



The Da'luk

Return Of Mouralherwaqh

Under Wiyot Tribe leadership and stewardship, the site will be prioritized for ecocultural restoration. The property is located near the present day location known as King Salmon at the base of Humboldt Hill and represents the first forestland to be returned to the Tribe.

The acquisition project was conceived of and led by the Wiyot Tribe with supporting partnerships from Cal Poly Humboldt, Humboldt Baykeeper, and Friends of the Dunes. It was made possible through a \$1.2 million grant from the state Ocean Protection Council (OPC) through its [Proposition 1 Grant Program](#). The OPC grant provided funding for the Tribe to acquire the parcel from a private landowner, representing the first time that the State of California has funded Tribal acquisition of ancestral lands as a part of the statewide effort to accelerate nature-based solutions to achieve climate change goals. The property is one of the last pieces of undeveloped land and coastal freshwater wetlands on the his-

toric fringe of Wigi (Humboldt Bay), surrounded by residential development on Humboldt Hill. Wiyot cultural and environmental history tell of this place being "wolf's house." The name of the village site - [Mouralherwaqh](#) - was told to JP Harrington in the early 20th century by Wiyot matriarch Birdie James, who commented that, "There used to be freshwater there but they have been dredging that slu [slough] there and no more fresh water there, ducks used to go there and drink water." The late and venerable Wiyot citizen and Councilmember Linda Lange reflected on this knowledge and history when she supported the Tribe's efforts to acquire the property. She described the site as an area that she used to visit often as a child. Due to the legacy of settler-colonialism and land theft, the Wiyot Tribe currently owns less than 1% of their ancestral lands. This ground-breaking project increases the Tribe's land holdings by 10%. The property has over 13 acres of large sedge and cattail dominated freshwater wetlands

surrounded by mature Sitka spruce forest that serves as a rookery site for egrets and herons. Mouralherwaqh represents the first piece of Wiyot ancestral forest lands to be repatriated to the Tribe, hosting one of the southernmost stands of Sitka spruce forest on the Pacific coast. Spruce root is important to the Wiyot art of basketry and is a cultural item that up until this acquisition could only be found off Tribally held lands, by either co-management agreements or trespassing. Along with many traditions, the return of Mouralherwaqh will allow for the passing on of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) associated with ancestral forests, berry and hazelnut picking, hunting, gathering, and mushroom foraging to future generations of Wiyot people. Of the acquisition, Ted Hernandez, the Wiyot Tribal Chair said, "This is another big historical moment for the Tribe and I am proud that the Wiyots are leading the way. In order for everything to heal in this world Indigenous people need to have

In order for everything to heal in this world Indigenous people need to have their spiritual lands and their ceremonial lands back. When you step on this piece of property, this land, you feel like you go back in time. You look at the property and say – my ancestors, they made their arrowheads here, they cooked their acorns here, they made their dresses here, they made their regalia here, they had dances here. It's like you're in your own world, in your own peace - just seeing the forest and being able to put your foot down and feel the mother earth and feeling the energy. It's a whole different place. That is my perspective as an Indigenous person being able to step back on my homeland that was taken from my people and has now been returned." Interest in the Wiyot's reclaiming of the Mouralherwaqh stemmed from earlier efforts by the Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD), who led by Adam Canter identified this biodiverse greenspace while working on a 2015 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Geospatial Program grant, mapping culturally important ethnobotanical species and plant communities around Wiyot ancestral territory. When the parcel was found on the open real estate market in 2021, it became a priority for acquisition due to the numerous important cultural species found there in addition to being part of the culturally significant Mouralherwaqh village area. The Wiyot Tribe then developed a collaboration and proposal to make the acquisition possible through the OPC program. Following acquisition, the Tribe will be leading an effort to develop and implement an ecocultural restoration and management plan for the site that prioritizes cultural connections and water quality protection. The planning effort will incorporate extensive community engagement to involve Tribal citizens in planning for the future of this special place. The plan will be led by Wiyot Tribe and Tribal staff with an initial goal of getting Wiyot citizens on the land to begin

the visioning process. Some initial priorities for future work at the property include invasive species removal, watershed and water quality restoration, sea-level rise adaptation planning, cultural history interpretation, botanical, wildlife, and avian monitoring, and cultural plant propagation and enhancement. Cal Poly Humboldt has played a supporting role in the project with plans to incorporate student and faculty engagement into the project. Laurie Richmond, Environmental Science & Management (ESM) professor said, "what has excited me so much about this project is the unique partnership created between a Tribe, an academic institution, environmental NGOs, and a state agency – where all these different entities worked together to support the Wiyot Tribe to fulfill its vision and role as original stewards of the Wigi landscape. Cal Poly Humboldt has been honored to play a supporting role in the effort." This partnership was born out of the [Cal Poly Humboldt Sea Level Rise Institute](#) of which Adam Canter (Natural Resource Director for the Wiyot Tribe) and Laurie Richmond (Cal Poly Humboldt Professor) are co-chairs. The acquisition will increase the Tribe's resiliency in the face of sea-level rise (SLR), providing the Tribe with higher elevation gathering lands not at risk of inundation and the opportunity to develop nature-based SLR resilience measures on the lower portions. The project provides a unique opportunity for Cal Poly Humboldt researchers to be involved in a Tribally-led acquisition and restoration project. Students, faculty, and staff from the ESM Department, the Native American Studies Department, the [Food Sovereignty Lab and Traditional Ecological Knowledge Institute](#), and the [Indian Natural Resources, Science, and Engineering Program](#)



