

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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The Da'luk

NOW ACCEPTING HIP APPLICATIONS

The Wiyot Tribe is currently accepting Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Housing Improvement Program (HIP) Housing Assistance Applications for Fiscal Year 2025. We would be grateful if you submitted your application completely filled out along with all proper documents as requested, no later than the end of day on November 28, 2025.

The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is a home repair, renovation, replacement and new housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and federally-recognized Indian Tribes for American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals and families who have no immediate resource for standard housing. While not an entitlement program, HIP was established under The Snyder Act of 1921 as one of several BIA programs authorized by Congress for the benefit of Indian people.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? To be eligible for HIP assistance, you must be a Wiyot Tribal citizen; have an income that does not exceed 150% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines; have present housing that is substandard, as defined by the regulations; have no other resource for housing assistance; and have not acquired your present housing through a federally sponsored housing program that includes such housing assistance.

WHO CAN I CONTACT ABOUT OTHER INDIAN HOUSING PROGRAMS? The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the primary provider of new housing on Indian reservations and in Indian communities through the Office of Native American Programs, the sponsor of Indian Housing Authorities (IHA's) and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE's). Other federal housing resources available to AI/AN are the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Program and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Direct Home Loan Program.

WHAT DOES HIP PROVIDE? Interim Improvements: Provides up to \$7,500 in housing repairs for conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of the occupants. Repairs and Renovation: Provides up to \$60,000 in repairs and renovation to improve the condition of a homeowner's dwelling to meet applicable building code standards. Replacement Housing: Provides a modest replacement home if a homeowner's dwelling cannot be brought to applicable building code standards. New Housing: Provides a modest new home if you do not own a home, you may be eligible if you are the owner or leaseholder of land suitable for housing and the lease is for not less than 25 years at the time assistance is received

WHAT IS THE HIP INCOME GUIDELINE? The HIP Income Guideline is comprised of two charts, one for the Lower 48 states and the other for Alaska. The income figures on the chart establish the points you will receive for the first Need Ranking Factor based on Annual Household Income. Applicants with an annual household income exceeding 150 percent of the federal Poverty Guideline are not eligible for the program. ...*Continued on Page 13*

Wiyot Tribe
1000 Wiyot Dr
Loleta, CA 95551



Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Environmental Staff

Forestry Project Prep: Hiksha’ri Ripari-



The WNRD Forestry staff, in partnership with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and their Foresters, are preparing for a project in Headwaters Forest Reserve, along Hiksha’ri (South Fork Elk River). This work is supported by a grant award and co-management agreement called the Good Neighbor Authority. This is the 2nd phase of this project; in October 2024 the first phase was completed by the Mattole Restoration Council on a lower stretch of Hiksha’ri.

This year’s project will be completed by McCullough Construction Inc (MCI) and includes the upper 2.2 mile stretch of the river. MCI staff will use chainsaws to hand cut and directionally fall large trees into the river. The trees are currently being hand selected by forestry staff at WNRD and BLM and marked with blue paint.

The objective of the project is to thin the riparian forest that sits alongside Hiksha’ri and add wood into the river to create habitat for Salmonid and Trout species while also decreasing sedimentation in the river channel. Thinning the forest not only benefits the river and aquatic species but also enhances forest health by creating gaps in the forest that allow wildlife to navigate with ease. These gaps also provide more flying range for large birds like owls and empowers current trees to utilize the space to grow larger and stronger. Additionally, the increased sunlight availability will benefit understory plants like hazel, ginger, acorns, and berries to grow and produce their gifts of food, medicine and materials. Currently, many sections of the forest are very dark and dense with little to no food resources for wildlife such as berries. To the point where Black bears are tearing bark off redwood trees to feed on the sugars in the cambium and phloem tissues in the tree trunk. This in turn damages the redwood, often killing the tree. We hope the efforts from this project will help aid matters like this.

Upcoming Mouralherwaqh Volunteer Day!

The Wiyot Tribe Shawir Darrudaluduk, or Natural Resources Department (NRD) is planning a Volunteer Day at the beloved, Mouralherwaqh!

Saturday - October 25, 2025

10am – 1pm

Volunteer tasks:

Sign up using the QR code on this page

English ivy removal from trees

Trail maintenance

We will provide:

Tools

Gloves

Water

Snacks

Feel free to bring your own as well!

Flyers for the event will be available at the NRD office starting October 3rd. Hope to see you!



Sign up Here!



Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel

Wiyot Tribal Council

Brian Mead Tribal Chairman (2024-2028)
Hazel Garcia.....Vice Chairman (2022-2026)
Vacant.....Secretary (2025-2029)
Vanessa Rios.....Treasurer (2023-2027)
Melinda Ramirez.....Council Member (2025-2029)
Vacant.....Council Member (2023-2027)
Leo JamesCouncil Member (2024-2028)



1000 Wiyot Drive

Loleta, California 95551

Phone:

707.733.5055/800.388.7633



WIYOT TRIBE IS HIRING



Wanna join our team?

For application, job description and additional information contact Wiyot Tribe Human Resources at online at:

*<https://www.wiyot.us/Jobs.aspx>
or email
humanresources@wiyot.us*

Resume's and CV's are not accepted without a signed application. Positions are open until filled

Native preference applies to Native American applicants under section 7(b) of Public Law 93-638.

- Fisheries Technician
- Forestry Specialist
- Language Apprentice
- Cultural Monitors

Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together” Administration

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support
Fawn Lopez....Executive Assistant
Hazel Garcia.....Administrator Assistant
Pilar James.....Receptionist
Larry Wheeler.....Front Desk Clerk
Farzad ForouharFinance Manager
Julian Herman....Accounts Payable Specialist

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

Valerie Reed.....Health & Human Service Director
Robert Pitts Jr.....Social Work Advocate
Liz Edwards.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Advocate)
Brian BoldenTransportation Driver
Vanessa Rios..... Laqilh Haluni (Cook)
Rosie Owen.....Gardner
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Michelle Vassel.....Director
Donna Wilson.....Property Manager
Jack Kennard.....Project Manager
Randall Mead.....Solid Waste Technician

Lhatsik Houmoulu’l “Cultural Department

Ben Brown.....Da Gou louwi” Director
Dr. Lynnika ButlerLinguist
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk Curriculum/Data Specialist
Jazzmin Fontenot....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Manager
Sadie Hall.....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Docent
Josh Rosewolf....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Docent
Brian Mead Jr.....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Docent

Ga’muluk Hagu’n Public Works Department

Ted Hernandez.....Public Works Director/THPO
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper
Dakota James.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance

Tsek Houdagh Education Department

Elizabeth HernandezDirector
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant
Alfredo Calderon.....Site Lead Fortuna Highschool

Shawir Darrudaluduk “Natural Resources Department”

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director
Tiffany Douglas.....Fisheries Technician
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resource Assistant Director
Vacant.....Forest Resources Specialist
Natalie Calderon.....Forestry Technician
Lindsey AbernathyClimate Specialist

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel

Diaper & Moon Product Giveaway



The Tribe has diapers and feminine hygiene products to give away to needy families. If you have a child in diapers, or need moon products contact Liz Edwards at the Tribal office. We will be giving them away until supplies run out. Act fast!

