



Yurok Indian Housing Authority

2019-2020

NICOLE SAGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

- ▶ Authorizing resolution 95-33, creating the Yurok Indian housing authority (YIHA), approved by Tribal Council on February 9, 1995
- ▶ YIHA was appointed as the Tribally Designated housing entity (TDHE) tribal resolution 97-155 in October of 1997.
- ▶ Currently governed by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority Ordinance passed in 2015.

YIHA is governed by a board of commissioners:

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| ▶ <u>Pecwan</u> | Richard Myers
Chairman |
| ▶ <u>Requa</u> | Pergish Carlson
Vice Chairman |
| ▶ <u>Orick</u> | Laura Woods
Secretary |
| ▶ <u>East</u> | Lyle Mckinnon |
| ▶ <u>South</u> | David O'Neill |
| ▶ <u>North</u> | Delmer Jordan |
| ▶ <u>Weithcpec</u> | Sid Nix |

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

- ▶ The YIHA Mission is:

- ▶ To provide affordable, safe, decent housing to lower-income tribal members.
- ▶ Service Area: Del Norte and Humboldt COUNTIES:
ancestral boundary

- ▶ Board of Commissioners meetings:

- ▶ Second Tuesday of
Every month

Yurok Indian Housing Authority: Programs

▶ Current types of assistance

- ▶ Low-Income Rental assistance (multifamily apartments, Elder units, & single family homes)
- ▶ Elder Emergency Assistance
- ▶ Down Payment Assistance
- ▶ New Construction/Rehab
- ▶ Student rentals/vouchers
- ▶ Home ownership (limited basis)

▶ Multifamily low-income Rental units:

- ▶ Chance lane- Mckinleyville
- ▶ Maiden lane- Crescent City
- ▶ We-roy – Tulley Creek
- ▶ Union Green- Eureka
 - ▶ Students Only
- ▶ Trinity River Elder Village- Hoopa
 - ▶ Elders only
- ▶ Butte/Cooper- Crescent City
 - ▶ Elders only

March 18th 2020, YIHA staff Entered Emergency Response to Covid-19

- ▶ Board of Commissioners called an emergency meeting to suspend all rental and mortgage payments by Tribal members.
- ▶ Staff were asked to remain home until remote work stations could be set up
- ▶ All work stopped in tribal members homes unless the work was essential to sheltering in place
- ▶ YIHA followed and participated in the Tribes Emergency Operations protocol
- ▶ Development projects were suspended until further notice in cases that required tribal members to leave their homes while the work was being completed
- ▶ Staff were instructed to remain a social distance and wear masks moving forward

HUD CARES Funding: \$1,395,000

- ▶ HUD Announced CARES Funds for Indian Housing Block Grant Funds

- ▶ YIHA submitted a CARES Indian Housing Plan for the funds:

- ▶ Allowable Expenditures
- ▶ Approved by HUD

- ▶ Planned Expenditures:

- ▶ Two Months of Utility Payments
- ▶ Two Months of Loan Payments
- ▶ Water System Improvements to ensure water to homes during shelter in place
- ▶ Office Upgrades to work from home;
- ▶ Infrastructure upgrades to work from home on the Cloud
- ▶ Elder Emergency Assistance funds and Elder Supply boxes (sent out in May)
- ▶ Infrastructure plans for Emergency Housing

What Else has the YIHA done during Covid-19 for Tribal Members?

- ▶ Board of Commissioners suspended all evictions for four months;
- ▶ Board of Commissioners suspended home inspections
- ▶ Employment verifications have been suspended during recertifications
- ▶ A Mailbox has been installed outside the Klamath office to submit paperwork without staff present;
- ▶ Intercom installed at the Klamath office from outside so Tribal Members can buzz staff;
- ▶ Elders have been assisted with Elder Emergency issues regardless of previous assistance
- ▶ Partnered with Arcata House Partnership and submitted the Homekey Application for homeless housing in Eureka; 25% of beds are reserved for homeless Yurok Tribal members;
- ▶ Collaborated with the Yurok Tribal Courts to open a Women's Re-entry house in Klamath so that tribal women completing recovery have a place to shelter.

Additional Relief: Emergency Rural Housing Funds

California Coalition for Rural Housing
awarded the YIHA \$7500 for
Emergency Rural Housing Assistance

- ▶ Staff identified 25 elders, 70 and older in YIHA housing to supply with additional household goods.

Elder Boxes included a bulk supply of the following:

- ▶ Batteries, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex tissues, dish soap, laundry soap, body soap, Zip Lock bags, basic groceries, and a gift card for \$125.00

YIHA Elder Boxes packed and delivered by staff:



Yurok Indian Housing Authority: 2020 Expenses

- ▶ Annual Expenses Breakdown (approx. \$4.4 million)
 - ▶ **Construction and Programming: Woo-Mehl Tulley Creek: \$1,360,000
 - ▶ Maintenance Staff and Work Orders (trash and repairs) \$800,000
 - ▶ Loans payment \$940,000
 - ▶ Staff (Admin, fiscal, Program Operations)- \$1 million
 - ▶ Insurance (Property), Utilities, equipment- \$300,000
 - ▶ (** Unusual Year: Limited Programming while focusing on Woo Mehl (Tulley Creek); typically \$1.3 million would be entirely for elder home rehabilitation or placement, weatherization, and down payment assistance)