among others will be involved in research and ecocultural restoration planning for the site related to topics such as food sovereignty, food propagation, legal and financial considerations, water quality, wetland and forest restoration and more. Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy, Department Chair of Native American Studies & Co-Director of the Food Sovereignty Lab, said, “Cal Poly Humboldt is leading the way in bridging traditional ecological knowledge and Indigenous Science with restorative practices for land management and research. These partnerships between Cal Poly Humboldt and the Wiyot are inspirational for the next generation of scientists through hands-on learning that centers tribal voices and supports community goals. We are excited for how this project can model best practices for working alongside tribal communities.” The Ocean Protection Council (OPC), a cabinet-level state policy body nested within the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), awarded Proposition 1 funds to this project through a targeted coastal environmental justice solicitation. The solicitation provided a first-time dedicated pathway for state investment in multi-benefit projects that improve water quality, ecosystem health, and climate resilience for communities burdened by environmental injustice. “We are grateful and humbled to have played a role in returning this land to the Wiyot Tribe”, said OPC’s Deputy Director, Jenn Eckerle. “This acquisition advances OPC’s strategic priorities to improve equity and environmental justice, but most importantly, it’s a significant milestone in reconnecting the Tribe to its ancestral lands and waters and using cultural knowledges and practices to restore and conserve nature along the coast.” Benefits from the project are likely to accrue for generations as the Tribal Council actively engages in project development and provides input for future visioning of Mouralherwaqh as a culturally important gathering place for tribal members and as a vital ecosystem. By protecting and restoring the coastal uplands and wetlands in the area, improving water quality, and removing invasive species, this project also supports the state’s commitment to protect biodiversity and conserve [30 percent of our lands and coastal waters by 2030](#). “The return of ancestral lands and conserving culturally and ecologically important places are core commitments of the California Natural Resources Agency in our Nature-Based Solutions work,” said CNRA’s Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, Geneva E. B. Thompson. “We are thankful for the Wiyot Tribe’s leadership in the protection of Mouralherwaqh and its important resources and excited to see these lands returned to the Tribe and their stewardship.



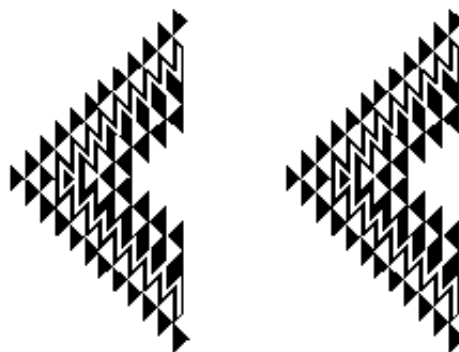
. "Humboldt Bay keeper provides water quality and botany expertise and will contribute to efforts to monitor and seek to improve water quality at the site. Jen Kalt from Humboldt Bay keeper said, "We are honored to help return this special place to the original stewards, and to help restore its coastal wetland, streams, and botanical resources." Friends of the Dunes has and continues to support the project by providing guidance related to conservation land acquisition processes. This project and acquisition were only made possible through support from many different entities. Humboldt Area Foundation and HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation each provided financial support to assist with a timely appraisal of the site. Additionally, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Humboldt County, City of Eureka, Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture, and Pacific Watershed Associates provided support and/or technical guidance for the project. Maria Rodriguez, a program manager for this grant and the Environmental Justice and Equity Lead at the Ocean Protection Council, played an instrumental role in moving the acquisition process forward and helping this project come to fruition. The project team is grateful for all the support. Project leader Adam Canter said, "We hope that this project can serve as a model for how tribes, academia, and non-governmental organizations can work together with state agencies to facilitate the return of Indigenous lands to their original stewards, benefiting the environment and climate, while also providing access to nature and environmental justice to the communities that have been historically excluded by settler-colonialism and the structures of privilege that they perpetuated. The enduring cultural landscape and return of Mowalherwah to the Wiyot people is one gleaming step toward the healing of the past that will shine over Wigi and the North Coast for generations to come."



Wiyot Goutsuwe’n 2022

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

On August 27, 2022 the Community came together to celebrate Wiyot Day the first time since 2019. It was an eventful day with vendors, dancers, singers. We would like to thank the staff and community members for the hard work put into the set up of the days’ event. A special thanks goes to Brian and Rosie Mead, Chad and Katie Cook, Mariah Buckley, and the Wiyot staff that stayed for countless hours. Also, the dancers that participated were All My Relations, Native Resistance Drum Group, and Torres-Martinez Desert Ca-huilla Bird Singers, Jai Kibby and Bruce Kay and the Bear Dancers. We look forward to seeing you all next year.



Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Alex Juan

Pikeminnow Suppression: The Most Effective Techniques Yet

Since Sacramento Pikeminnow were first introduced to the Eel River, they have been an absolute nightmare for native fishes. Their rapid population explosion and ravenous fish-eating habits combine to produce a river environment more treacherous than ever for juvenile salmonids and lampreys. Since 2019, the WNRD has continuously fought against the invasion with a variety of strategies, and this summer new permitting has allowed us to implement the most effective methods yet.

First, the gillnet shuffle. The ‘gillnet shuffle’ involves two gillnets placed across the river upstream and downstream of a known pikeminnow school. The downstream net is placed first, then the upstream net is slowly moved downstream, trapping the school inside and giving fish no other way out than through the nets, at which point those large enough become entangled.

If executed correctly, the gillnet shuffle is an incredibly efficient technique and can remove almost all large pikeminnow from a pool in a short amount of time. For example, on July 13 a single gillnet shuffle caught 17 large pikeminnow (averaging 16.4 inches) in just over an hour and a half from parking to leaving - no other method has come close to having that level of success since efforts began!

Second, spearfishing. Under the guidance of fisheries biologist and experienced spearfisherman Bill Matsubu, the WNRD team used spearfishing to remove some of the largest pikeminnow yet seen from the Eel, with two individuals each measuring 21.3 inches not counting the tail. The largest pikeminnow consume the most fish, making them the most desirable to get out of the river – spearfishing seems to be a fantastic technique for getting these lunkers.

The WNRD will continue pikeminnow suppression using these and other methods into the fall and for many years to come. Tribal members, friends, and anyone interested are welcome to volunteer- we can use your help! Please direct inquiries to WNRD Fisheries Biologist Bill Matsubu at wmatsubu@wiyot.us.



WNRD youth intern Cairo Rios proved to be one of the best spearfishermen in the department!

