoticed. As we continue to move forward and the future is unknown regarding COVID-19 we will continue to strive for a better tomorrow.*

Hou',  
Chairman  
Ted Hernandez



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# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”**

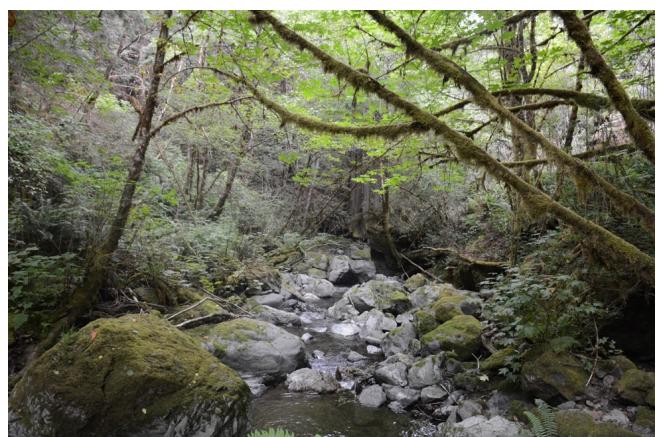
Submitted By; Adam Canter

## **Could a portion of the *Goukdi'n* forest (Jacoby Creek Forest) be returned to the Wiyot?**

-A brief discussion of the talks with Humboldt State Univ. (HSU) and the process thus far

*Ha'wa'lou* from the Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD). Back in 2019, when the world seemed to be what we thought was normal, the WNRD were approached by HSU Master's student Carrie Tully and Native American Studies Chair, Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy about a potentially exciting opportunity for the return of a significant piece of ancestral Wiyot forestland in the Jacoby Creek watershed. Now with the advent of Black Lives Matter (BLM) and a greater acknowledgment to the systematic racism, land theft, and genocide that Native Americans and other groups have been experiencing for generations across the world, we find ourselves in a position where land return or rematriation, has emerged as simply the right thing to do to begin the healing and reparations process, especially when large significant tracts of land are changing from private to public hands. Quoting from Carrie's thesis abstract: Since 2009, the city of Arcata and R. H. Emmerson & Sons have collaborated on the sale and purchase of an 884-acre tract of land in the Jacoby Creek forest. The main goals of this transfer are to prevent fragmentation of the land, as well as to grant the majority of this section of the forest to HSU to be used by students for research. While it appears that the enthusiasm and intent regarding this land transfer is pure, not one local Indig-

enous tribe has been contacted by the city or by HSU in the decade that it has been a topic of discussion. Not only is returning land to the people who would be its best stewards the right action to take, it is long overdue. Additionally, there is significant precedent for such actions. With the return of *Tuluwat* to the Wiyot only a few months ago, this is the right time and opportunity to continue the momentum. Carrie and Cutcha were instrumental in helping to bring the Tribe to the table, when arguably, the Tribe should have been at the table the entire time and we want to thank them for their work on our behalf. Before Covid-19 turned the world upside down, the WNRD had participated in less than a handful of both the community and research advisory committee meetings for the *Goukdi'n* (Jacoby Creek) forest, with a diverse group of forestry and non-forestry faculty at HSU.



*Photo: Jacoby Creek with boulders, maples, and moss. The Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission*

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## **Could a portion of the *Goukdi'n* forest (Jacoby Creek Forest) be returned to the Wiyot?**

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The connection between the *Goukdi'n* forest and the Wiyot is significant in that it is a substantial watershed within the heart of Wiyot Ancestral Territory. For generations, the Tribe has been disconnected from virtually all of its ancestral forestlands since western contact and the pioneer-colonialist period. This forestland was further stolen and stripped away by systematic racism and the privileged caste system of European colonizers, which gave Wiyots little opportunity to steward, manage, invest, retreat, and profit from the productive forests of its ancestors. The loss of Wiyot forests cannot be fully conceptualized without also mentioning the lost opportunities for spiritual growth and the passing on of forest related cultural activities and elements, which are important to the cultures traditional ways of all our regional tribes. As HSU has recently moved forward with the creation of a Tribal Forestry concentration, the tanoak acorns are ripe for the Wiyot to begin reclaiming their role as forest stewards once again, and set Wiyot youth on a career track to becoming professional (and traditional) foresters and land stewards.

