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Wiyot Tribe

September 1, 2023  
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# *The Da'luk*

## **General Council Meeting**

**October 7th, 2023**

**Polls will be open to vote from 10 am to 1 pm**

**1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551**

If you are unable to attend the Wiyot Tribal Election scheduled for October 7th, 2023, you can vote by absentee ballot. In order to receive an Absentee Ballot a form requesting the absentee ballot must be RECEIVED in the Tribal Office not fewer than 14 days before the election (September 22, 2023). Please do not wait until the deadline to submit the request, get your request early so there is enough time for you to receive the ballot by mail and return it by Election Day. If you voted by absentee ballot last time and submitted a permanent Absentee Ballot your absentee ballot will automatically be mailed. If you are unsure if you requested a permanent Absentee Ballot you can contact the office at (707) 733-5055 to verify you are on the permanent Absentee Ballot list.



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**



Wiyot Tribe  
General Council Meeting  
October 7, 2023  
Polls open 10 am-1pm

## **Agenda**

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Annual Meeting April 1st, 2023
- III. Agenda Items
  - a. Allow disenrolled minors to retain their Age of Majority funds after they have been disenrolled from the Tribe, this includes members disenrolled after a ballot initiative passed in October of 2019 caused minor children who disenrolled to forfeit the funds held for them.
  - b. Amend section 2.05.050 of the Code of Conduct to read, "Tribal employees may be candidates for election to the Tribal Council either as members or as officers. During a term on the Council, the member or officer may continue to be employed by the Tribe or may seek Tribal employment however members of Council will be barred from holding a director level position. A member of Council may not perform work for the Tribe as an independent contractor."
  - c. Approve Draft Housing Ordinance – Chapter 4.10  
(Must be adopted by a majority vote of Homeowners or Residents of the New Table Bluff Reservation only)
- IV. Reports:
  - d. Chairman
  - e. Vice-Chairman
  - f. Secretary
  - g. Treasurer
- V. Adjournment



## Wiyot Tribe Absentee Ballot Request

I am unable to attend the Wiyot Tribal Election scheduled for October 7, 2023 and I am request-ing 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 22, 2023).*

**FOR OFFICE UNSE ONLY**

An Official Absentee Ballot was sent to the name and address above on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 UNSE ONLY**

A Permanent Absentee Ballot request was placed in the Tribal Roll Database on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

## **DRAFT—**

### **Chapter 4.10**

#### **Housing Ordinance**

##### **Section 1: Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the Wiyot Tribe Housing Ordinance.

##### **Section 2: Authority**

The Tribal Council of the Wiyot Tribe enacts this Ordinance pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1(c) of the Tribe’s Constitution, to promote the general health and welfare of the Tribe and its citizens, and Article VI, Section 1(d), to promulgate and enforce ordinances governing, *inter alia*, housing.

##### **Section 3: Findings**

The Tribal Council finds and declares as follows:

- (a) There is a shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations that Citizens of the Wiyot Tribe can afford and who want to live in the Wiyot Service Area.
- (b) The lack of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in the Wiyot Service Area constitutes a threat to the health and welfare of Wiyot Citizens, and requires the expenditure of Wiyot Tribe funds and other public funds to address these problems because these problems cannot be adequately addressed by private enterprise.
- (c) The Wiyot Moul Association has contributed to solutions to address housing inadequacies in the Wiyot Service Area, but that organization is ill-equipped to provide the full range of housing services to Wiyot Citizens, because it is principally a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) that implements funds under the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Development (HUD), one among many federal and state housing programs available to the Wiyot Tribe.
- (d) Enhancing the supply of affordable housing for Wiyot Citizens will contribute to the self-sufficiency of the Wiyot Tribe by improving conditions for economic development generally, increasing employment for Wiyot Citizens, and contributing to a stable and safe environment on the Wiyot Reservation and adjacent areas in the Wiyot Service Area.
- (e) The Tribal Council’s creation of a Wiyot Tribe Housing Authority will ensure that programs and services to provide dwelling accommodations Wiyot Citizens in the Wiyot Service Area will be administered fairly and accountably.

##### **Section 4: Purposes**

The purposes of this ordinance are:



- (a) To create a non-profit organization known as the Wiyot Tribe Housing Authority with power to administer housing programs for the benefit of Wiyot Citizens.
- (b) To establish rules of governance for the Wiyot Tribe Housing Authority to ensure that its operations and functions are accountable to the Wiyot Citizens.
- (c) To terminate the operations and legal status of the Wiyot Moul Association and transfer all of its functions to the Wiyot Housing Authority.
- (d) To provide opportunities for the Wiyot Tribe to access programs that seek to alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings in the Wiyot Service Area.
- (e) To create a Wiyot Tribe Housing Authority that may also function as a Community Based Development Organization to administer Community Development Block Grants as a subrecipient under applicable HUD regulations; to engage in community development activities in Humboldt County, California; and to improve the physical, economic, or social environment of the Wiyot Service Area, with particular attention to the needs of persons of low- and moderate-income.