(707) 733-5055
Liz Edwards

eedwards@wiyot.us



Atkins, Autumn	Miller, Alan
Bainbridge, Raiden	Morgan, Diana
Bainbridge, River	Perez, Anna
Brown, Bodhisifa	Rasco, Elliot
Cantrell, Jessica	Rios, Vanessa
Chaney, Michael	Roberts, Linnie
Chastain, Cassandra	Robledo, Kenneth
Crawford, Clara	Rodriguez, Saydi
Crummett Koen, Declan	Rodriguez-Valencia, Olivia
Davis-Clayton, Margaret	Romero, Irving
Fowler, Jocelin	Romero, Theodore
Gilchrist, Amberlee	Sauers, Chason
Guerrero-Stephenson, Lisa	Schafer, Violet
Hernandez, Wanda	Smart, Paula
James, Pilar	Sovereign, Alvar (Shane)
Johnson, Taheya	Sovereign, Natasha
Jones, Amelia J.	Sovereign, Nathan
Kelsey, Robin	Stark, Elleah
Kingsley, Casey	Stephenson III, Alan
Klingsporn, Carol Anne	Teague, William
Kovacovich, Kelly	Tompkins, Bailey
Lavender, Joyce	Tompkins, Robert
Madison, Matthew	Weekly, Vander
Matthews, Angel Darling	Wheeler, Garrett W.
Mead, Christopher	Wheeler, Larry

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Adam Canter

Come check out the Fall Coastal Prairie Burn Plots at TBR on 10/29/25!!!!

As traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) teaches in many Pacific coast tribal communities, cultural burning for habitat enhancement, including the maintenance of coastal prairies often takes place in the fall after the first rain. The Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) has an opportunity for community members to see an example of controlled fire at their coastal prairie ecocultural restoration research experiment at the Table Bluff Reservation (TBR) this coming Wednesday October 29th at 10 a.m. Drop by the front TBR office then and we'll escort you out to the study site, located in the back 40 acres within the wetland protection zone. The experiment is looking at the re-introduction of six native and culturally important plant species, including two geophytes (bulb forming plants), two forbs, and one grass were selected for this study based on their current and historical occurrence in coastal prairies on the North Coast, along with holding cultural significance to the Wiyot and other area tribes and being associated with ethnobotanical and Indigenous landscapes. Species include the edible geophytes or “Indian potatoes” the oneflower onion (*Allium unifolium*) and blue dicks (*Dipterostemon capitatum*), the important forbs, coast angelica (*Angelica hendersonii*), coast strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*), and California figwort (*Scrophularia californica*), and California oatgrass (*Danthonia californica*), a keystone coastal prairie grass species.

Species were planted in 20 plots consisting of pre-treatments including a burn, a weeding treatment, a combination treatment, and a control. Data analysis will evaluate how the pre-treatments, including fire influence species viability as well as the returning species, including non-native species. Results from this study can be applied to efforts to restore the larger TBR prairie, which presently is dominated by

non-native invasive perennial pasture grasses from Eurasia.

The burn will be conducted using burn-boxes, like the one pictured below to ensure the burn stays within the 1x1 meter square plot and avoid timely permitting needs required to do a landscape scale burn. This treatment will represent the effects of conducting a low intensity cultural burn, will the weeding represents affects similar to grazing. Come out this Wednesday October 29th at 10 a.m. and participate in science while also helping to restore the biodiverse coastal prairie that makes Table Bluff special, unique, and connected to Wiyot traditions!



A burn-box in action at the TBR coastal prairie restoration project this winter 2025.



The oneleaf onion (*Allium unifolium*) in flower, a culturally important plant planted at the TBR project.



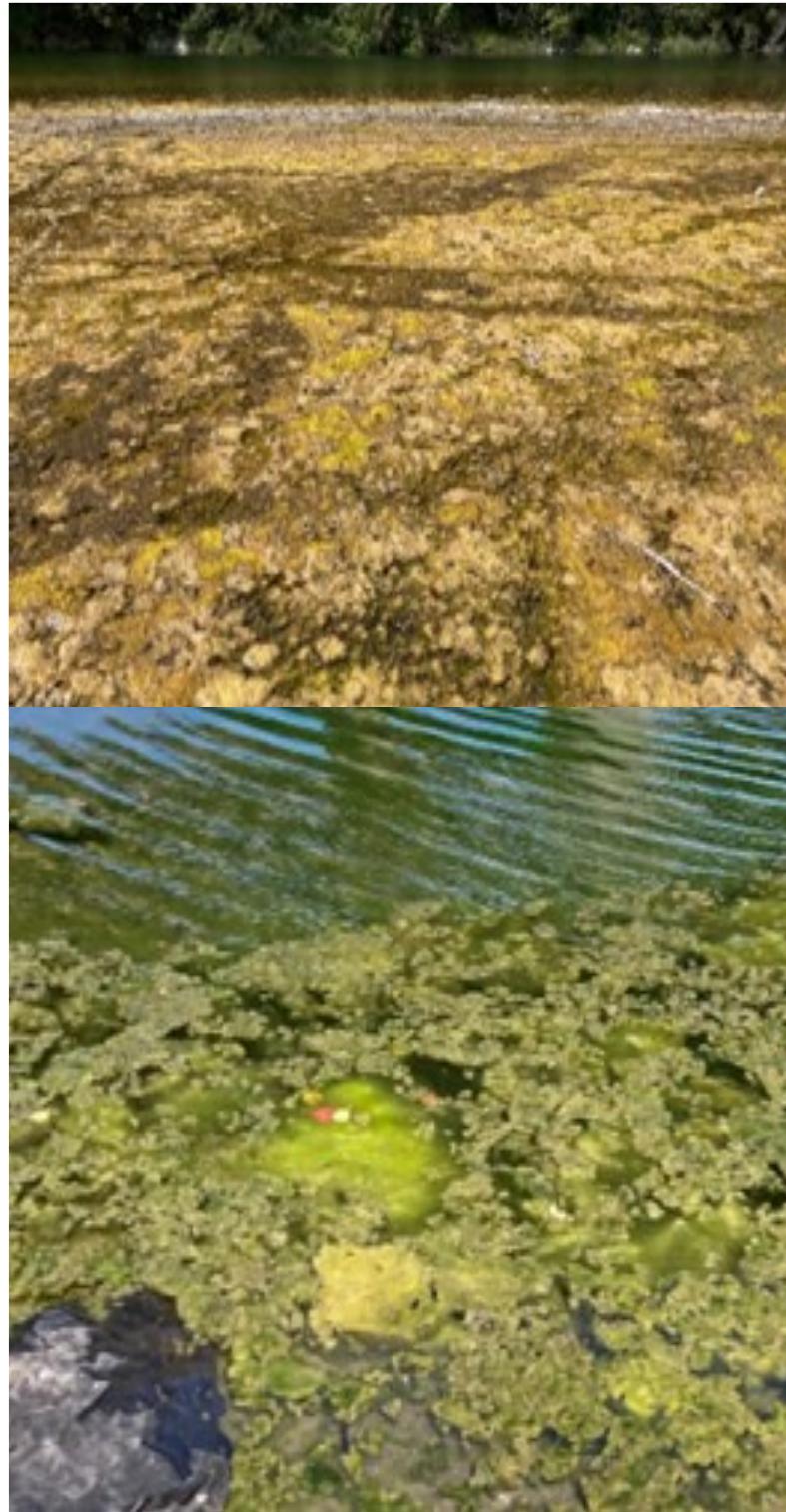
Preparing for the Spring 2025 burn of the TBR coastal prairie ecocultural restoration project.