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Submitted By; Marissa McGrew

Getting weir(d



Weirs are man-made structures in streams made to act similar to dams, but fish are often able to pass through depending on the dimensions of

the weir. Weirs are used for research purposes, influence management decisions, and can overall share information regarding the health of fish populations.

Returning from a trip up to Sitka, I’ve only been reflecting on the contrasts between the fish populations here and there. I boated and dived around for three days in the waters surrounding Baranof Island where Sitka is located. Nearly every river mouth and water seep would have hundreds if not thousands of pink and sockeye salmon swimming around, gently breaking the water’s surface with their dorsal fins, and occasionally leaping out of the water. I had the opportunity to visit the picket fence weir at Redoubt Lake which is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Fish are counted and recorded as they swim through the weir which later determines management decisions regarding harvest for the season. At the outlet of the lake, and at the foot of the tidally influenced falls, there had to have been a thousand sockeye waiting for high tide to climb up the falls and pass through the weir.



During the spring of 2021 I had the opportunity to operate the life cycle monitoring station on Freshwater Creek, one of the tributaries to Humboldt

Bay. The Freshwater weir is one of a kind – it’s a permanent fixed panel weir with a fyke panel trap. Over 20 years of data have been collected at this station on

freshwater life stages of salmonids, Pacific lamprey, and other fish visitors like

starry flounders and prickly sculpin. I collected

data on juvenile coho

and trout as they were swimming down-

stream in their journey. I inserted PIT tags

in juvenile coho salmon that would help

monitor migratory habits. I was lucky enough to

also hold adult Pacific lamprey in my hands and

insert PIT tags in their muscular bodies. During my few months at the station, there were less

than five adult steelhead caught and released. Although the migrations are completely switched

around – salmon are moving to freshwater in the summer months in Alaska, whereas movement is

in the winter time here - the difference in numbers are obvious. The weir at Redoubt has observed 80,000 fish pass through this year alone,

and that number continues to climb. In North Coast streams, we’re lucky to observe spawning adults in double digits.

Visiting the weir in Alaska gave me an idea of what the Eel River looked like in the past, and what it can look like in the future. It only made me feel more thankful for every single salmonid

and lamprey I have the honor of laying my eyes on.



Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted By: Ted Hernandez

Our culture is a living spirit that must continue to thrive. Our culture is essential to our community; it is a living spirit that must continue to thrive. We must continue to teach our youth the traditional ways and learn the stories from our elders. An example of one of our stories as told by the elders and an important one is "That the Wiyot People have never given up our rights to fishing, hunting, gathering, and practicing our ceremonies in our ancestral territory. We have been practicing these since time and memorial That we should always know this and never let any government official tell us that we did."

Cultural Department

The Cultural department Continues to work with our local Tribal THPOS, Local cities, and Federal and County Governments on consultation projects, Section 106, Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act (AB52), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and timber harvest plans (THP). We have commented on projects that have come into our department. This department has monitored 2 projects for August in Wiyot Ancestral Territory.

This department is still focusing on removing the Potter Valley Dam in Potter Valley. This power station is not producing any electricity whatsoever due to one of its transformers being nonoperative. But they still want to take our water and send it to the Russian River. These dams are killing our sacred Eel River, causing our salmon to either get sick or die. Our Eel (Wiy'ot) river needs to have its water restored so it can return to health. For our salmon, eels, and every other creature that relies on its waterways. We are contacting our members if you have any old photos, stories, or articles about your families fishing on the Eel. In the early 1900, before the Dams went up, would you like to share them with this department? We are putting together evidence that shows we never gave up our rights to our rivers to any government or landowners. The quote below is from Irving James from an Interview that he did regarding fishing on the Eel River.

"Irving James, a Wiyot Indian living on Table Bluff who, at age 95, was the last surviving Eel River commercial salmon fisherman. He had fished commercially for salmon as a youth until 1920, when there just didn't seem to be any salmon left in the river. But fishing is still in his blood. Mr. James has the strong voice of one whose hearing is failing. As he talked about his best day of fishing on the Eel, he exclaimed loudly: "I didn't even have half the net in the water, and the floats started sinking. By the time I picked the last fish out of the net, I had two thousand pounds! I sold five hundred pounds and gave five hundred to a relative fishing upriver from me and not catching any. We kept the remaining thousand pounds and sold it the next day; we got one cent a pound for the lot. I'll always remember that day. There weren't any more like it, ever."

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As of today, the Wiyot Tribe has never surrendered their Fishing Rights to fishing in their ancestral water ways to any government agencies.

The Cultural/THPO office continues to assist local agencies, schools, and organizations with the Traditional Land Acknowledgement language. When brought to our department for review before they post it in their facilities. We are very excited that communities in Wiyot ancestral territory recognize that they live and work on Wiyot land. The goal of our department is to have Wiyot Language all over Wiyot ancestral Territory.

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



Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "brinigng the Wiyot language back to life"

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

Ha'wa'lou everyone!

Check out our 9 (and counting) virtual Soulatluk lessons (held every other Thursday from 4-5pm @ <https://bit.ly/3qnbAIB>), with over 225 views so far! Hou' for watching!



If you would like to participate in a Zoom lesson (live!), please let us know (lynnika@wiyot.us and/or matkins@wiyot.us) what vocabulary, phrases, and topics you would like to practice so that we can prepare to meet your needs.

Lesson recordings are available any time on the Soulatluk YouTube channel (scan the QR code above for a link). OR you can check out the "Soulatluk learning materials" page on the Tribe's website: <http://www.wiyot.us/355/Soulatluk-learning-materials>, where we post links to all lesson videos, along with downloadable vocabulary pages, transcripts, a map of Soulatluk place names, and more.

Please join an upcoming lesson and/or watch recorded episodes and let us know what you think! Upcoming dates are listed on the community calendar at <http://www.wiyot.us/Calendar.aspx>.

LANGUAGE GRANT UPDATES

IMLS (conversation book): We recently received a further extension to August 31, 2023 to complete the Rou Soulatlouy conversation book. Work has been slowed due to COVID, and this extra time will allow us to record high-quality audio to accompany the book.