## **Section 5: Definitions**

The following terms shall have the meanings as set forth below, except where a different meaning plainly appears from the context of their usage:

- (a) “Authority” means the Wiyot Tribe Housing Authority.
- (b) “Board” means the Board of Commissioners established by Section 8 of this Ordinance.
- (c) “Commissioner” means a member of the Board of Commissioners.
- (d) “Housing Project” means any work or undertaking to provide or assist in providing decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations and associated buildings, leaseholds, equipment, and facilities, and supporting appurtenances such as streets, sewers, water services, utilities, parks, site preparation or landscaping.
- (e) “Moral Turpitude” means conduct that is contrary to justice, honesty, or morality or such an extreme departure from ordinary Wiyot standards of justice, honesty and or morality as to be shocking to the moral sense of Wiyot people.
- (f) “NAHASDA” means the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 4101 et seq. and implementing regulations, 25 C.F.R. Part 1000.
- (g) “Obligation” means any note, bond, interim certificate, debenture, or other form of obligation issued by the Authority pursuant to this Ordinance.
- (h) “Officer” means the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Board.
- (i) “Reservation” means the Wiyot Reservation.

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- (j) “Tribal Council” means the Wiyot Tribal Council.
- (k) “Tribe” means the Wiyot Tribe.
- (l) “Wiyot Citizens” means enrolled members of the Wiyot Tribe, and their immediate families.
- (m) “Wiyot Service Area” means the Reservation and ancestral territory as set forth in the Wiyot Constitution in Article II.

## **Section 6: Effect of Ordinance**

Upon the enactment of this Ordinance by the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council shall promulgate and adopt a plan to transition the operations and functions of the Wiyot Moul Association to the Authority. Upon the completion of implementation of that plan, as determined by the Tribal Council, the Wiyot Moul Association shall wind up its affairs and shall be dissolved.

- (a) This Ordinance shall not affect the validity or legal status of any Wiyot Moul Association project or action; nor shall the Ordinance affect any right accruing or accrued to any individual under any project or program administered by the Wiyot Moul Association.
- (b) All obligations of the Wiyot Moul Association shall continue beyond the enactment of this Ordinance until they are fulfilled.
- (c) The Wiyot Moul Association shall resolve any outstanding liabilities before winding up its affairs in compliance with this Ordinance.

## **Section 7: Sovereign Immunity**

Pursuant to Wiyot law, the Tribal Council hereby creates the Wiyot Housing Authority as a subordinate political subdivision of the Wiyot Tribe that shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the Tribe in implementing its projects and programs.

- (a) As a political subdivision or arm of the Tribe, the Authority, the Board of Commissioners, individual commissioners, and employees and agents shall be immune from unconsented lawsuits in any court or proceeding to the fullest extent allowed by federal law.
- (b) The Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Authority to waive its immunity from suit by resolution of the Board on reasonable terms and conditions limited to the subject matter of the agreement, contract, claim or obligation that is intended to be enforced, provided however that no waiver shall authorize the payment of Wiyot funds or NAHASDA funds as a remedy for violations. Any waiver resolution shall require the favorable votes of at least three (3) members of the Board.
- (c) The Authority shall have no authority to waive the sovereign immunity of the Wiyot Tribe from unconsented suit.
- (d) The Wiyot Tribe shall not be liable for any of the debts or obligations of the Authority.

## **Section 8: Powers of the Wiyot Tribe Housing Authority**

The Authority shall have the following powers to be exercised consistently with the purposes of this Ordinance:

- (a) To enter into agreements, contracts, and memoranda of understandings with federal, state, local or tribal agencies; persons; partnerships; for-profit or not-for-profit corporations; and other entities related to the housing assistance to Wiyot Citizens.
- (b) To borrow or lend money and to issue temporary or long-term evidence of indebtedness, and to repay the same.
- (c) To lease property from the Tribe and others for such periods as are authorize by law, and to hold, manage and sublease the same.
- (d) To pledge the assets and receipts of the Authority as security for debts; and to acquire, sell, lease, exchange, transfer or assign personal property or interests therein.
- (e) To purchase land or interests in land; to receive land or interests in land by donation; and to lease land or interests in land to the extent provided by law.
- (f) To undertake studies and analyses of Wiyot housing needs; and to prepare Wiyot housing plans.
- (g) To operate housing projects; to provide for the construction of housing projects; and to provide for the improvement, alteration or repair of any project or portion thereof.
- (h) To lease, rent, sell, or enter into lease-purchase agreements or leases with options to purchase any project dwellings, lands, buildings, or facilities.
- (i) To promulgate and adopt regulations and rules necessary implement Wiyot housing projects.
- (j) To purchase supplies, equipment, or other personal property, and to purchase insurance for such property, as necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Authority.
- (k) To establish and maintain bank accounts for the Authority.
- (l) To invest such funds as are not required for immediate investment, consistent with applicable law.
- (m) To hire, compensate and direct an executive director, and other employees necessary to implement Wiyot housing projects and programs.
- (n) To establish and implement neighborhood revitalization projects in Humboldt County, California.
- (o) To establish and implement community economic development projects principally for persons of low- and moderate-income in Humboldt County.

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- (p) To establish and implement energy conservation projects that address energy conservation.

## **Section 9: Establishment of the Board**

There is hereby established a Board of Commissioners that shall manage the affairs of the Authority. The Board shall consist of five (5) members, known as Commissioners, whose eligibility requirements and appointments shall be as follows:

- (a) The Tribal Council shall appoint the members of the Board.
- (b) At least three (3) members of the Board shall be enrolled members of the Wiyot Tribe.
- (c) The Tribal Council shall appoint one (1) of its members to serve on the Board as the liaison to the Authority.
- (d) Persons with federal or state criminal felony convictions, whether through a plea agreement or trial, within three (3) years of candidacy for appointment, and persons with convictions for crimes of moral turpitude, whether through a plea agreement or trial, within three (3) years of candidacy for appointment shall be ineligible to serve on the Board. The facts of such conviction shall be disclosed to the Tribal Council.
- (e) Board members who are convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, whether through a plea agreement or a trial, while serving on the Board shall be immediately removed.
- (f) No person shall be deemed ineligible from serving on the Board due to his or her status as a tenant or homebuyer in a housing project administered by the Authority, or the Wiyot Moul Association before its dissolution.

## **Section 10: Commissioners Staggered Terms of Office**

The Tribal Council shall appoint one (1) commissioner to serve a one-year term; two (2) commissioners to serve two-year terms, and two (2) commissioners to serve three-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, the Tribal Council shall reappoint the same commissioner or appoint a new commissioner for the same term. Upon removal of a commissioner, the Tribal Council shall appoint a new commissioner to serve the remaining period of that term. No person shall serve more than a cumulative total of 10 years on the Board.

## **Section 11: Commissioners' Compensation**

The Tribal Council may fix the amount of compensation commissioners may receive for their service on the Board. Commissioners shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

## **Section 12: Board By-Laws**

The Board shall adopt by-laws to govern the affairs of the Authority, which shall include, but not be limited to, appointment of Board officers; procedures for removal of commissioners for cause; quorum requirements; creation and maintenance of records of Board meetings; scheduling of Board meetings; conflict of interest policies; and terms of the oath of office for each

commissioner. Conflict of interest policies shall be at least as strict as the conflict-of-interest policy applicable to the Tribal Council under Sections 2.05.020 through 2.05.040 of the Wiyot Tribal Code (Council Code of Conduct).

## **Section 13: Annual Report**

The Authority shall submit an annual written report to the Tribal Council showing:

- (a) A summary of the year’s activities
- (b) The financial condition of the Authority
- (c) The condition of the properties
- (d) The number of units and vacancies
- (e) Any significant problems and accomplishments
- (f) Housing plans for the future or under development
- (g) Such other information as the Authority or the Tribal Council shall deem pertinent

## **Section 14: Semi-Annual Meetings**

The Authority shall meet with the Tribal Council every six months to orally report on its activities and to discuss any problems that have arisen following that preceding meeting.

## **Section 15: Fidelity Bond**

The Authority shall obtain or provide for obtaining an adequate fidelity bond for persons handling cash, or authorized to sign checks or negotiable instruments on behalf of the Authority.

## **Section 16: Property Exempt From Sale**

All Authority property, including funds acquired or held by the Authority under any federal program, including NAHASDA, shall be exempt from levy, sale, charge or lien by judicial process or judgment.

## **Section 17: Tribal Council Oversight**

At the Tribal Council’s request, the Authority shall provide to the Council annual operating budgets, Indian Housing Plans, annual performance reports, policies and procedures and quarterly fiscal reports for each grant.

- (a) The Tribal Council, or its designee, shall have the right to inspect and copy any records of the Authority for oversight and monitoring purposes.

## **Section 18: Dedication of Assets to Housing Purposes**

Authority property is irrevocably dedicated to the provision of housing and related assistance and no part of the net income or assets of the Authority shall ever inure to the benefit of any employee or commissioner or to the benefit of any private person.

