

**Strengthening Tribal
Sovereignty through
Waste Management
Codes and
Ordinances**



Introduction



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Introduction to the Yurok Tribe

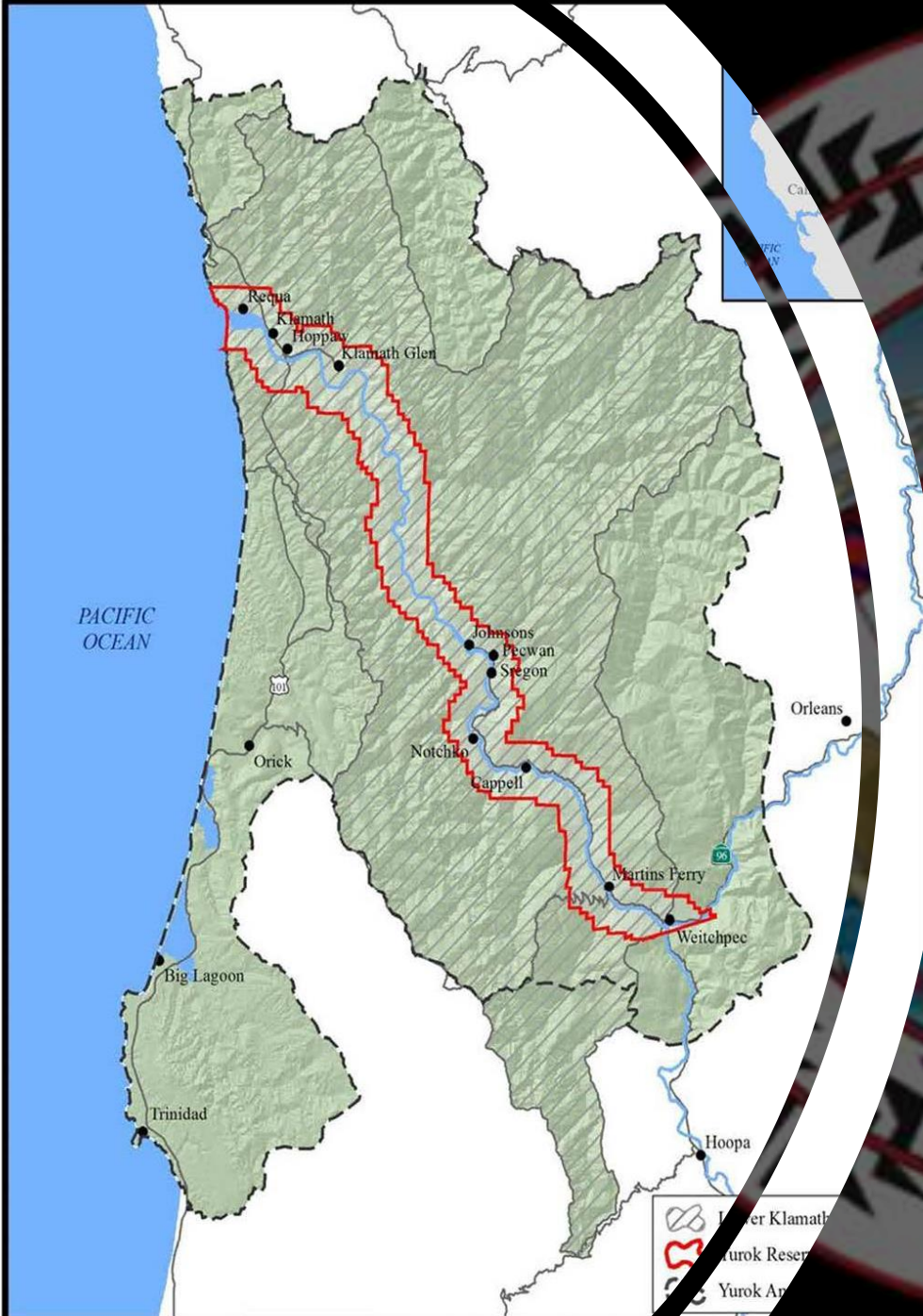
Yurok Tribe Mission

The mission of the Yurok Tribe is to exercise the aboriginal and sovereign rights of the Yurok People to continue forever our Tribal traditions of self governance, cultural and spiritual preservation, stewardship of Yurok lands, waters and other natural endowments, balanced social and economic development, peace and reciprocity, and respect for the dignity and individual rights of all persons living within the jurisdiction of the Yurok Tribe, while honoring our Creator, our ancestors and our descendants.