The Wiyot name for the Jacoby Creek watershed, which is ***Goukdi'n*** (pronounced gook-deet-n) means “there is roasting in ashes” which could refer to Indian potatoes or other food preparation cooked in this way (Dr. Lynnika Butler pers. communication). The forest can be reached from Fickle Hill or the end of Jacoby Creek Roads, but is presently a rigorous hike-in only access, due to road disrepair and overgrown and brushy second growth. The forest is known for its diversity of tree and plant species, and hosts some of our regions largest western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*) as well as stately red alder (*Alnus rubra*) and bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) along the riparian corridor. That said, we haven’t even begun to explore the forest through the Wiyot lens. We will keep the Tribe informed as talks with HSU continue and we come to better understand how the Wiyot will interact with this ancestral forestland. If folks would like to learn more about the ***Goukdi'n*** forest and potentially plan a future socially-distanced site visit, please contact Adam Canter at the WNRD at 707-733-5055x105 or [adam@wiyat.us](mailto:adam@wiyat.us) Take care, be safe, and Get Outside!

# Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted By: Hazel James



Our culture is a living spirit that must continue to thrive. Our generation must carry on with the traditional ways and the stories from our elders and ancestors that have gone before us.

The Cultural Department is planning a lot of activities for the youth for this summer. The cultural department continues to hope and pray that everyone stays safe through these difficult times. Once the shelter in place is lifted, we will be able to hold cultural classes

The Cultural is happy to inform our community that we just got our shipment of dolls in for the youth to dress them in regalia. The cultural department along with the youth program will be holding a virtual class on dress making and regalia. The cultural department continues to work with government agencies on permits and cultural sites.

## Departments:

### The language department:

check out the Wiyot webpage under the language section for the Rou Soulalouy page. The language page also has words that you can hear or even scan with a bar code reader on your phone. Learn a new word a week. Remember that language is important to the Wiyot Culture.



### Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program:

Tsek Houdaqh will be offering a variety of activities for the fall, check out the calendar also WELCOME the new program Manager Margaret Card. Margaret was the Youth Program Assistant and moved into the Youth Program Manager position, she has been involved in the educational field and teaching for more than 15 years in various tribal communities. **Congratulations** Margaret on her new role!



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Submitted By: Ted Hernandez



## **Tsek HOUdaqh Fall Line UP**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Lesson UP	Lesson UP	Lesson UP	Lesson UP	Lesson UP
12:00	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
2:45	Lesson UP	Lesson UP	Lesson UP	Lesson UP	Lesson UP
3:00	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening	Opening
3:15					
3:30	Culture: It's in the Family!	Skill Tech Training	Kids in the Kitchen	Toddler Time	Triple Play Challenge
3:45					
4:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
4:00	Culture: It's in the Family!	Triple Play	Art Club	Money Matters	Triple Play
4:30					
4:45					
5:00					
5:15	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour	Brain Food
5:30					
5:45	Clean Up	Clean Up	Clean Up	Clean Up	Clean Up
6:00	Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing

Art Club-Time for the members to get creative with weekly guided art projects.

**Brain Food-Encourages members to engage in educational activities such as board games and science projects.**

Culture: It's in the Family- Learn about culture, diversity and unity every Monday!

Kids in the Kitchen-Members learn about developing healthy habits and how to make fun and delicious snacks.

Lesson UP- Open computer lab time, k-1 2 students may reserve computer lab time to complete online school work, participate in school zoom classes, or view online classes

Toddler Time-Time for toddlers 1-4 years old to get together to socialize, learn the alphabet, numbers, colors, and improve fine and gross motor skills.

Money Matters-Teaches members how to manage club bucks, the Club's local economy.

**Power Hour-45 minutes dedicated to homework and other educational activities. Tutoring available!**

Skill Tech Training- Opportunity for members to learn and ask questions about computers and all tech-related things.