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## **Section 19: Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Authority, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for the payment of, all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a non-profit organization created under Wiyot law or to a political subdivision of the Wiyot Tribe that is organized and operated exclusively to provide housing and related assistance. If no such organization or agency can be identified, the Authority’s assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization created under California law that is organized and operated exclusively to provide housing and related assistance.





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

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## **Tsek Houdagh "Where the Children Are" Summer Youth Program**

Join us this Summer for fun and engaging activities!

### **Summer Hours:**

June 12th-August 18th

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM-4:00 PM



Call or Visit the Tsek Houdagh  
Youth Center at (707) 733-5055 to  
Enroll Your Child Today!



### **Tsek Houdagh Youth Center Summer Food Service Program**

*Throughout the summer, the Tsek Houdagh Youth Center will be serving  
breakfast and lunch to all children, up to the age of 18.*

*Starting June 12, 2023 and ending August 18, 2023, meals will be served  
Monday through Friday, except on holidays.*

#### **Daily Meal Times:**

- ◇ Breakfast: 8:30 AM– 9:00 AM
- ◇ Lunch: 11:30 AM– 12:00 PM

\*All meals are served with 1% or Fat-Free Milk

For more information, call (707) 733-5055

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## **Tsek Houdaqh's Activity Calendar**

August 2023



Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh da- huluvewi'gurr (Friday)
	1 DIY Kinetic Sand	2 Swimmer's Delight W/ NRD	3 Youth Leadership Meeting @ 2:30 PM	4 DIY Yarn Ball
7 DIY Geodes	8 Cultural Center Workshop	9 BLM Headwaters- Salmon Creek W/ NRD	10 Mouralherwaqh Dugout Project	11 Bird Seed Ornaments
14 DIY Rain Sticks	15 DIY Frozen Lava Lamps	16 Kayaking Wigi W/ NRD	17 Paper Making	18 Water Day <i>Last Day of Summer Youth Program</i>
21	22	23	24	25
Closed for Preservice				
28 Back to School Collage	29 DIY Worry Stones	30 Paper Bag Book	31 DIY Bookmarkers	

To participate in field trips, children must have a current and complete Tsek Houdaqh Membership Packet on file and a signed permission slip for each field trip.



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

Submitted By: Robert Pitts



## Youth Leadership Meeting

Wiyot Community Center  
Thursday, August 3, 2023  
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

This FREE in-person event is an opportunity to connect with youth from the community, learn leadership skills, and have your voice heard through fun activities!  
Open to all ages

Hosted by Tsek Houdagh in partnership with  
True North Organizing Network

Questions? Contact:  
Youth Program Manager, Elizabeth Hernandez  
(707) 733-5055 ext. 117

## Tsek Houdagh Parent Committee

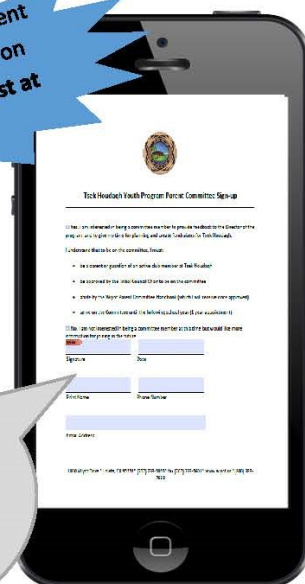
Are you interested in participating in the Tsek Houdagh Parent Committee? The role of the Parent Committee is to help guide Tsek Houdagh staff as they develop and implement activities that meet the Johnson O'Malley (JOM), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and Youth Program goals. Parents are invited to attend the monthly committee meetings, make suggestions for individual activities, and offer suggestions to help improve the overall Tsek Houdagh Youth Program. The Parent Committee will also guide the program's eligibility

requirements, program rules, and volunteer requirements.

Join us at the Next Parent  
Committee Meeting on  
Monday, August 21st at  
6:00 PM



Scan the QR Code  
above to access our  
Enrollment Packet/  
Parent Committee  
Sign-Up!



Tsek Houdagh Youth Program Parent Committee Sign-up

I, the undersigned, being a resident of the County of Butte, California, do hereby certify that I am a parent or guardian of a child who is enrolled in the Tsek Houdagh Youth Program and I am interested in participating in the Parent Committee.

I understand that the role of the Parent Committee is to:

- be a member of the Parent Committee and attend all meetings.
- be responsible for the child's behavior and discipline.
- be responsible for the child's attendance and participation in the program.
- be responsible for the child's safety and well-being.