IMLS (new grant for a Soulatluk place name map): Please contact Lynnika if you have any family stories, photos, or other knowledge of specific places in Wiyot ancestral territory. We would love to include these in either the public-facing or tribal-use-only maps that we'll be creating.



Your Linguist/Language Program Manager continues to edit draft conversations to the **Rou Soulatlouy Conversation Book**. You can check progress, ask questions, download draft conversations, and comment at <http://www.wiyot.us/336/Rou-Soulatlouy-conversation-book-project> (← or scan the QR code). We have 25 draft conversations posted online, with another 5-10 coming soon; and we are still open to your ideas!

We still need tribal members of all ages to record audio for these conversations in the coming months. We can do this in person OR via Zoom 😊 If you are interested (we'll coach you on pronunciation, give you a credit in the book, and provide **hiwechk** (money: a small honorarium) for your time; we'll also edit out any hesitations & mistakes!), please contact Lynnika (lynnika@wiyot.us / 707-798-1949 x302).

Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

Below is a draft conversation based on a request from Tsek Houdaqh youth for language about pets. (In each sentence with wayits 'dog'—except #8!—you can substitute a different animal word.) Do you have any questions, comments, or edits you'd like us to make? Let Lynnika know!

Qilhwa wayitsu'l? [??-jc]	Whose dog is it?
1. rrou wayits [EB-gr]	<i>(it is) my dog</i>
2. ku wayits [??-jc]	<i>(it is) your dog</i>
3. hou wayitsu'l [EB-gr]	<i>(it is) his/her/their dog</i>
4. Yil rrou wayits goutsurr [rri'durr, rrikurr...].*	<i>I have one [two, three...] dog(s).</i>
5. Rru wayits goutsu rruqh. [EB-gr]	<i>My dog is good. / My dogs are good.</i>
6. Rrou wayits siswupt [saghupt, mulouyawupt, voubitgushupt].*	<i>My dog is black [reddish, white, yellowish-brown].</i>
7. Tutgadadilh. [JS-gr] / Dughulutgupt. [DP-kt]	<i>It's spotted.</i>
8. Wayits da lelevilh. [??-jc] Wayits da lu'luvilh. [DP-kt]	<i>The dog is barking.</i>
9. Wayits dou'wit! [EB-gr]	<i>Feed the dog!</i>
10. Hi' doumu'. [JJ-gr]	<i>I fed it/him/her.</i>
11. Gourra wayits huwaturr / payaturr. [EB-gr]	<i>That dog stinks/smells bad.</i>
12. Kouna shawak wayits. [JS-gr]	<i>Yesterday I lost my dog.</i>
13. Wurrulaqh gou goutsughurruvu'.*	<i>Today I found it again.</i>
ket	<i>cat (borrowed from English)</i>
duqht	<i>rabbit</i>
tsoutsgish	<i>bird</i>
dulaluqisgu'n	<i>horse</i>

?? = unknown speaker; EB = Elsie Barto; JS = Jane Searson; DP = Della Prince; JJ = Jerry James;

jc = Jeremiah Curtin; gr = Gladys Reichard (linguist); kt = Karl Teeter (linguist)

* = reconstructed based on similar phrases & what we know about Soulatluk grammar

Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

As always, please contact Lynnika if you have any questions about these or any other Soulatluk words and phrases!

Rra'dutwas ('I respect/think highly of you' = respectfully),
Lynnika Butler
Linguist

Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center Update

Our Cultural Center is located at **417 Second Street, Suite 101, Eureka.**
Watch our monthly Newsletter for ongoing updates!

We are open to tribal members **by appointment!** Group numbers are limited to 24 people in the space at one time. **Please contact Marnie Atkins at matkins@wiyot.us or (707) 798-1949 to schedule a time to visit.** Covid protocols are expected to be followed by all visitors, so please wear a mask and social distance as best you can.

During the month of September, the Soulatluk learning program and the Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center will partner on presenting virtual Soulatluk learning demonstrations on **Thursday, September 15 and Thursday, September 29 from 4pm-5pm (Pacific time zone).** The link to the virtual presentation is: <https://bit.ly/3qnbAIB>.

There will be a virtual Wiyot presentation on **Tuesday, September 6 at 4:00pm-5:00pm (Pacific time zone)** for those interested in learning more about Wiyot peoples, history, lifeways, etc. Topics will vary and on occasion will be driven by attendees' questions. This is a good time to explore more about traditional and contemporary lifeways of Wiyot people. The link to the presentation is: <https://bit.ly/3Jz71m0>

The staff at the Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center is excited to announce that we have been awarded a California Natural Resources Agency Youth Community Access Grant. This grant will fund various activities at the Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center. Some of those activities include establishing a Youth Stewards Advisory Group, docent training for interested individuals, and the opportunity to work at the DGRLLCC to gain important on-the-job skills, as well as learn more about managing of cultural centers, developing interpretive presentations, public outreach, giving presentations, and more! Please watch the Tribe's Newsletter and social media outlets for news as this project gets underway. If

Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

you have questions or would like more information, please contact Marnie Atkins at matkins@wiyot.us or (707) 798-1949.

Da gou rou louwi' "the ongoing return of all" (lit. 'continuous again all the returning')

When naming our new Cultural Center, Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center, we wanted a name that described that this place would house the ongoing return of all thoughts, items, ideas, and initiatives that are important to Wiyot people. This includes sacred and ceremonial practices, Soulatluk (the Wiyot language), lifeways, cultural traditions, traditional forms of community building, healthy land, water, air, plants, and animals, the return of our Ancestors from museums so they can be laid to rest, a voice in our collective history, and a stronger, more cohesive Wiyot Community. Da gou rou louwi' encompasses these ideas and goals.