Triple Play-Focusing on the three components, Mind Body and Soul, Triple Play encourages teamwork and active healthy lifestyles

Triple Play Challenge-Weekly challenges for club members to participate in. Who can do the most push ups? Who can color best?



# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Tammie Bettis



## Wiyot Tribe 2020-21 School Clothes/Supplies Request Form

Applicant (Minor Child) \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that in order to be eligible for the \$150.00 school clothes, \$20 in supplies my child must be an enrolled citizen of the Wiyot Tribe attending Kindergarten through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade will receive \$150.00 and \$40 in supplies. These funds must be requested by the child's Legal Guardian and the form must be accompanied by the proof of school enrollment. Once the application is submitted the funds will be released the following Friday after the application has been deemed complete by the Health and Human Service Department. The Legal Guardian must return receipts for the expended funds for school supplies and/or School clothes by November 1, 2020. Failure to submit the receipts will result in ineligibility for the program in future years. Receipts may be submitted by fax to (707) 733-5601, email to tammieb@wiyat.us and by mail to 1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551. **PLEASE WRITE THE CHILD'S NAME ON THE RECIEPTS AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS. (IF THE TRIBE DOES NOT RECEIVE SCHOOL CLOTHING RECIEPTS ON OR BY NOVEMBER 1, 2020. THE MONIES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM RSTF DISBURSEMENT)!** By signing, I agree to the terms of this document.

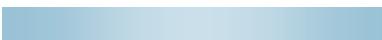
Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Health and Human Services Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor Tribal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipts Received: \_\_\_\_\_



# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Tammie Bettis



## School Enrollment Wiyot Tribe

Wiyot Tribe

Department of Health and Human Services

**Gou'wil da lalouluwuk "Taking Care of People"**

1000 Wiyot Dr.

Loleta, CA 95551

Phone: (707) 733-5055

Fax: (707) 733-5601

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby  
authorize the \_\_\_\_\_ school to verify enrollment for my child.

**By my signature below, I consent to the release of the above listed information  
documents.**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



To Be completed by School Staff:

The above child is currently enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (school name) for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

School Staff Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Staff Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



# ***Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'***

Submitted By: Tammie Bettis



## **~Energy Assistance~**

If you need help with energy assistance, please call Tammie at 707-733-5055 or 707-296-8874. LIHEAP funds are available on a first come first serve basis until funding is gone. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Tribal Office is closed to the public. However, I can take your application over the phone or via email.



## **Women's Talking Circle**

**Coming in October** Women's Talking Circle via zoom with

Rita Wafler Ph.D. LMFT

Every Tuesday 6-8pm

For more information, please call

Rita at 707-954-4546 or email

[ritawafler@yahoo.com](mailto:ritawafler@yahoo.com)



# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Tammie Bettis

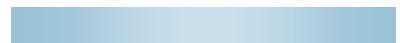


# **September**

**2020**

## **Elders menu**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pork Ribs, Corn & Biscuits	2 Shepherd's pie W/ Fruit	3 Lasagna, Garlic Bread & Salad	4 Egg Salad Sandwiches & Fruit	5
6 Tribal Office Closed Labor Day Observed	7 Broccoli Beef & Chow Mein	8 Chicken Wraps W/ Fresh Fruit	9 Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes & veggies	10 Cold Cut Sandwiches & Chips	11	12
13 Taco Salad W/ fruit	14 Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Coleslaw	15 Hamburger Soup & Corn Bread	16 Baked Chicken Thighs & Macaroni Salad	17 Chicken Sandwiches W/ Fresh Fruit	18	19
20 Chicken Alfredo & Salad	21 Beef Roast, Potatoes & Biscuits	22 Pork Chops Roasted Veggies	23 Spaghetti Green Salad	24 BLT Wraps & Fresh Fruit	25	26
27 Chef Salad	28 Chili Beans, Corn Bread & Fruit	29 Parmesan Chicken & Pasta	30			



## **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Lisa Stephenson

# **2020 CENSUS**



**Wiyot Tribal Members**

**Matter too!**

**Just 10 minutes of your time affects  
ten years of your life!**

**Your response matters.**

Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community.

**Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.**

**The 2020 Census is happening now. You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.**

**[mycensus2020.gov](http://mycensus2020.gov)**

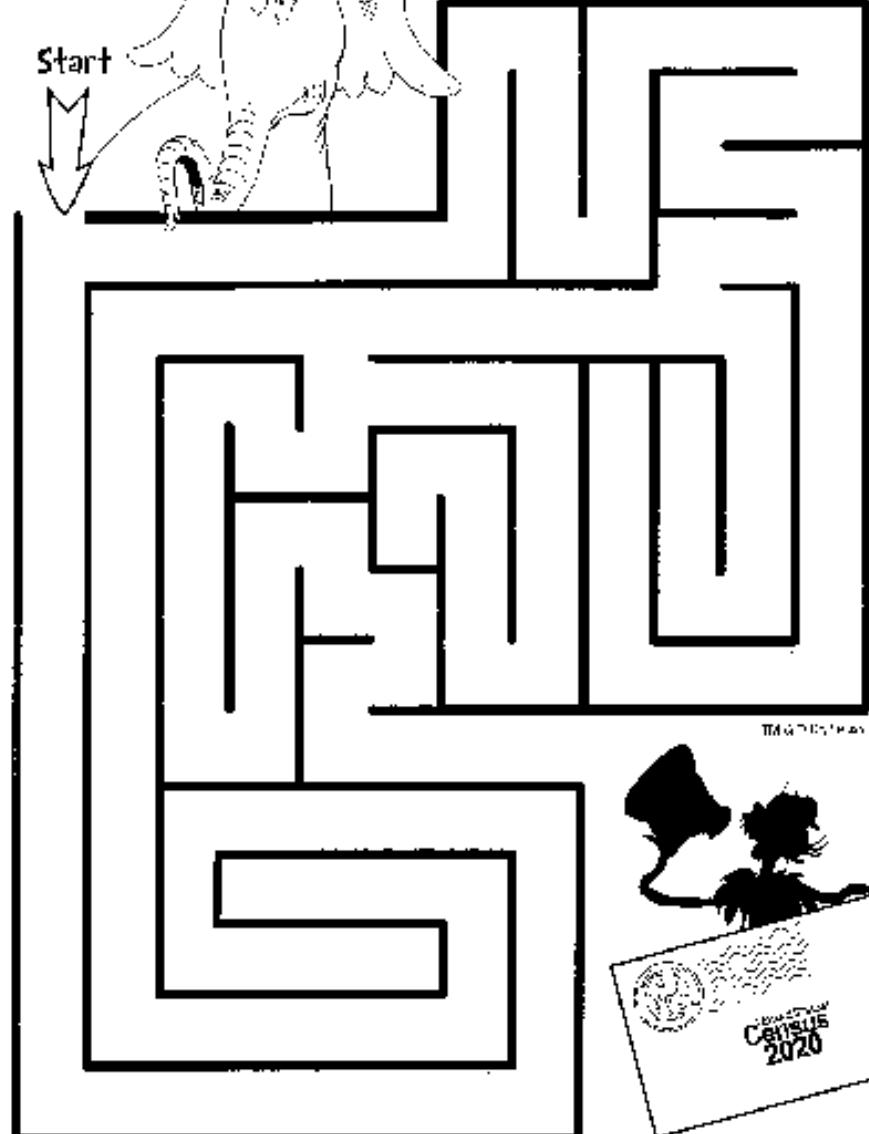


[www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com)

## **Dr. Seuss**

**Help Horton get to the  
mailbox to mail his  
census form!**

**Start**



TM & DR. SEUSS



You can also complete the 2020 Census online!  
Go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) to learn more.

## **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

# **SEMI ANNUAL MEETING**



Semi Annual is scheduled for October 3, 2020 due to the Global pandemic of COVID-19 we are encouraging all adult Tribal members to request an Absentee Ballot, if you have any questions please call the Tribal Office 707-733-5055 or email [councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us)

A background image showing a microscopic view of COVID-19 virus particles, appearing as small, red and pink spherical structures against a dark background.