I, the undersigned, being a parent or guardian of a child who is enrolled in the Tsek Houdagh Youth Program, do hereby certify that I am a parent or guardian of a child who is enrolled in the Tsek Houdagh Youth Program and I am interested in participating in the Parent Committee.

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

The Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center has new open hours! We will be open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 12pm-5pm. Stop by and see us!

Programming has started! On September 13, from 3pm-4pm, we will talk about Soulatluk revitalization efforts. Guests will be Dr. Lynnika Butler, the Tribe's Linguist, Nina Lorange-Ganong, Language Specialist, and Marnie Atkins, Soulatluk learner and teacher. This event will be facilitated by Jazzmin Fontenot, DGRGCC Assistant and Docent.

The event is free, but we are limited in space, so please follow the link below to register for a seat.

<https://tinyurl.com/soulatluk>

Check out our Facebook page for updated open hours at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center:

<https://www.facebook.com/DGRGCC/>. Note that you do not need to have a Facebook account to access the information. It is available to view for everyone.

The Cultural Center will be open for Arts Alive! on Saturday, September 2, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This month, we will welcome in our Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust team. Stop by, play a board game with them, and walk around the Cultural Center.

The Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center is located at **417 Second Street, Suite 101, Eureka.**

Jouwaksh (See you later)!



Elders and Culture Knowledge Bearers are needed to share their knowledge with other Wiyot people who wish to learn. Do you know how to weave (medallions, baskets, fishing nets, etc.)? Make eel hooks? Do you know how to gather plants for weaving, food, and/or medicines? Are you a storyteller that would like to mentor others in storytelling? Maybe you know some of the history of the Wiyot people and Tribe and want to share it with others? Are you a song maker and would like to mentor other song makers? Have you made regalia, dresses, and other ceremonial and/or dance items and would you like to teach others? Maybe you are an inspired jewelry maker and want to inspire other jewelry makers?

If you answered "Hi' " (yes) to any of these questions, the Wiyot Tribe's Cultural Department and Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center needs you and your expertise! We are looking for teachers and mentors who have traditional cultural knowledge and/or traditional ecological knowledge to share with others. All levels of experience and ages will be taught through small workshops. Some workshops will be more intensive than others and may include a series of workshops to better convey the knowledge you wish to share. And some workshops will be videoed to teach future generations of Wiyot people. **We offer honorariums for your gift of knowledge and time.**

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# Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

# September

Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center  
Calendar of Activities

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Arts Alive! 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
3	4	5	6 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	7	8 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	9 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
10	11	12	13 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Speaker Series: Language Revitalization 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	14	15 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	16 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
17	18	19	20 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	21	22 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	23 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
24	25	26	27 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	28	29 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	30 Open 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

**Soulatluk**

**Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisugu'l**

*its again coming to life*

**Vushurouk Hulutgudaluqh, 2023**

*September ("the 9<sup>th</sup> month")*

## **RESCHEDULING VIDEO SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

We did not have enough signups for our video skills workshops originally scheduled for August, so we are planning to reschedule them in September or October. Please fill out the online survey if you would like to participate (and don't forget—stipends are available for Wiyot tribal members!!!).



<https://qrco.de/be5bQw>





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

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

(If the online survey is not convenient for you, please email [lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us) with the following information by September 15):

## **VIDEO SKILLS WORKSHOP SCHEDULING SURVEY**

Your name & contact information (phone and/or email)

Your age (all ages are welcome to participate!)

Your preferred workshop dates:

September 24-30

October 16-22

October 22-28

Your preferred workshop location/time:

Table Bluff Reservation (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center, 417 2nd St., Jaroujji/Eureka (5:30-8:30 p.m.)

Neither (but I want to view online video recordings afterward)

## **ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS:**

Wiyot filmmaker **Michelle Hernandez** and her husband and video partner Richie Winzler will teach a five-day video filming & editing workshop for Wiyot tribal members through the Tribe's BIA Living Languages grant. The workshops will cover:

How to set up a good shot and film video with your smartphone or an iPad or camera (available to borrow from the Tribe)

How to record high-quality audio

How to use editing software to fine-tune your video, add effects, etc.

The goal of the grant is to create a library of short videos on any topic, with audio and subtitles in Soulatluk.

As part of the grant, participants will be expected to create a short video (2 or 3 minutes+) using the skills learned during the workshops. Language staff will help you translate what you want to say into Soulatluk, coach you on pronunciation, and record audio with you!

The finished videos will be made available to the tribal community for language learning through the Tribe's website, social media, YouTube, etc.