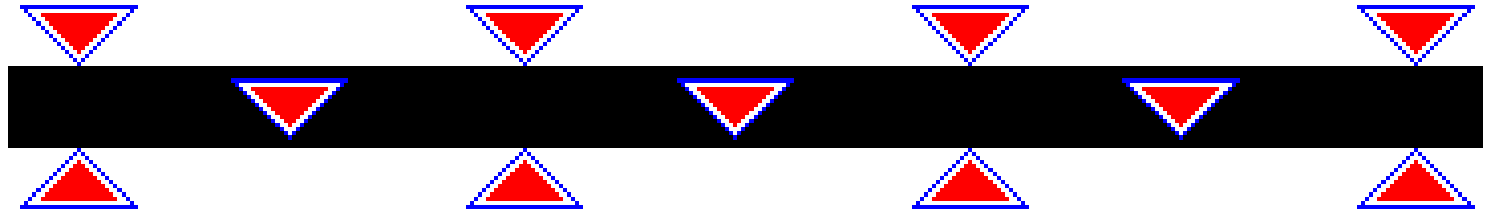
If you have questions about our Cultural Center or would like more information beyond the information provided in our Newsletter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at matkins@wiyot.us or (707) 798-1949.



Sunset on the Eel

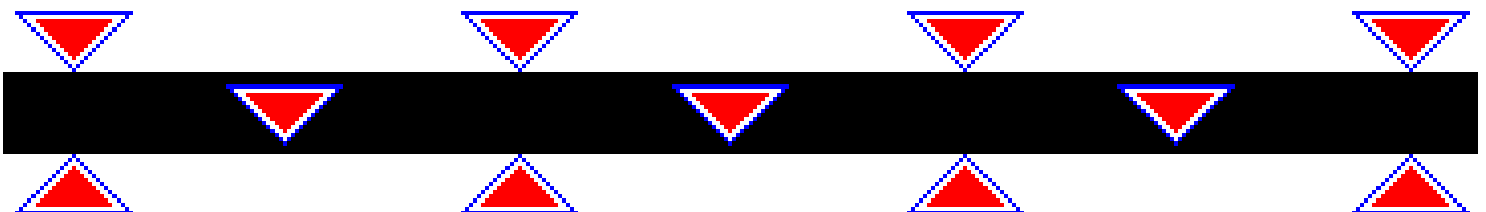
Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins



Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center Activities Schedule September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Virtual Workshop 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (PST) https://bit.ly/3Jz71m0	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Virtual Soulatluk Class 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (PST) https://bit.ly/3qnbAIB	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Virtual Soulatluk Class 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (PST) https://bit.ly/3qnbAIB	30	
<p>All classes, workshops, presentations, etc. will be held virtually, unless indicated otherwise. When events are offered in-person, masks, temperature checks, and social distancing measures will be in effect. Showing proof of vaccination status is encouraged. Please be safe and stay healthy during these difficult times.</p> <p>**Watch the Tribe's online calendar for updates.**</p>						



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Dishgamu "Love"

Submitted By: Morgan March



This summer we have collaborated with uxo architects and local tribal members to go out into the community to talk to people about their visions of home, asking questions like:

What is most important for you to have in a home?

If you could live anywhere in the region, where would you live?

As our region grows, where do you think we should build more housing?



Through these conversations we are collecting insights that will guide the design of Dishgamu Humboldt's future housing developments, while also educating the community about our work as the Wiyot Tribe's Community Land Trust and how we seek to address the environmental challenges that confront our growing region. We hope we met some of the Wiyot tribal members at the Dishgamu Humboldt table at the Wiyot Day celebration on August 27th, and you got to participate in our interactive mapping activity and housing puzzle, and that you let us know what it means for you to be home! The Dishgamu Community Land Trust (CLT) is a very young Tribal Department, which means we are still growing into what we can and should be to best serve tribal members. As you already know, the Wiyot Tribe is already showing the world what "Land Back" can mean in concrete and practical terms, from the historic return of Tuluwat Island to the recent return of Mouralherwaqh. The Dishgamu CLT is developing strategies, programs, and projects to build on those successes.

On that front, we have some exciting news from our work with private donations and community outreach. At the Aug 8th Tribal Council Business meeting the Council voted to accept the return of .28 acres of flat, undeveloped land located on Harrison Ave in Eureka. We are working with the Tribal Administrator to explore building Wiyot Housing on that site.

Council also voted to approve the return of two acres of wooded land in Bayside. There is an existing A-frame home on this parcel, the grantor has retained what is known as a "Life Estate" on this parcel, which means that although he has gifted the title to the parcel to the Wiyot Tribe, he has the right to live there until he dies.

We are also working on some "not yet official" opportunities that we expect to be able to share with you in next month's newsletter. We are excited to share that we are hiring a new Project Manager to help bring Land Back to the Tribe and to build affordable deep green housing for our community. We would love to see a Wiyot Tribal in that position. So if you (or someone you know) are interested please check out the job announcement at www.indeed.com or www.wiyot.us.



Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Health & Human Service Groups **Table Bluff Reservation Community Center**

Held with COVID-19 precautions, no more than 10 persons in the Conference Room at one time, with masking, and 6-feet social distancing. CALL PEGGY AT THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT AT 707-733-5055 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGNUPS.

GROUP COUNSELING

- Motherhood is Sacred/Fatherhood is Sacred—
ON HOLD
- Women's Talking Circle
- Children's Talking Circle at the Tsek Houdaqh program



EXERCISE GROUP

- Yil da lal, gouts gou lalh ("I am walking, I feel good again")
Fridays, 1 –1:30 PM, With community garbage pick-up every
3rd Friday.



Contact Peggy at HHS Dept at (707) 733-5055 or porcutt@wiyot.us for more information about any of these activities and to sign-up.

Tribal Citizen Services

HHS Department offers a variety of services to Wiyot Citizens:

1. Burial Assistance up to \$500.00 (Tribal Citizens)
2. Hunting/ Fishing license reimbursement (one per Wiyot household or for an Wiyot Elder, every 12 months)
3. RSTF loan up to \$200.00 (Tribal Citizens, one every 12 months)
4. Large garbage dump reimbursement (outside Table Bluff Reservation Tribal Citizens, once every 12 months)
5. Chimney Cleaning reimbursement (one per Wiyot household every 12 months)
6. Elders/Disabled wood: Elders/disabled Citizens get one cord per year from Men's Camp

Contact Peggy at the HHS Dept at (707) 733-5055 or porcutt@wiyot.us or go to www.wiyot.us for application forms.