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Tiffany Douglas

On The Lookout For Harmful Algal Blooms in Wiya’t

Every year, as summer comes to an end, freshwater harmful algal blooms (also known as FHABs) begin to pop up in the warm water along the river's edge. They may not look like it, but FHABs are extremely dangerous to humans and pets. Not all algae is harmful, but to be safe, it is best to stay out of the water and keep your dogs and other pets from drinking or swimming in the river during this time of year. Harmful blooms have already been found on the South Fork Eel River around Miranda, Redway, and Piercy. Several organizations work to place signs and collect algae samples for testing at popular river access points on the Lower Eel and South Fork Eel. Algae alert signs have been placed to warn the general public about possible exposure to these blooms, so if you see a sign when visiting the river, check the area for algae. WNRD just did a round of FHAB sample testing in early September at three locations by Fernbridge, Rio Dell, and the lower Van Duzen to see if any FHABs are present. Our test results show that harmful algae was present in all three locations, which is really concerning, especially since we observed people letting their dogs play and drink the water at one of the sites when we collected samples. If you're interested in learning more about where these blooms are, visit the link for the state's FHAB report map at <https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/reports-map/>



Laqilh Haluni' 'Valued Elders'

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



Transportation Shopping Mondays – Oct 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Where: Local shopping trips with transportation and lunch provided for Elders!

Schedule:

- **10/6 – Fortuna– Grocery Outlet**
- **10/13 – Eureka -Costco**
- **10/20 – Fortuna– Safeway**
- **10/27– Winco or Grocery Outlet**

Need a ride? Hungry after shopping?

We've got you covered with **free transportation and lunch** for Elders in our community.

We can also take you to the post office or the bank. Just ask.

**please contact an Elders Advocate, in the
HHS Department**

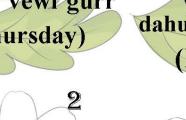
Phone: 707-733-5055



Laqilh Haluni' 'Valued Elders'

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

October 2025 Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elder) Lunch Menu

Dagagawi' (Sunday)	Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh dahuluvewi'gurr (Friday)	Dagaseghurr (Saturday)
						
1 Dagagawi' (Sunday)	2 Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	3 Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	4 Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	5 Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	6 We'sagh dahuluvewi'gurr (Friday)	7 Dagaseghurr (Saturday)
5 Apple spinach salad	6 Tuna casserole	7 Shepards pie	8 Chicken dumplings	9 spaghetti	10 Turkey meatloaf	11 Breakfast burrito
12 Veggie pasta	13 Pork chops rice	14 BBQ chicken	15 Salmon rice	16 Egg salad rice	17 Flag Football Frenzy	18 Flag Football Frenzy
19 Taco salad	20 Chicken alfredo	21 Pulled pork sandwich	22 Salisbury steak	23 Chef salad	24 Chef salad	25 Chef salad
26 Chili pan bread	27 Bok Choy stir-fry	28 Philly steak sandwich	29 Veggie lasagna	30 Turkey wrap	31 Turkey wrap	

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

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



United Indian Health Services, Community Health Representatives (CHRs) will be coming out to Table Bluff Reservation for blood pressure and glucose level checks.

October 1st & 15th
11:30 AM to 1 PM
1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551

Elder luncheon & bingo is also happening at that time, so plan to stay for lunch and games!

Tsek hurou lalunuvilh 'All children are valued'

Orange Shirt Day—September 30, 2025

The day honors the memory of the many Indigenous children who died in residential and boarding schools and those who survived these traumatic institutions.

It raises awareness about the multi-generational impact of these schools on Indigenous individuals, families, and communities.

Orange Shirt Day also supports efforts in cultural education and language preservation to help communities heal and revitalize their cultures

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel

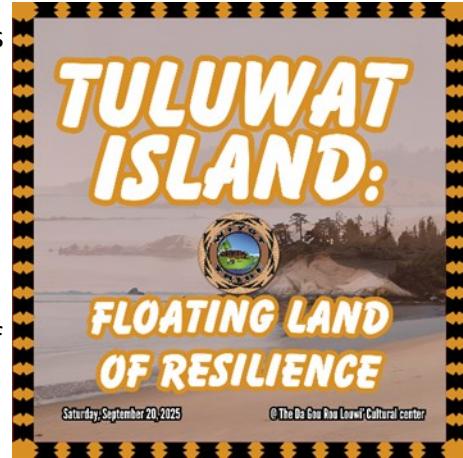


Da Gou Rou Louwi' 'the ongoing return of all'

Submitted By: Jazmin Fortenot

Ha'wa'lou DGRGCC Visitors!