**Rra'dutwas** ('I respect/think highly of you' = respectfully),



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By Adam Canter



## Summer Fun with the WNRD and Fall Projects to Come!

The Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) has had a productive, busy, and fun summer season, with many accomplishments under our belt as we prepare to move into the beautiful fall season and end of our fiscal year (9/30/23). Highlights include playing a major role in operating the resistance-board weir on the South Fork Eel River as an experimental control method for the invasive predatory Sacramento pikeminnow, which feed on juvenile salmonids and lamprey, as well as compete for habitat (see article by Fisheries Technician Alex Juan in this issue!). Technicians Stacy Giraldo and Alex Juan played a primary role in monitoring and conducting surveys above and below weir, along with other removal methods under the guidance of WNRD Fisheries Specialist Marisa McGrew, and we want to commend them for their dedication to this effort, which is part of a multifaceted approach to restore the Wiya't (Eel River).

Our Forest Resources Specialist, Zach Erickson completed a packed season of fieldwork and summer intern program assisting with baseline data collection at Mouralherwaqh for the Eco-Cultural Restoration and Management Plan, working with the tribal interns and Cal Poly Humboldt professor Dr. Bubba (Daniel) Lipe, who focuses on Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science integration. Zach and Marisa have also been working with our partners at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to begin planning work under our Good Neighbor Authority to conduct forest and stream restoration, including eco-cultural restoration within hazelnut stands at the Headwaters Forest Reserve, which includes the Hiksha'ri (Elk River), as well as working to quantify abundance of the invasive Sacramento pikeminnow along the BLM Elkhorn Ridge portion of the South Fork Eel.

This month we also initiated training and monitoring for the presence of Freshwater Harmful Algal Blooms (FHABs) along the lower Wiya't (Eel River) near Palmer Creek and Fernbridge and are thankful to our partners at the Blue Lake Rancheria, Jacob Pounds and Dr. Bill Matsubu for assisting us, along with Michael Thomas of North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board who came up from Santa Rosa. We will be continuing FHAB monitoring thru September and will keep the Tribal community updated on our findings.

Other summer highlights included hosting six WNRD led environmental educational field trips with the Tsek Houdaah youth program to important Wiyot places like Ma-le'l Dunes, Mouralherwaqh, Ocean Ranch, Lost Coast Headlands, and kayaking on the Wigi! We look forward to having additional funding to provide more fieldtrips thru our EPA PPG funding in 2024. This month we will also be finalizing our EPA Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP) which identifies WNRD priorities for 2024-2028.

# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By Adam Canter

Other future exciting upcoming work includes kicking off the Wiyot Native Plant Nursery this month with recently hired Nursery Manager Alex Kovary, who will be working under contracts supported by CDFW through both Duck’s Unlimited and the Mattole Restoration Council (\$100K) to collect and propagate culturally important plants for restoration and Wiyot native plant gardens and patches at Ocean Ranch and the Table Bluff Eco-Reserve. This will continue to build the WNRD capacity to consult and contract on restoration work within ancestral territory while also serving as economic development for the Tribe. To learn more about WNRD activities and how to be involved please reach out anytime! Hou’! Adam Canter, Natural Resources Director, [adam@wiyot.us](mailto:adam@wiyot.us) 707-733-5055 x 105



*Figure 1. Jacob Pounds discusses identifying and sampling for harmful algal blooms near Palmer Creek and the Wiya’t (Eel), with WNRD and Blue Lake Environmental Dept. staff. August 1, 2023. A. Canter*



*Figure 2. Tsek Houdaqh kayaking Wigi, across from Jaroujiji (Eureka), August 16, 2023. A. Canter.*

## Partnerships That Help Us Thrive



Dishgamu's work centers restoring balance and abundance throughout all of Wiyot ancestral territory. One of the most important aspects of the work we do is to help all people living in the community to build personal and professional resilience in order to enhance our relationships with this place, one another, and ourselves. One way that we accomplish this is by engaging with other communities and organizations who strive to make the same positive changes in the world.

Here are a couple of ways we are working towards strengthening our ties and supporting the communities:

### *Transformative 25*

The Gouts Lakawoulh Hiwech Fund (money that makes us well) is a fund that was created by the Wiyot Tribal Council to help Dishgamu facilitate land return. The Fund was selected to be one of twenty-five total funds selected annually to be highlighted by the nonprofit, Transformative 25 (T25).

T25 is an annual list of funds, banks and initiatives that show how the finance system can work for people and the planet. Those who are selected include organizations that work to advance social and economic justice and regenerative finance in various ways, including: integrated capital, creative finance, social, relational and ecological returns and democratic ownership and governance. T25 creates community for the Gouts Lakawoulh Hiwech Fund, connecting us to the other selected funds as well as sources of funding that work in more flexible ways to support the work we are accomplishing.