### **The Wiyot Tribal offices will be closed to the public**

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**The Tribe has instituted community mitigation strategies to maintain critical infrastructure, prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into the local community and slow the spread of the virus.**

**The elder's congregate meal program will not operate, however the home delivered elders meal service will continue using additional sanitation, and social distancing protocols. Elders please call the Title VI program if you need assistance.**

**All meetings, social events, and classes will be post-poned or modified until further notice.**





## **Wiyot Tribe Absentee Ballot Request**

I am unable to attend the Wiyot Tribal Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for October 3, 2020 and I am requesting that an Absentee Ballot be sent to me so that I can exercise my right to vote.

I also understand that if I wish, I can request a Permanent Absentee Ballot by signing the second request below.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Full Name

Tribal ID number

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Mailing address

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City

State

Zip Code

*Please mail this request to the Wiyot Tribe at 1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, Ca 95551, or fax to (707) 733-5601. In order to receive an Absentee Ballot this form must be RECEIVED in the*

*Tribal Office not fewer than 14 days before the election (September 20, 2020).*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

An Official Absentee Ballot was sent to the name and address above on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

**I am an eligible voter who always needs an absentee Ballot. I understand that my signature below indicates my request for a permanent Absentee Ballot, in addition to the absentee ballot for this election requested above.**

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Printed Name

Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

A Permanent Absentee Ballot request was placed in the Tribal Roll Database on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

## **August 10, 2020 Council Highlights**

- Council Presents:** Ted Hernandez, Leona Wilkinson, Linda Lange, Hazel James, Kirsten Boyce and Aaron Stephenson
- Staff Presents:** Michelle Vassel, Fawn Lopez, Ted Hernandez
- The agenda was approved**
- The consent calendar was approved**
- Public Forum:** Received public comment from Alzada Duncan, Joshua Fowler, Kirsten Boyce, Madison Flynn, Deanne Meyers & Chairman Ted Hernandez
- 1. Council approved land assignment holder Bruce Atwell to construct fence.
- 2. Council approved land assignment holder Gail Green to keep two horses on Tribal Land, location to be determined.
- 3. Council approved land assignment holder Hazel James to construct fence.
- 4. Council approved Resolution #20-19
- 5. Council approved housing transfer 258 Wiyot Dr Lot 24 from Albert I. James Jr. to Corrine Alton.
- 6. Council approved housing transfer 185 Wiyot Dr. Lot 2 from Albert I. James Sr. to Albert I. James Jr.

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## **Gock Wuck "Knowledge"**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



Anita Weekly	Niquel Crawford
Donnell Duclo	Justin Black
Albert I. James	Machelle Crawford
Roland Johnson	Daniel Crellin
Crystal Schafer	Greta Moritz
Susan Lane	Andreas Rivera
Vernon Rossig	Sarah Page
Dawn Black	Barbara Brunner
Sherri Johnson	Beverly Divis
Terry Lange	Sonya Keller
Michael Lange	Angela Klingsporn
Jennifer Guyer	Tyler Greenberg
Joshua Fowler	Ryah Brown
Mona Kemp	Jade Anderson
Ashley Caughy	James Atwell
Marion Owen	James Hosp
Roy Woodhurst	Heath Johnson
Austin Tompkins	Jorge Lopez
Thomas Tipton Jr.	Maya Stephenson
Cassandra Olson	Delbert Tompkins
Johnathan Olson	Geneva Starritt
Janet Keller	Connor Mead
Alyssa Berens	Natalie Mallet
Nikki Hale	Joseph Jones
Xochilt Grado	Zakariya Tipton
Betty Owen-Mead	Maia Mager
Helen Evenson	Kaydence Rossig Roth
Keri Evenson	Nova-Aya Evenson-Foster