It's officially fall—and here at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center (DGRGCC), we invite you to fall in love with Wiyot culture! As the seasons change, we reflect on the strength, resilience, and beauty of Wiyot traditions. Read on to see what's new, what's coming up, and how you can be part of celebrating Wiyot heritage.



Current Exhibit Spotlight

Tuluwat Island: Floating Land of Resilience
On view through November 22
This exhibit highlights the long-standing role of Tuluwat Island in Wiyot culture, ceremony, and governance. Tuluwat remains a place of deep spiritual and historical significance, representing the strength and continuity of the Wiyot people. Curated by DGRGCC staff in collaboration with Native youth docents Thomas Smith, Arya Mettier, and Alicia Davis, the exhibit presents a thoughtful and educational experience for all visitors. We encourage you to visit before the exhibit closes on November 22 and take time to learn about the resilience and enduring connection between the Wiyot people and Tuluwat Island.

Arts Alive!

Saturday, October 4 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Mark your calendars for Arts Alive! at DGRGCC on Saturday, October 4. This month, we're proud to feature Bear Island Designs, showcasing a stunning collection of handcrafted abalone jewelry. Join us for an evening of creativity, culture, and community. Enjoy beautiful artwork, connect with local artists, and celebrate the fall season with a

warm drink in hand. All are welcome—we look forward to seeing you there.

Gift Shop Highlight: Spooky Reads

Looking for a chilling read this October? Visit the DGRGCC gift shop and pick up a copy of Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology.

This powerful collection features haunting stories by Indigenous authors, blending horror, suspense, and cultural insight in unforgettable ways.

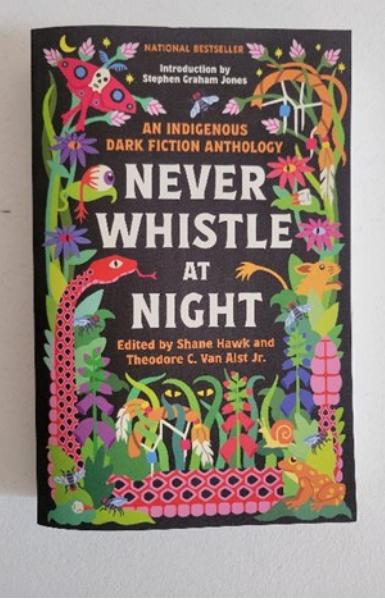
Note: Some stories may not be suitable for children. Come explore a different kind of storytelling this season—where tradition meets the supernatural. "These wholly original and shiver-inducing tales introduce readers to ghosts, curses, hauntings, monstrous creatures, complex family legacies, desperate deeds, and chilling acts of revenge. Introduced and contextualized by bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones, these stories are a celebration of Indigenous peoples' survival and imagination, and a glorious reveling in all the things an ill-advised whistle might summon."

Stickers Are Back!

We've restocked our popular Dishgamu Jaroujiji stickers—come by the gift shop and grab yours while they last!

While you're at it, check out our brand-new Wiyot Tribal Seal stickers. They're perfect for your water bottle, laptop, or wherever you want to show your support and pride.

Stop in soon—these tend to go fast!



Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

NATIVE Tobacco Project



WHAT IS SECONDHAND SMOKE?

Secondhand smoke is the inhalation of smoke by non-smokers who are near commercial tobacco users.



CALL HHS TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP!!

How can the Homeowner's Assistance Fund work for you?



The Wiyot Tribe Homeowner Assistance Fund program can help qualified households that have had hardship because of and since the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic to assist with the following: (applicants must meet certain requirements):

Payment Assistance for Homeowners:

Mortgage Payments

Utilities

Principal Reduction

Internet

Insurance

Taxes

Down Payments

Loans

Call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocate to get an application or for more information!

at 707-733-5055.

Are you a new parent or a parent needing and wanting more tools to support your family better?

Call Social Work Advocate, Robert Pitts, at 707-733-5055 for more information and to register.



ABOUT INDIGENOUS PINK

- Organized by the American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF), Indigenous Pink is a national breast cancer awareness campaign for Native people.
- Indigenous Pink occurs every October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- AICAF's goal with Indigenous Pink is to educate Native communities about the importance of early detection and remind women, men, non-binary and genderfluid relatives to talk to their doctors about breast cancer screening.



Submitted By: Valerie Reed

3RD ANNUAL North Coast TWO SPIRIT CONFERENCE

October 11, 2025
10-4pm

HCOE Sequoia Conference room
901 Myrtle Ave, Eureka CA 95501



Keynote speaker
Janelle Niles



Register here or at

<https://forms.gle/rKpbxQtoV7As7Ehe8>

Questions? email tai.p@twofeathers-nafs.org



This project is supported by Elevate Youth California and funded through Proposition 64.

Submitted By: Jazmin Fortenot



Old Town Trick-or-Treat 2025

Get ready for some Halloween fun! The annual Old Town Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 25th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Dress up in your favorite costumes and bring your little ones to enjoy sweet treats from participating businesses throughout the Old Town area. It's a safe, festive way to celebrate the season and make lasting memories.

We wish everyone a fun and spooktacular Halloween!

Welcome Home! Repatriation from MACT Health Board Inc. Miwuk Cultural Cen-

We are honored to welcome home cultural items returned through a recent repatriation from the **Miwuk Cultural Center and Museum**, currently under development in **Angels Camp, California**.

The Miwuk Cultural Center and Museum is a project of the **MACT Health Board, Inc.**, a non-profit Tribal organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the communities it serves. MACT provides services for Tribal members and the general public across **Mariposa, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties**.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the MACT Health Board and Miwuk Museum team for their partnership and commitment to cultural respect and responsibility.

This repatriation reflects our shared values of honoring heritage, healing history, and strengthening intertribal relationships.



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By Gary Markussen

BIA Form 6407
ISSUED 01/01/2019

OMB Control No. 1076-0184
EXPIRATION DATE: 05/31/2025

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS HOUSING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

- All questions in this application must be answered. The requested information is self-explanatory.
- This application is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-579

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
Last _____ First _____ MI _____ Maiden Name (if any) _____
2. Current Address: _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
3. Telephone Number: (_____) _____ 4. Date of Birth: _____
5. Tribe: _____ Roll Number: _____
Reservation/Rancheria: _____
6. Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Singled _____ Widowed _____ Other _____
If you checked "Other", please explain. _____
7. Are you Homeless? _____ No _____ Yes 8. Are you or spouse a Veteran? _____ No _____ Yes

Information About Spouse: _____

9. Name: _____
Last _____ First _____ MI _____ Maiden Name (if any) _____
10. Date of Birth: _____
11. Tribe: _____ Roll Number: _____

B. FAMILY INFORMATION

List all other persons living in household on a permanent basis. Start with the oldest and provide Name, Date of Birth, Relationship to Applicant, and Tribe/Roll Number.

Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to Applicant	Tribe/Roll Number

If you need more space, use a blank sheet of paper.

Date of this application: _____

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Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Valerie Reed





BIA Form 6407
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C. INCOME INFORMATION

12. Earned Income: Start with applicant, then list all permanent family members, including all who are listed under Parts A and B and have earned income. Provide signed copy of SF-1040 (income tax return), W-2 forms, wage stubs, etc. for verification.

Total annual earned income: \$ _____

13. Unearned Income: Start with applicant, then list all permanent family members, including all who are listed under Parts A and B and have unearned income such as social security, retirement, disability and unemployment benefits, child support and alimony, royalties, per capita payments, interest, etc. Provide check stubs, statements, individual Indian Money (IIM) ledgers, etc. for verification.

Total annual unearned income: \$

14. TOTAL COMBINED ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (earned + unearned): \$

D. HOUSING INFORMATION

15.	Location of the house to be repaired, renovated or constructed. (Give address and detailed directions to this house). **DRAW MAP ON BACK OF THIS PAGE**
16.	Provide a brief description of the problems you are experiencing with your house or the type of housing assistance
17.	If repair assistance is needed, do you own _____ or rent _____ this house?
18.	Are you living in Overcrowded Conditions? _____ No _____ Yes
19.	Is the condition of the home in a dilapidated state? _____ No _____ Yes

Date of this application:

Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By Fawn Lopez

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HOUSING INFORMATION, continued.

20.	Is electricity available? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, provide name of electric company: _____.		
21.	Type of Sewer system: <input type="checkbox"/> City Sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Tank <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Toilet <input type="checkbox"/> Outhouse		
	Water Source: <input type="checkbox"/> City Water <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well <input type="checkbox"/> Community Water Tank <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): _____		
22.	No. of Bedrooms _____.		
23.	House Size: _____ (Square Feet)	[LENGTH _____ ft/in]	[WIDTH _____ ft/in]
24.	Bathroom facilities in existing house:	Facility	Yes
		Flush toilet	
		Bathtub	
	Sink/lavatory		

E. LAND INFORMATION

25.	Do you own the land on which you wish to renovate or build this home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, can you provide proof that you can obtain land? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Provide the name of the owner(s): _____		
26.	What is the current status of the land?	Fee	Tribal Fee
		Individual trust land	Tribal trust land
		Individually restricted	Tribally restricted
27.	If you do not own the land, do you have: <input type="checkbox"/> Leasehold interest? <input type="checkbox"/> Use permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Indefinite assignment or joint ownership? If so, please explain: _____		

F. GENERAL INFORMATION

28.	Have you or anyone in your household ever received Housing Improvement Program assistance?		
	If yes, give amount received \$ _____; the year it was received: 19 _____; and the location of the house: _____		
29.	Do you own any other house not occupied by your family? If yes, state where the house is located: _____ and who occupies it: _____		
30.	Do you live in a house built with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds?		
31.	Is the HUD project still under operation of an Indian Housing Authority?		
32.	Are you seeking Down Payment Assistance? If yes, have you applied with USDA Rural Development or other lending institution? Please provide a copy of the credit letter.		
33.	If you are requesting assistance for a new housing unit, have you applied for assistance from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Housing Authority? If yes, provide date of application: _____ • Tribal Credit Program? If yes, provide date of application: _____ • Other? From who: _____ If yes, provide date of application: _____ 		
34.	Does anyone in your family, who is a permanent resident listed under Parts A and B of this application, have a severe health problem, handicap or permanent disability? If yes, provide name of family member _____ and brief description of condition. (Your servicing housing office will advise you if you must provide a statement of condition from one source, which may include a physician's certification, Social Security or Veterans Affairs determination, or similar determination).		

Date of this application: _____

Tsek Houdaqh "Where the Children are At"

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

American Indian College Motivation Day @ Cal Poly Humboldt

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM-2:15 PM

An Inspiring Event for American Indian Students!

For over 50 years, Cal Poly Humboldt has hosted American Indian College Motivation Day (AICMD).