In late August, Dishgamu staff was able to present with other Indigenous-led T25 funds on the important value of the Gouts Lakawoulh Hiwech Fund to the Tribe, and the work we do at Dishgamu. Speaking about this with others helps us convey the importance of Tribal values and leadership, while also building strong relationships. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage in these spaces with other passionate and talented organizations!



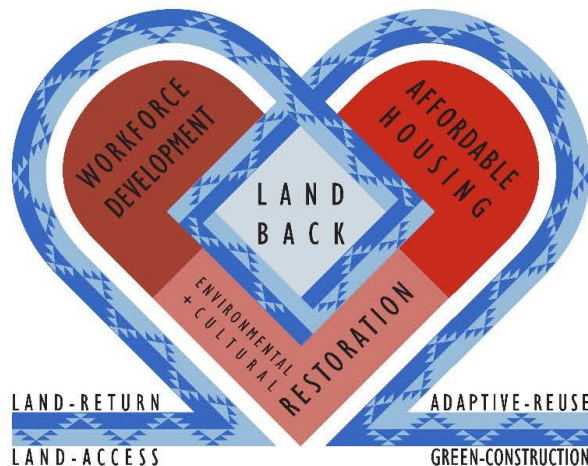
### *California Community Land Trust Network*

In 2023, Dishgamu joined the membership of the California Community Land Trust Network (CACLTN). Community Land Trusts are a growing force that help fight rising housing costs at a time when gentrification is rising fast across the state. The CACLTN supports the development and growth of permanently affordable, community-controlled land and housing all across the state of California. Other members of the CLT include organizations from all across the state, collectively stewarding over 1,500 permanently affordable homes, and housing over 3,500 Californians.

As you know, Dishgamu has a specific focus of building affordable housing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness. Additionally, our priority is to help Wiyot Tribal Citizens and other Indigenous peoples find affordable housing. Becoming a member of CALCTN means that we further the fight against displacement of BIPOC and low-income families.

As a result of these partnerships, along with others, we strive to build strength throughout Wiyot lands, in the form of social, environmental, and cultural health. By showcasing the values that the Wiyot Tribe holds true for this community, we can tell a story about how the Tribe not only prioritizes the health of Wiyot citizens, but the health of each of us – and has done so since time immemorial.

It is our goal that by continuing to present our current and upcoming projects, as well as our future dreams for this community, others can follow suit – by prioritizing Tribal leadership and working towards LandBack!



### **Dishgamu in the Community!**

Our staff is excited to share that we will be tabling at multiple events this month. Come stop by and say hello, or play our housing game during the following events:

- Arts! Alive on September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Join us from 6-9 pm at the Wiyot Cultural Center this month!
- The 49<sup>th</sup> annual North Country Fair! Come by and check out our booth, play our housing game, or just say hello on Saturday and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!



on the ARCAT PLAZA

49<sup>th</sup> Annual

THE SAME  
OLD PEOPLE  
PRESENT!

CRAFTS  
FOOD  
MUSIC

# NORTH COUNTRY FAIR

10 am  
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17<sup>th</sup>

## CREATING THE OW

SATURDAY 1pm  
ALL SPECIES  
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"BRING  
YOUR OWN CUP"



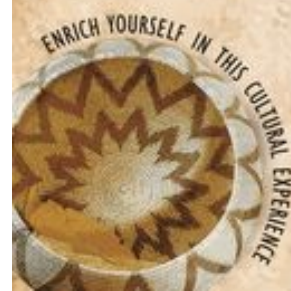




MIDDLETOWN RANCHERIA & TWIN PINE CASINO & HOTEL



# INDIAN DAY CELEBRATION



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16th**

**NOON-5:00 PM**

**TRADITIONAL  
DANCE GROUPS**

**COMPLIMENTARY  
NATIVE CUISINE**  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

**HANDMADE  
CRAFTS**

**FUN KIDS  
ACTIVITIES**

## CALIFORNIA INDIAN DAYS

**SEPT. 30TH 2023**

11AM-6PM  
BEAR RIVER RECREATION CENTER  
265 KEISNER, LOLETA, CA 95551

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

- Native American Arts & Craft vendors
- Demonstration Dances
- Traditional Salmon Dinner
- Men and Women's Gambling with Cash prizes
- Food and Informational Vendors



- Appearance & Presentation by Miss Indian World Tori McConnell



**Drug & Alcohol free event**



**BEAR RIVER BAND**  
of the rohnerville rancheria



# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA,  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,  
UNITED INDIAN HEALTH & CAL POLY HUMBOLDT PRESENT:

## A CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION

**Ft. Hip Hop Artist-Supaman!**

# WE ARE STILL HERE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, 5:45PM-8PM**  
**JAY WILLARD GYM, EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS**