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Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Higher Education and Vocational Training Scholarships



Important Dates:

FAFSA deadline for 2022-23 School Year: **June 30, 2023**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2023**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **2022 Open**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **2022 Open**

Note: You can all application forms on the Tribe's website at www.wiyot.us, or for more information, contact Social Work Advocate, Peggy Orcutt, at the HHS Dept at 707-733-5055.

Gutswurak da rou da'louy ("There Are a Lot of People Gathered There and They Are Talking") Domestic Violence Advisory Board



We are looking for interested Wiyot Citizens to be a part of a DV Advisory Board. The goal of the committee is to bring forth ideas and solutions to the Health & Human Services Department to increase and improve safety for victim's of domestic violence in your communities

Meetings will be held at the Community Center at Table Bluff Reservation, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551 once a month on a Thursday from 5 PM to 6 PM. Counseling Intern, Jennifer Boak, will be overseeing the meetings. The first meeting date will be determined by interest.

Interested participants will go through an application and background check to ensure the intent of the board and safety of the members.

For more information and to apply, call Robert at the HHS Department at 707-733-5055 or email rpitts@wiyot.us

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Submitted By: Robert Pitts

**Chromebooks available for
school-aged children &
college/vocational students**

37 left!

For more information and application contact Peggy Orcutt,
Social Work Advocate, at porcutt@wiyot.us or
call (707) 733-5055.

HEALTH EDUCATION—Influenza (The Flu)

Influenza (the Flu) season is here. Talk with your medical provider or local pharmacy about getting your flu vaccine.

COVID Information

COVID testing and vaccines are still being provided by UIHS at the Community Center parking lot
at 1000 Wiyot Drive, Leta CA 95551, every other Tuesday.

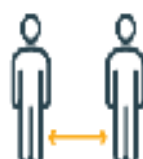
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds.
- Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

For more information on COVID, please visit CDC at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19)

**CASES ARE RISING.
ACT NOW!**



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive Program

The vaccine for COVID-19 has been deemed effective and vital to protect ourselves and our communities from this virus, and to end the pandemic.

To support the health of the Wiyot Tribe, we would like to thank you for getting your vaccination against COVID-19. Enrolled Citizens of the Tribe are eligible to receive up-to \$300 for getting vaccinated. See the incentive schedule below.

The Federal government continues to make vaccinations free of cost to everyone, and most health clinics and pharmacies are making it available. If you have any questions or concerns about the vaccination or the vaccination booster, consult your primary care physician or the Department of Public Health. Please follow the guidelines of the vaccinations and vaccination booster given to you by the health professional.

Applicant: _____ Tribal ID#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

☐ This is a new mailing address, please update my enrollment record.

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- REQUESTING: ☐ Single-dose Vaccination - \$200 total
- ☐ Double-dose Vaccination - \$100 each; \$200 total
- ☐ 1st Dose
- ☐ 2nd Dose
- ☐ 1st Booster - \$100

Submit application and copy of vaccination record to Health & Human Services, Peggy Orcutt, by fax to (707) 733-5601, email to porcutt@wiyot.us, or by mail to 1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551

By signing, I agree to the terms of this program:



COPY OF VACCINATION RECORD ATTACHED

Applicant (age 18+) or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY



Date Received: _____ COPY OF VACCINATION RECORD ATTACHED

Enrollment Verified by: _____

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

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

Sep 2022 Elder Meal Menu

Dagagawi' (Sunday)	Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh dahuluwewi'gurr (Friday)	Dagaseghurr (Saturday)
				1—Meatloaf	2—Pulled Pork	
						
	5	6— Spaghetti	7—Chef Salad	8—Chickn Chili	9— Hamburger	
	HOLIDAY, CLOSED					
	12— Enchiladas	13—Beef Stew	14—Pork Chop	15—BBQ Chicken	16—Spinach & Strawber-	
						
	19—Chili	20—Sweet & Sour Ckn	21—Denver Omelet	22—Fish Taco	23—Soup & Egg Salad	
						
	26—Frito Pie	27—Soup & Sandwich	28—Chkn Casserole	29—Pork Loin	30— Salmon	
						

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders (age 55+)" Meal Program (enrolled Native Americans)

For a Monday through Friday meal delivery within 25 miles from Table Bluff Reservation, please call Alicia at the HHS Dept. for more information at 707-733-5055.

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Submitted By: Robert Pitts

JOB OPENINGS AT Health & Human Services Department

- ♦ **Social Work Advocate**—We are looking for a second Social Work Advocate to join the department to support Tribal Citizen Services, Social Service programs, Indian Child Welfare cases, and community outreach to support Wiyot Citizens and their families. FT position, starting at \$21/hr, & benefits
- ♦ **Mental Health Advocate**—We are looking for a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (MFT) or Professional Counselor (LPC) to bring counseling services to support Wiyot Citizens and their families. FT position, starting at \$35/hr, & benefits
- ♦ **Youth Program Manager**—We are looking for a program manager to oversee the Tsek Houdaqh (Where the Children Are) youth program in all aspects:
 - ⇒ Bring daily enthusiasm to the children
 - ⇒ Plan and execute daily & monthly scheduled activities
 - ⇒ Background in current standards of problem-solving with children and issues children face in an encouraging, supportive, teaching manner
 - ⇒ Creating an environment that encourages and promotes learning, fun, responsibility and community
 - ⇒ Approaches issues and problems with solution creationFT position, starting at \$20/hr, & benefits
- ♦ **Youth Program Assistant/Tutor**—Assists the Youth Program Manager in the programming of Tsek Houdaqh by leading group activities, assisting with group activities, working one-on-one with kids as needed. This person will also have the skill-set to tutor kids in academic skills as our Bureau of Indian Education Johnson O'Malley Coordinator. FT position, starting at \$18/hr, & benefits.