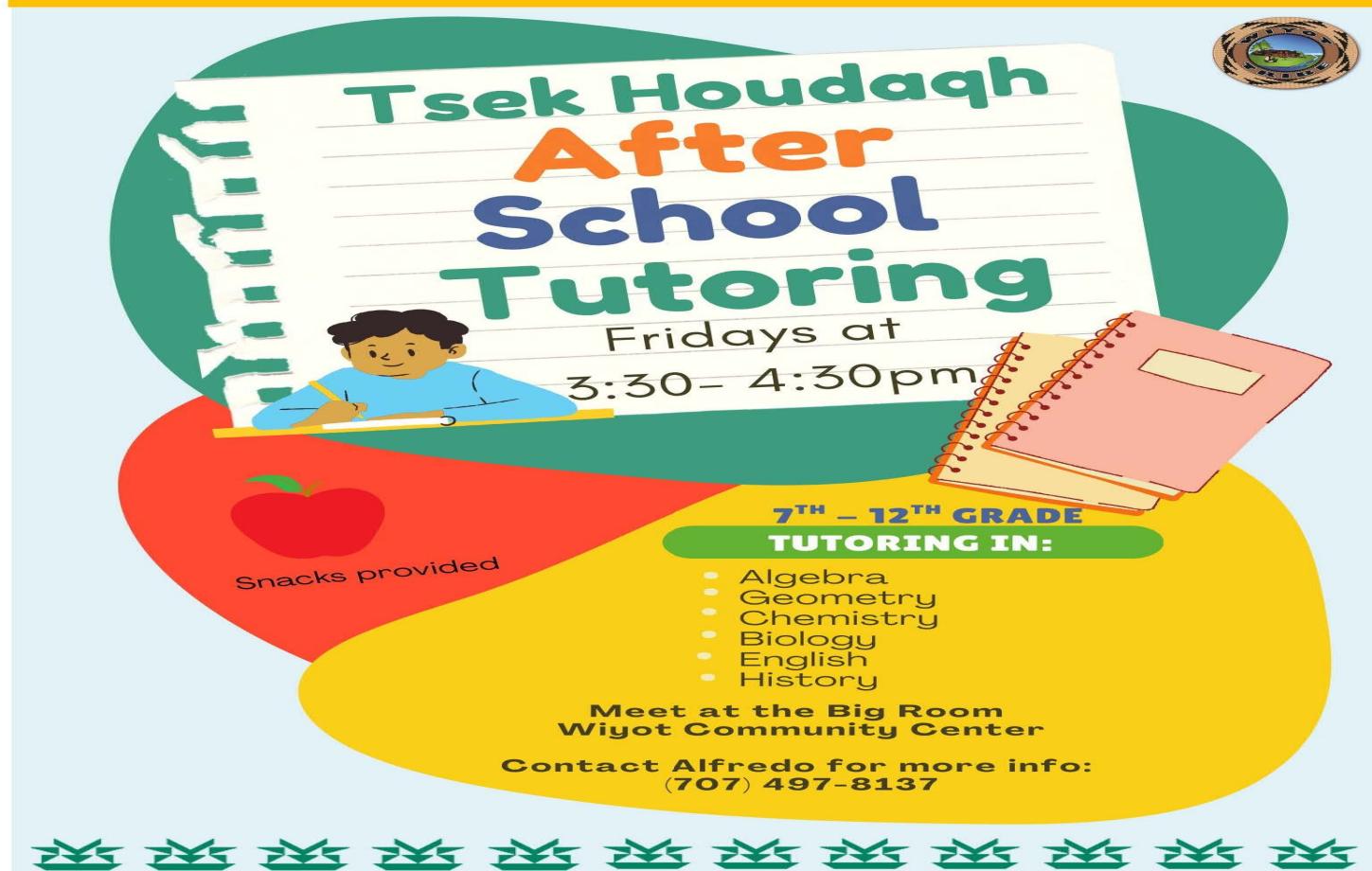


This event, which is held on the first Thursday in November, focuses on preparing high school students for what to look for and expect in college, creating a sense of belonging and cultural relevancy, and connecting students to their support team at Humboldt.

AICMD is organized in partnership by the Office of Admissions, Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP), Indian Natural Resource Science & Engineering Program (INRSEP), and the Office of the President.

This program is open and available to all who are interested in applying and/or participating, regardless of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

Attention Wiyot Students : If you attend Fortuna/East High School, please contact Alfredo Calderon at (707) 497-8137.



Tsek Houdaqh "Where the Children are At"

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

Humboldt Bay Native Youth Community Project: California Native American Day Celebration

In celebration of CA Native American Day the Wiyot Tribe's Education Department, partnered with Loleta Elementary's Native American Parent Advisory Committee, the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, and Two Feathers Native American Families Services to host a day of cultural learning and sharing for students, families, and staff at Loleta Elementary. Throughout the day, attendees participated in cultural workshops, including beading, acorn cracking, storytelling, and traditional men's and women's gambling. Attendees also received lessons in the local tribal history and the traditional significance of drumming and brush dancing. The Wiyot Tribe would like to thank our community volunteers and partners for coming together to plan a day of cultural learning and sharing!

Stay tuned to the November Newsletter to see our CA Native American Day Celebration at Fortuna Union High School.



All My Relations Dance Group and Loleta Elementary Students performing a traditional Brush Dance Demonstration.

Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee

Are you interested in participating in the Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee? The role of the Parent Committee is to help guide Tsek Houdaqh staff as they develop and implement project activities that meet the Education Department's goals. Parents are invited to attend monthly committee meetings, make suggestions for project activities, and offer suggestions to help improve student services. If you are interested in attending or becoming a member of the Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee, please call the Education Department Director, Elizabeth Hernandez, at (707) 733-5055.



Tsek Houdaqh Students and Community Volunteers.



Tsek Houdaqh Students and Staff.

Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

OMB Control No. 1076-0184
EXPIRATION DATE: 05/31/2025

BIA Form 6407
ISSUED 01/01/2019

G. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

(Read this certification carefully before you sign and date your application. Sign in ink).

I certify that all the answers given are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and they are made in good faith. This certification is made with the knowledge that the information will be used to determine eligibility to receive financial assistance, and that false or misleading statements may constitute a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001.

This application contains material covered by the Privacy Act. No record will be communicated to anyone or any agency unless requested in writing, by the applicant, or unless an officer or employee of the housing program or other Federal agency requires it in the performance of their duties.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature (if appropriate) _____ Date: _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

25 CFR 265 and 25 U.S.C. 13 authorize the collection of this information. This information is covered by the system of record notice "Indian Housing Improvement Program, Interior, BIA-10." The primary use of this information is to determine eligibility for assistance under the Housing Improvement Program. The records contained therein may only be disclosed in accordance with the routine uses and may not otherwise be disclosed by any means of communication to any person, or to another agency, except pursuant to a written request by, or with prior written consent of the individual to whom the record pertains. If the BIA uses the information furnished on this form for purposes other than those indicated above, it may provide you with an additional statement reflecting those purposes. Executive Order 9397 authorizes the collection of your Social Security number. Furnishing the information is voluntary but failure to do so may result in disapproval of your application.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information is being collected to select eligible families or individuals to participate in the Housing Improvement Program. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with 25 CFR 256. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information will be used to determine the eligibility and the ranking of the applicant. Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to Information Collection Clearance Officer – Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4141, Washington, DC 20240.

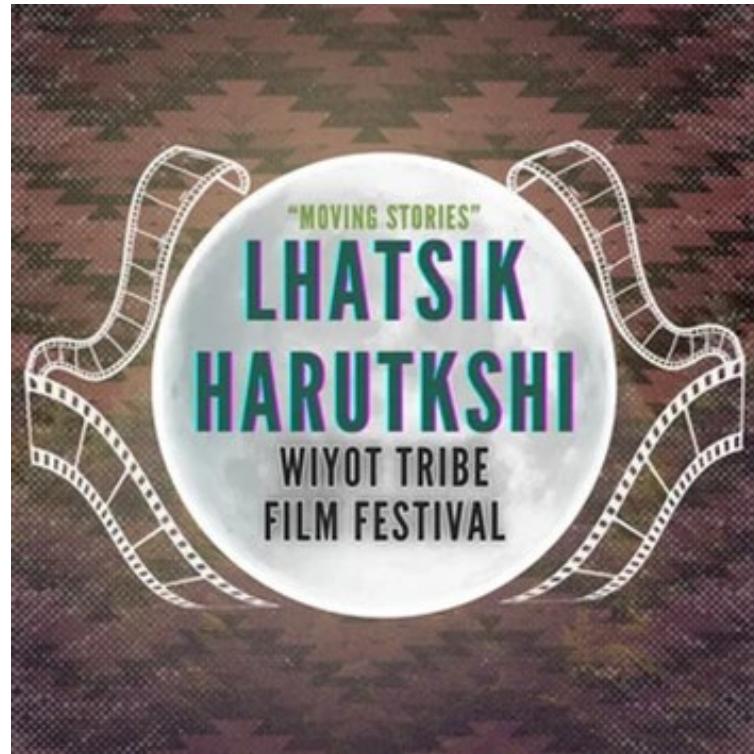
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Submitted By Jazmin Fortenot

Currently Accepting Lhatsik Harutkshi 2025 Film Submissions!