STORYTELLING, NATIVE COMEDY, APPEARANCE AND  
MEET & GREET WITH MISS INDIAN WORLD, TORI MCCONNELL,  
PLUS A SPECIAL LIVE PERFORMANCE & MEET AND GREET WITH  
NATIONALLY RENOWN NATIVE HIP-HOP ARTIST -SUPAMAN!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**FREE EVENT FOR THE**  
**ENTIRE FAMILY!**

**CRAFT VENDORS, LOCAL**  
**EATS, CLUBS ACTIVITIES**  
**AND MORE!**



The poster features three photographs of event participants. On the left, a man wearing a grey hoodie, sunglasses, and a red beaded necklace. In the center, a man wearing a Native American headdress with a circular face mask and holding a bow. On the right, a woman wearing a Native American headdress and holding a large bouquet of yellow flowers.



The bottom of the poster features a row of logos. From left to right: a Native American figure in a red and black outfit, the Cal Poly Humboldt logo (a green circle with a white 'H' and 'ESTABLISHED 1913'), the Eureka City Schools logo (a white circle with a black border and the text 'Eureka City Schools'), the Blue Lake Rancheria logo (a circular logo with a mountain and the text 'BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA'), the United Indian Health logo (a circular logo with a red and black design and the text 'UNITED INDIAN HEALTH'), and the Northern California Indian Development Council logo (a circular logo with a red and black design and the text 'NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL').



## SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Tribal Office Closed In Observed La- bor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Happy Grandpar- ents Day	11 BCM 4pm	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 CA Indian Day	23 First Day of Autumn
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Keri Atwell, James Berens,  
Alyssa Bigelow, Gabriel J.  
Black, Dawn  
Black, Justin C. CPL Boyd,  
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Foster, Nova-Aya  
Fowler, Joshua Garcia, Nik-  
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zales, Xochilt Greenberg,  
Tyler Guyer, Jennifer Hosp,  
James H. Johnson, Heath  
Johnson, Sherri Jones, Jo-  
seph C. Keller, Janet  
Keller, Sonya  
Kemp, Mona Klingsporn,  
Angela Lane, Susan  
Lange, Terry

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ia Mallet, Natalie Mead,  
Conner Moritz, Greta Olson,  
Cassandra Olson, Johnathon  
Owen, Marion Owen, Rickey  
Owen-Mead, Bety Page, Sa-  
rah Hale Rasco, Leland Rive-  
ra, Andreas Rossig Roth,  
Kaydence Rossig, Vernon  
Tarig, Mikael M. Tipton Jr,  
Thomas K. Tipton, Zakariya  
Tompkins, Austin Trehearne,  
Anita Wolff, Melody Wood-  
hurst, Roy



happy  
birthday



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Wenoutwilh payments, newsletter  
and other important Tribal mail.  
Also, when changing your address  
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charge for a stop payment to re-  
place checks lost in the mail. This is  
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the checks were mailed out to re-  
issue another RSTF check.***



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

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## **Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together” Administration**

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Vacant.....Administrative Analyst  
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant  
Heather Blevins.....Administrative Assistant  
Vacant.....Enrollment Clerk  
Hazel Garcia.....Receptionist  
Farzad Forouhar .....Finance Manager  
Jack Kennard.....Accounting Manager  
Katherine Culleney.....Accounts Payable Specialist

## **Wiyot Tribal Council**

Ted Hernandez .....Tribal Chairman (2020-2024)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2023-2026)  
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)  
Michelle Hernandez.....Treasurer (2024-2027)  
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member ( 2021-2025)  
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2024-2027)  
Vacant .....Council Member (2020-2024)

## **Gou’will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People” Health And Human Services Department**

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director  
Vanessa Rios.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Program) Supervisor  
Vacant.....Transportation Driver  
Peggy Orcutt.....Social Work Advocate  
Brian Bolden .....Social Work Advocate  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## **Dishgamu Community Land Trust**

Carry Tully.....Director  
Kristen Crooks.....Project Manager  
David Cobb.....Advancement Manager

## **Lhatsik Houmoulul’l “Cultural Department**

Vacant.....Da Gou louwi” Director  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk curriculum/Data specialist

## **Ga’muluk Hagu’n Public Works Department**

Ted Hernandez.....Director/THPO  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper  
George Buckley.....Water Operator  
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance  
Vacant.....Gardener

## **Tsek Houdagh Education Department**

Elizabeth Hernandez .....Director  
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant

## **Shawir Darrudaluduk “Natural Resources Department**

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director  
Stacy Giraldo.....Fisheries Technician  
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician  
Zack Erickson.....Forest Resources Specialist  
Vacant.....Nursery Manager



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

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

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

Wiyot Tribe  
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