Contact Heather Blevins, HR Coordinator, for more information and job application at 707-733-5055 or heather@wiyot.us



School Supplies & Clothes Request Form - 2022-2023

Applicant - Child: _____ Tribal ID# _____

Child Date of Birth: _____

Legal Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

☐ This is a new mailing address, please update my enrollment record.

Telephone: _____

REQUESTING: ☐ K-6 SCHOOL SUPPLIES - \$170
☐ 7-12 SCHOOL SUPPLIES - \$190

To be eligible for these awards the child must be an enrolled citizen of the Wiyot Tribe and enrolled in school. These funds must be requested by the child's Legal Guardian on behalf of the child and the form must be accompanied by the proof of school enrollment (see back page). Please complete one (1) application per child. Return or postmark the application by September 30, 2022.

Once the application has been approved, the funds will be released the following Friday. After the funds have been used, the Legal Guardian must return or postmark receipts by November 1, 2022, for the expended funds for school supplies and/or school clothes. **THE FULL AWARD MUST BE USED. PLEASE WRITE THE CHILD'S NAME ON THE RECEIPTS AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS. IF THE DEADLINE IS MISSED, THE AMOUNT OF AWARD WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM EITHER THE LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF AN ENROLLED CITIZEN) or THE CHILD'S NEXT RSTF DISBURSEMENT, AS WELL AS INELIGIBILITY FROM THE PROGRAM.**

Receipts turned in on-time will qualify the child for a winter supplies and clothes disbursement without need for application. The deadline to return or postmark receipts for this second winter disbursement request is April 1, 2023.

Submit receipts by fax to (707) 733-5601, email to porcutti@wiyot.us, or by mail to 1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551.

By signing, I agree to the terms of this program.

Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

☐ Receipts Attached

☐ School Verification

Enrollment Verified by: _____



Health & Human Services - Gou'wil da lahouluwuk "Taking Care of People"
1000 Wiyot Dr.
Lola, CA 95551
Phone: (707) 733-5055
Fax: (707) 733-5601

School Enrollment Verification

Child Name: _____ Child Date of Birth: _____

I, _____, hereby authorize
(LEGAL GUARDIAN)

to verify enrollment for my child.
(NAME OF SCHOOL)

By my signature below, I consent to the release.

Legal Guardian Signature.

*****To Be completed by School Staff*****

The above-named child is currently enrolled in the _____ Grade-level at
for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
(NAME OF SCHOOL)

School Staff Printed Name: _____

School Staff Title: _____

School Staff Signature: _____

Dated the _____ day of _____, _____

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Adam Canter

Introduction – Marisa McGrew, WNRD Fisheries

My name is Marisa, and I’m a lover of the Eel and Pacific lamprey. Originally hailing from the foothills of the Sierra and the south fork of the American River, I moved up to Humboldt in 2014 to attend Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt). I earned a degree in Environmental Science with a focus in ecological restoration and a minor in botany. I’ve always enjoyed the water through whitewater rafting and swimming, but I truly fell in love with river ecosystems when I was in my fifth year of college and spent hours peering through a microscope at benthic macroinvertebrates collected from the Trinity River.

This fascination grew when I joined the Watershed Stewards Program and I was serving my term at the California Conservation Corps in Fortuna where I also worked closely with Eel River Watershed Improvement Group (ERWIG). This is where my love for the Eel River began. With the CCC and ERWIG I was hiking and sometimes crawling in tributaries to the South Fork designing large wood features to enhance salmonid habitat and stream complexity. Later in the season I was working alongside and supervising CCC crews to implement those wood structures with the use of grip hoists and wood drills. Immediately following my WSP term, ERWIG hired me on as a Project Manager to stick around for a few months. I then started my rotation of ERWIG in the summer and fall, and then hopping on CDFW crews conducting spawner surveys. In the spring of 2021 while at the CDFW Arcata office, I had the amazing opportunity to observe and tag juvenile salmonids at the Freshwater weir. Another fish that would often swim through were adult Pacific lamprey. This beautiful, slithery stick of swimming butter captured my heart. I was lucky enough to hold many lamprey, look up close in awe at their mouths full of teeth, and feel their muscular bodies wriggle in my hands.

I’m excited to continue working in the Eel River basin for the Wiyot Tribe. My current mini project is collecting water samples from multiple sites within the Eel using eDNA kits. These kits will be used to detect phytoplankton, macroinvertebrates, fish and other species assemblages. I will be particularly interested in detections of Pacific lamprey, and build upon the lamprey monitoring system. For the love of lamprey!





September 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2 Oregon Shakespeare Festival	3
4 Blackberry Music Festi- val Mt. Shas- ta, CA	5 Tribal Office closed Labor Day Observed	6	7	8	9	10 Full Moon
11 Happy Na- tional Grand- parent's Day	12 BCM Meeting @ 4pm Held by zoom/phone	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 First day of Fall	23 California Indian Day	24 Round Valley Indian Days
25	26	27	28	29 Redwood Coast Music Festival	30	



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



Dee-ni' SRII-NIS *Indian Day*

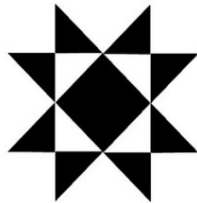
*Saturday,
September 10, 2022*

*Howonquet Hall
Community Center*

101 Indian Ct. in Smith River

Across from Lucky 7 Casino

10am-4pm



Food & Craft Vendors
Culture Demonstrations
Indigenous Works Show
Gambling
Touch-A-Truck
Stick Games
Horseshoes
Kid Activities
Raffle & More



*The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
invites the community to the
15th Annual Dee-ni' Day!*



707-487-9255 ext 1182
www.tolowa-nsn.gov/329/DEE-NI-DAY
public.relations@tolowa.com

CALIFORNIA INDIAN DAY

SAVE THE DATE



September 24th 2022

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Tish Non Community Center

**We will have Vendors, Native Softball Tournament,
Salmon Dinner, Food.**

SEEKING VENDORS

Contact Roseann at 707-733-1900 Ext.1533





Wiyot Tribal Council Meetings


2nd Monday of the month at 4 pm Pacific time

Any Tribal Member can attend live from wherever you are

To receive the link to register email: councilsupport@wiyot.us by Monday @ 12 pm.