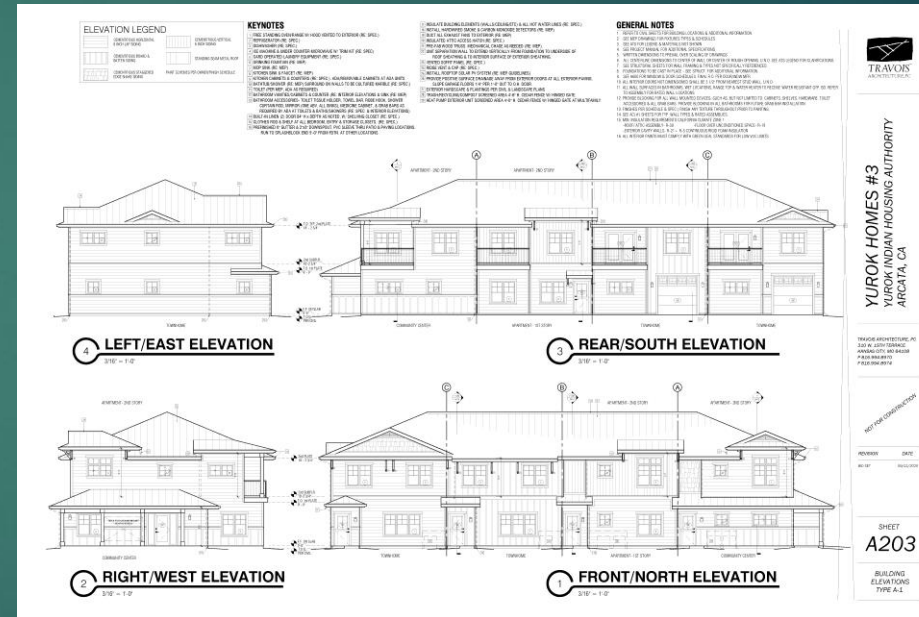
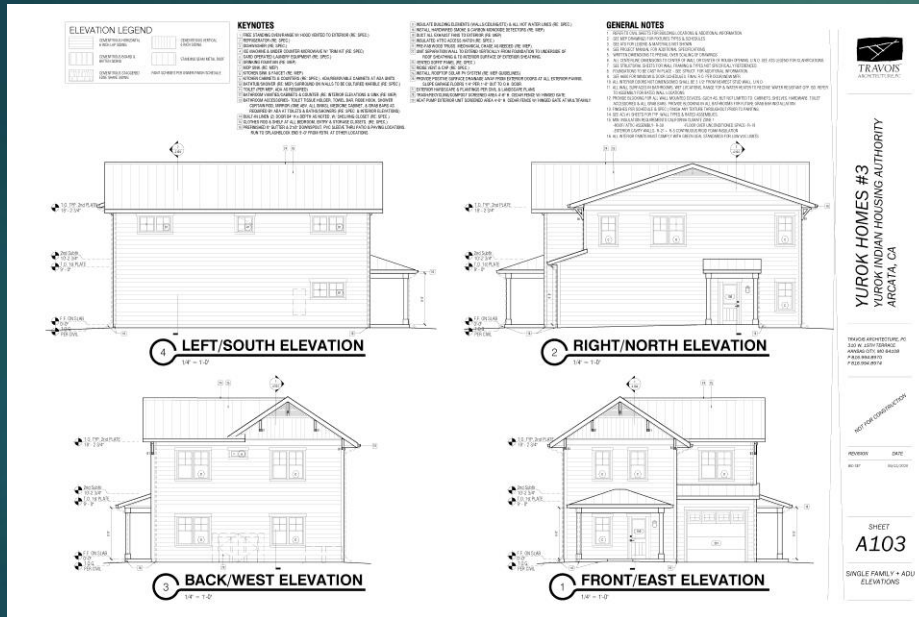
Construction In Progress: Woo Mehl 10 New Homes in Tulley Creek



Yurok Indian Housing Authority: Up Next

- ▶ Complete the Woo-Mehl (Tulley Creek) Construction: The four plex, community center, community pavilion, and new home at McCoy
- ▶ Construction of the Arcata 30th St. Commons
 - ▶ 36 units: 8 Single Family Homes with Additional Dwelling Units, 4 multiplexes with five units each.
- ▶ Resume NAHASDA regular programming (with Covid-19 Protocols)
- ▶ Continuing to search for grant applications and additional opportunities for partnerships to improve services to Tribal Members

Arcata 30th St. Commons: 8 Single Family Homes, 4 Multiplexes



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- ▶ Any questions?
- ▶ If you are interested in an application go to the website: www.yurokhousing.com under forms.
- ▶ Appointments with staff are available at the Tribal offices assist with any issues and staff will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks (707)482-1506.
- ▶ Email Nicole Sager: nsager@yurokhousing.com; Rachel Dowd: rdowd@yurokhousing.com; or Peggy O'Neill: poneill@yurokhousing.com for specific questions/concerns.