Here are the items we are currently selling. Come on over and get a snack. Snacks are sold Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Breakfast Pastries.....	\$1.00 Each
Popcorn.....	\$1.00 Each
Teriyaki Sticks.....	\$1.00 Each
Fruity Snacks.....	\$1.00 Each
Noodles.....	\$1.00 Each
Cup Noodles.....	\$1.00 Each
Candy Bars.....	\$1.00 Each
Chips.....	\$1.00 Each
Instant Oatmeal.....	\$3.00 Each
Granola Bars Variety.....	\$1.00 Each
Trail Mix.....	\$1.00 Each
Variety Nuts.....	\$1.00 Each
Corn Nuts.....	\$1.00 Each
Gatorade Drinks.....	\$2.00 Each
Rock Star.....	\$3.00 Each
Chicken Bakes .....	\$ 3.00 Each (Freezer)
Noodle Bowls.....	\$3.00 Each
Cheeseburger.....	\$ 2.00 Each
Chicken n Rice Bowls.....	\$3.00 Each
Chicken Melts.....	\$2.00 Each

***Did you move and forget to change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email [addresschange@wiyot.us](mailto:addresschange@wiyot.us). This will help in getting your mail to you in a timely manner, if your address isn't up to date then this will slow your RSTF, newsletter and other important Tribal mail in getting to you. Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment for RSTF checks, our policy has always been Tribal members need to wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check. It is very important to keep an updated address on file, you can call the Tribal Office to check your address 707-733-5055 or 800-388-7633***



# Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

## Enrollment Committee:



Upcoming meetings

**September 14, 2020**

*December 7, 2020*

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Census 2020 Mobil Questionnaire Assistance 10-12pm Tribal Office (on Rez Residents)	4	5
6	7 <i>Tribal Office closed Labor Day Observed</i>	8	9 Agenda Items due 4pm for Council Mtg	10	11	12
13	14 Public Comments due @ 12pm <i>Link request due @ 12pm</i> BCM 4pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Deadline for Census 2020			

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## Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted Hernandez .....Tribal Chairman (2020-2024)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2018-2022)  
Leona Wilkinson .....Secretary (2017-2021)  
Linda Lange.....Treasurer (2019-2023)  
Kirsten Boyce.....Council Member ( 2017-2021)  
Hazel James.....Council Member (2019-2023)  
Aaron Stephenson .....Council Member (2020-2024)

## **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



## Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant to TA/Council Clerk  
Lisa Stephenson.....Enrollment Clerk  
Vanessa Rios.....Receptionist  
Aaron Stephenson...Maintenance Technician  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Maintenance Assistant



## Gou'will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People”

Betty Owen-Mead.....Laqilh Haluni Coordinator  
Mariah Buckley.....Laqilh Haluni Assistant  
Gary Markussen Sr.....ICWA Advocate  
Tammie Bettis.....Social Work Advocate  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## Hiwechk “Money”

Misty Case.....Fiscal Manager  
Kirsten Boyce.....Fiscal Technician



## Lhatsik Houmoulu'l “House of Tradition”

Ted Hernandez.....Cultural Director  
Hazel James.....Cultural Assistant  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Pilar James.....Language Specialist  
Marnie Atkins.....

1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, California 95551

## Tsek Houdagh “Where the Children are”

Margaret Card.....Youth Program Manager  
Donna Wilson...Youth Program Assistant  
Kathy Spott.....Youth Program Assistant  
Itzelt Rios.....Youth Program Assistant  
Izayra Rios.....Youth Program Assistant

Phone:

707.733.5055/800.388.7633

Fax: 707.733.5601

## Shawir Darrudaluduk “We belong to the Wilderness”

Eddie Koch.....Natural Resources Director  
Bri Philips.....Natural Resources Technician  
Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Technician  
George Buckley.....Water Operator  
Corrine Alton.....Water Operator Assistant in training  
Hilanea Wilkinson...Natural Resources Technician in training



# Change of Address Request Form

This is to confirm that my new mailing address is as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Children who will be effected (legal name and Date of Birth):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Lolleta, CA 95551

1000 WiYot Dr

WiYot Tribe