All meeting minutes and videos are available to watch on the Wiyot Tribe's website: <http://www.wiyot.us/AgendaCenter>. A recap of the meeting is available in every newsletter.

Tribal Citizens are welcome to submit public comments: You can request to be on the agenda to speak during the public comment section of the agenda by emailing councilsupport@wiyot.us by Monday @ 12 pm. Tribal Members can submit public comments of any length to Tribal Council in writing by mail Attn: Tribal Council, 1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551 or by email to Councilsupport@wiyot.us. We love to hear from you.





Council present: Ted Hernandez, Brian Mead Vanessa Rios and Hazel Garcia & Aaron Stephenson

Staff Present: Michelle Vassel, Ted Hernandez, David Cobb, Robert Pitts Jr. & Fawn Lopez

Guest speakers Trout Unlimited & Zachary Erickson

- The agenda was approved
- The consent calendar was approved
- Council approved donation of Property at APN 015-124-002 (1725 Harrison Ave, Eureka)
- Council approved donation of APN 501-092-050 (164 Deer Fern Lane, Bay-side)
- Council Natural Resource Department staff travel to the 2022 Salmonid Restoration Federation Coho Confab (September 9-11th 2022) in Leggett, California.
- Council approved Resolution #22-16 to submit a NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center Transformation Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant due September 6, 2022
- Council Resolution #22-17 to join Round Valley Indian Tribe on a FY22 NOAA Fish Passage proposal to support the Potter Valley Project decommissioning process due August 29th, 2022
- Council Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Historic Preservation Fund Award letter and adopt Budget
- Council No-cost extension and adopt budget modification for Lhatsik Harutkshi (“Moving Stories”) ANA-ARPA 90XN0020-01-00 Grant
- Council approved 2022 Wiyot Day modified budget and adopt budget
- Council approved Memorandum of Understanding with Sheriff Department
- Council approved Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Community Mitigation Plan to reopen the Tribal Office
- Council denied project in Manila
- Directive Tribal Administrator to create climate dialog at the next all staff



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Anderson, Jade
Arellano, Keri
Atwell, James
Berens, Alyssa
Bigelow, Gabriel J.
Black, Dawn
Black, Justin C. CPL
Brown, Ryah
Brunner, Barbara
Calderon-Stephenson, Maya K.
Crawford, Machelie
Crawford, Niquel
Crellin, Daniel
Divis, Beverly
Duclo, Donnell
Evenson, Geneva
Evenson, Helen
Evenson-Foster, Nova-Aya
Fowler, Joshua
Garcia, Nikki
Gilchrist, Hunter J.
Gonzales, Xochilt
Greenberg, Tyler
Guyer, Jennifer
Hosp, James H.
Johnson, Heath
Johnson, Roland Jr.
Johnson, Sherri
Jones, Joseph C.
Keller, Janet
Keller, Sonya
Kemp, Mona
Klingsporn, Angela

Lane, Susan
Lange, Terry
Lee, Ashley
Lopez Jr., Jorge
Mager, Maia
Mallett, Natalie
Mead, Conner
Moritz, Greta
Olson, Cassandra
Olson, Johnathon
Owen, Marion
Owen, Rickey
Owen-Mead, Betty Lynn
Page, Sarah Hale
Rasco, Leland
Rivera, Andreas
Rossig Roth, Kaydence
Rossig, Vernon
Tarig, Mikael M.
Tipton Jr, Thomas K.
Tipton, Zakariya
Tompkins, Austin
Trehearne, Anita
Wolff, Melody
Woodhurst, Roy

happy
birthday



Did you
move
and for-
get to



change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email address-change@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, news-letter 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 up-dated address on file, you can call the Tribal Office to check your address 707-733-5055 80388-7633



COVID-19 VACCINE AND TESTING CLINIC

**AT TABLE BLUFF RESERVATION
ADMINISTRATION PARKING LOT**

From 11 AM to 1 PM

Starting 5/27/2021 and every other week, until further notice

Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted HernandezTribal Chairman (2020-2024)
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2022-2026)
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)
rrawuraghu'miyuk Linda Lange.....Treasurer (2019-2023)
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member (2021-2025)
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2019-2023)
Aaron StephensonCouncil Member (2020-2024)

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
Heather Blevins.....Emergency Operator
Aaron Stephenson...Maintenance Technician
Melvin "Junior" Farmer...Maintenance Assistant
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper

Hiwechk "Money"

Farzad ForouharFiscal Technician
Jack Kennard.....Fiscal Technician

Gou'will da lalouluwuk "Taking care of People"

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director
Alicia Morgan..Laqilh Haluni Assistant
Gary Markussen Sr.....ICWA Advocate
Vacant.....Transportation Driver
Peggy Orcutt.....Social Work Advocate
Noell Danis.....Social Work Advocate
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT
Jennifer Boak.....Counseling Mental Heath

Lhatsik Houmoulul'i "House of Tradition"

Ted Hernandez.....Cultural Director
Hazel Garcia.....Cultural Assistant
Dr. Lynnika ButlerLinguist
Vacant.....Language Specialist
Marnie Atkins.....Cultural Museum Manager

Tsek Houdagh "Where the Children are"

VacantYouth Program Manager
Margaret Card.....Johnson O'Malley Coordinator
Grant Bryant.....Youth Program Assistant

Shawir Darrudaluduk "We belong to the Wilderness"

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director
Dr. Bill Matsubu.....Fisheries Biologist
Vacant.....Natural Resources Technician
Vacant...Natural Resources Technician

Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



1000 Wiyot Drive
Loleta, California 95551

Phone:

707.733.5055/800.388.7633

Fax: 707.733.5601



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: _____



Wiyot Tribe
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Lolita, CA 95551