1. Film Submission Deadline October 13th!
2. Currently Accepting Lhatsik Harutkshi 2025 Film Submissions!
3. Submissions are open for the 2025 Lhatsik Harutkshi "Moving Stories" Film Festival! This year we are expanding the festival over two nights, November 14th & 15th at the historic Eureka Theater! We are currently accepting film submissions via FilmFreeway from local and international indigenous filmmakers, so tell all your friends! Late submissions: August 3rd – October 13th. Submission fees are waived for Wiyot Tribal Members using a special discount code. Please call the cultural center to receive the discount code. You can submit your films at this link: <https://filmfreeway.com/LhatsikHarutkshi>
4. Rules and Guidelines:
5. All films must be Native, First Peoples, and Indigenous made. Key members of the creative team must have significant artistic and administrative contributions to the project and be from recognized Indigenous nations. Within the United States, all filmmakers must share their affiliated tribal nation. International Indigenous filmmakers from Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific Islands, and other regions, must identify from an Indigenous nation within their respective communities.
6. All genres, narratives, story forms, are accepted and encouraged. This is a family-friendly event, all content should be acceptable for general audiences. Non-English films must have English subtitles.
7. We have limited programming time and



space. Submissions must be within 1min-25min. Significant care and consideration will be taken for all films submitted through our open submission to ensure an equitable and fair experience.

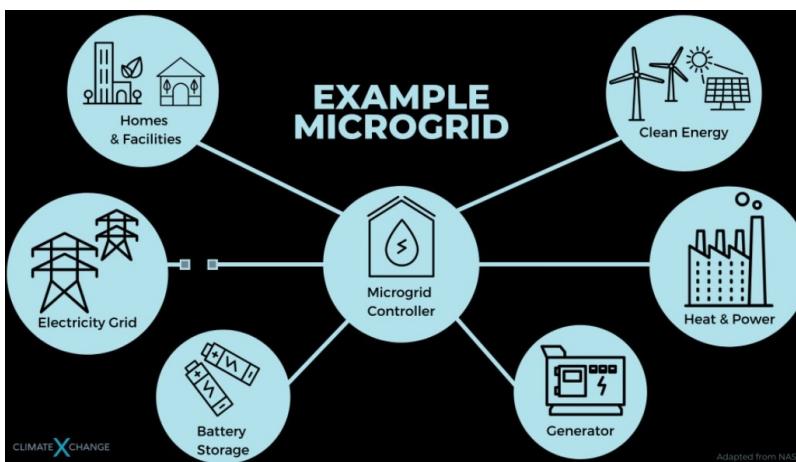
8. ENTRY FORMATS
9. 1. All entries - Formats accepted for festival exhibition:
10. Digital Files
11. -1920x1080p
12. -MPEG-4 (H.264) in an mp4 container
13. -M4V and MOV (Mp4 is preferred)
14. 3. Films should be presented in their original language with English language subtitles.
15. 4. Please specify sound mix on your application. Left/Right Mix preferred
16. This is a drug and alcohol-free event. Any person in violation of this policy will be removed from the premises.

Submitted By: Ted Hernandez

Powering Sovereignty: Microgrid Project Moves Closer to Reality

Big news from our department—after two years of planning, coordination, and visioning, we're thrilled to announce that the Tribe's Microgrid Project is gaining traction and moving closer to implementation on the reservation!

This transformative initiative will bring clean, resilient energy to our community, strengthening tribal sovereignty, emergency preparedness, and environmental stewardship. It's more than infrastructure, it's a bold step toward energy independence and climate resilience, rooted in our values and future-forward thinking. We're proud to be part of this journey and will keep you updated as we move from planning to groundbreaking. The winds of change are blowing—and they're electric



Water Works in Motion: A New Era Begins!

We're thrilled to announce a major leap forward in our infrastructure journey—a new partnership with Mercer- Fraser to begin construction on a brand-new water tank for the reservation! This long-awaited upgrade will replace the original tank that has served our community for decades, ushering in a new chapter of reliability, safety, and sustainability.

But that's not all—our team will also be modernizing the entire system, updating the panels and electronics that keep our water flowing and our homes protected. These improvements will strengthen our emergency response capabilities and ensure our water infrastructure is ready for generations to come.

As construction begins, we'll be sending out flyers and community notices to keep everyone informed and engaged. This is more than a construction project—it's a commitment to our future, built on partnership, progress, and pride.



Ga'muluk Hagu'n 'building & Cleaning'

Submitted By: Ted Hernandez

Public Works in Action: Visibility, Safety, and Community Impact!

This month, our Public Works crew—Dakota James, Sebastian Rios, and Frederick Lewis—hit the streets with purpose, adding fresh curbside address markings to homes across the reservation. These crisp, high-contrast numbers aren't just a visual upgrade—they're a critical safety enhancement, helping emergency responders locate homes faster when every second matters. Their work is a perfect example of how small details can make a big difference. Whether it's a fire truck, ambulance, or police unit, these markings ensure our community is seen, safe, and supported.

Let's celebrate our Public Works team for their dedication to service, precision, and care. They're not just maintaining infrastructure—they're building trust, one curb at a time.



THPO Presentation Inspires Naturalists with Wiyot History and Healing at Tuluwat

On September 10, 2025, our Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) staff stood proudly before the Friends of the Dunes California Naturalist Course, sharing a story that is both painful and powerful: the history of Tuluwat Island, the sacred heart of Wiyot ancestral territory, and the decades-long journey to restore it.

Participants were moved by the account of the cleanup and cultural reclamation of Tuluwat, a project rooted in resilience, ceremony, and the enduring spirit of the Wiyot people. Our team spoke with clarity and reverence about the tragedy of the 1860 massacre, the loss endured, and the strength that followed—highlighting the accomplishments of the Wiyot Tribe, from land return victories to cultural revitalization efforts that continue to shape our future.

Adding a special touch to the day, we reunited with Randall Mead, our Solid Waste Technician, who is currently enrolled in the Naturalist Course. Randall is on track to become a certified guide for Wiyot National Park Lands, helping visitors connect with the land through stories of stewardship, sovereignty, and sacred ecology.

This presentation wasn't just a lesson; it was a moment of connection, healing, and empowerment. We thank Friends of the Dunes for the opportunity to share our truth and vision, and we look forward to welcoming more allies into the circle of restoration and respect.



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Please remember to complete **ALL** questions and do not leave any areas blank. It is **CRITICAL** that all income verification documents are completed and submitted along with the application for all citizens 18 years of age or older. **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

Furthermore, all applications and income verification must be **POST-MARKED** no later than November 28, 2025 or submitted in person at the Tribal Office before close of business at 4:00 P.M. on Friday November 28th.

WHAT IF I APPLIED LAST YEAR? The Tribe applied for funding in December of 2022, 2023, and 2024. As of October, those applications have not been funded. There is no guarantee that the Tribe will receive funding in any given year and if funded we do not know how many applications will be funded. So, if you think you may be qualified, please apply again. Also, note the feds set the income guidelines each year. If you were not eligible but on the cusp last year you may be eligible this year. **Application can be found on Pages 8-11**

Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Gary Markussen Jr

Wiyot Tribal Election

October 4, 2025 9am-1pm

Voter Information

Election

Chair – Brian Mead

In accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution, this election is to confirm the appointment by Tribal Council of Brian Mead to the position of Chair. Lacking an elected Chair, Vice Chairman Brian Mead presided as Acting Chair from April 2024 through March 2025. At a regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting on March 10, 2025 Brian Mead was temporarily appointed to the position of Chair by a vote of Tribal Council.

Vice Chair – Hazel Garcia

In accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution, this election is to confirm the appointment by Tribal Council of Hazel Garcia to the position of Vice Chair. At a regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting on March 10, 2025 the incumbent Vice Chair was temporarily appointed to the position of Chair by a vote of Tribal Council, leaving the position of Vice Chair vacant. At same meeting, Councilmember Hazel Garcia was temporarily appointed to the position of Vice Chair by a vote of Tribal Council.

Councilmember at Large – Melinda Ramirez

In accordance with Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution, this election is to confirm the appointment by Tribal Council of Melinda Ramirez to the position of Councilmember at Large. At a regularly scheduled Tribal Council Meeting on March 10, 2025 Melinda Ramirez was temporarily appointed to the position of Councilmember at Large by a vote of Tribal Council.

All newly-elected Member's term of office shall be for the duration of the originally vacated position.

Approve April 2025 General Council Minutes

The April 2025 General Council Minutes are available at https://www.wiyot.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_04052025-431

Soulatluk Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisuqu'l Latluk 'Wiyot language is coming to life'

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

SOULATLUK AT THE JAROUJIJI BOARDWALK

In late August, 16 Soulatluk signs featuring beautiful artwork and Soulatluk names of marine plants, animals, and landscape were installed at the boardwalk in Old Town Jaroujiji (aka Eureka). This project was a collaboration among the Wiyot Tribe, Ink People Center for the Arts, and the City of Eureka.

The signs feature:

The Wiyot Tribe's Soulatluk webpage | qrco.de/bdcloz

ba'm = sturgeon | qrco.de/bclWal

budughutgurra'wili' = steelhead | qrco.de/bffD8v

da'gurr = sea otter | qrco.de/bdbcvm

halou'wi' = redwood canoe | qrco.de/bclWXA

hatswupsi'r = harbor seal | qrco.de/bfg8c5

houli' = clams | qrco.de/becE6d

hout = surf fish | qrco.de/bclVVQ

gou'daw = eels / Pacific lamprey | qrco.de/bclSxw

kimuk = whale | <https://qrco.de/bdWUEV>

malhuk / valhuk = salmon | qrco.de/bclU2Z

pishoudulhwat = kelp | qrco.de/bdcYV7

siswayuphi' = edible seaweed | qrco.de/bfxeTg

tigha'ri' = trout | qrco.de/bdTFrI

tsharr = mussels | qrco.de/bclVXy

wadulh = dunes | qrco.de/bdw1Ud

There were 549 scans of these language signs in August and September, meaning that Jaroujiji residents and visitors are engaging with Soulatluk as they look out over Wigi (aka Humboldt Bay)! If you haven't already, please be sure to check them out next time you stroll the boardwalk.



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SOULATLUK CURRICULUM AND LESSONS

Nina and Lynnika are back in the classroom at Loleta Elementary School this fall. This year, we have 17 students in grades 6-8 practicing Soulatluk. Some have been with us since last school year, but several are new to Soulatluk. We recently completed Unit 1 ("Ha'wa'lou / About Me"), with students and teachers learning to give short self-introductions and talk about their favorite activities. In October, we will practice language around animals and their habitats. (*If you would like copies of Unit 1 materials for home practice, please email lynnika@wiyot.us.*)

IMLS PLACE NAME MAPPING GRANT

To date, Lynnika has compiled 414 Soulatluk place names in the master document that will serve as the Tribe's permanent place name resource. Most recently, we have been focused on identifying place names in C. Hart Merriam's 1910 Soulatluk vocabulary (sample shown below listing **Waluplh** [aka Lighthouse Ranch], **Da' Kimuk** [near Rio Dell], and **Madi Goumamu'n** [a campground on Wiya't, aka Eel River]):

Lighthouse Pt. of Table Bluff	Wahl'-lups (= feathered point)
Scotia Bluffs (across from Rio Dell)	Thä-Kä'-muk
Old campground on north side Eel River at mouth of Bridge cr. at Bryans Bluff near Scotia.	mah'-te-ko mah'-men (meaning wood drifts back in circle in eddy in river)

Staff is working to mark these place names on a map of Wiyot ancestral lands for the Tribe's use in future landback, renaming, and other projects.

DA' YAS PARK OPENING

September 13 was the grand opening of the renovated and renamed Da' Yas Park (formerly 20-30 Park) in Jaroujiji / Eureka. Da' Yas means "where the cedars are," and this name was thought up by Language & Cultural staff in response to the City of Eureka's outreach. You can hear it pronounced at qrco.de/bdMpgN (or scan the code above). Check out these photos from the opening event!