Yurok Tribe: Today

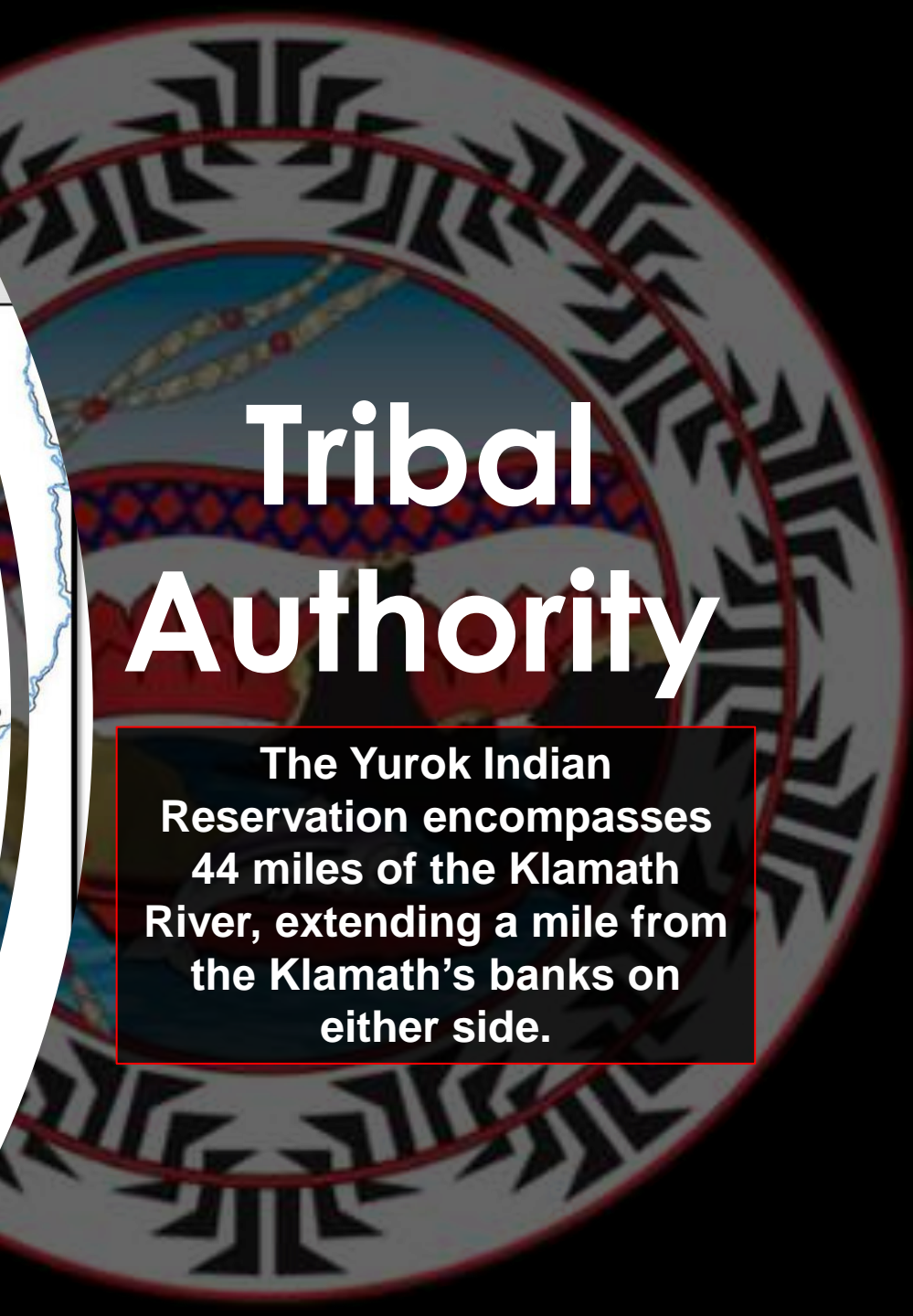
The Yurok Tribe is currently the largest Tribe in California, with more than 5,000 enrolled members. The Tribe provides numerous services to the local community and membership with its more than 200 employees. The Tribe's major initiatives include: the Hoopa Yurok Settlement Act, dam removal, natural resources protection, sustainable economic development enterprises and land acquisition.





Tribal Authority

The Yurok Indian Reservation encompasses 44 miles of the Klamath River, extending a mile from the Klamath's banks on either side.



Land Acknowledgement



Using Solid Waste Codes and Ordinances to Protect Tribal Lifeways

Unique opportunity to protect community through creative, culturally appropriate enforcement mechanisms.



The 5 W's of Enforcement & Code Development

WHO?

Who is affected?

WHAT?

What is the goal?

WHEN?

When do you need the harm to cease?

WHERE?

Do you have jurisdiction?

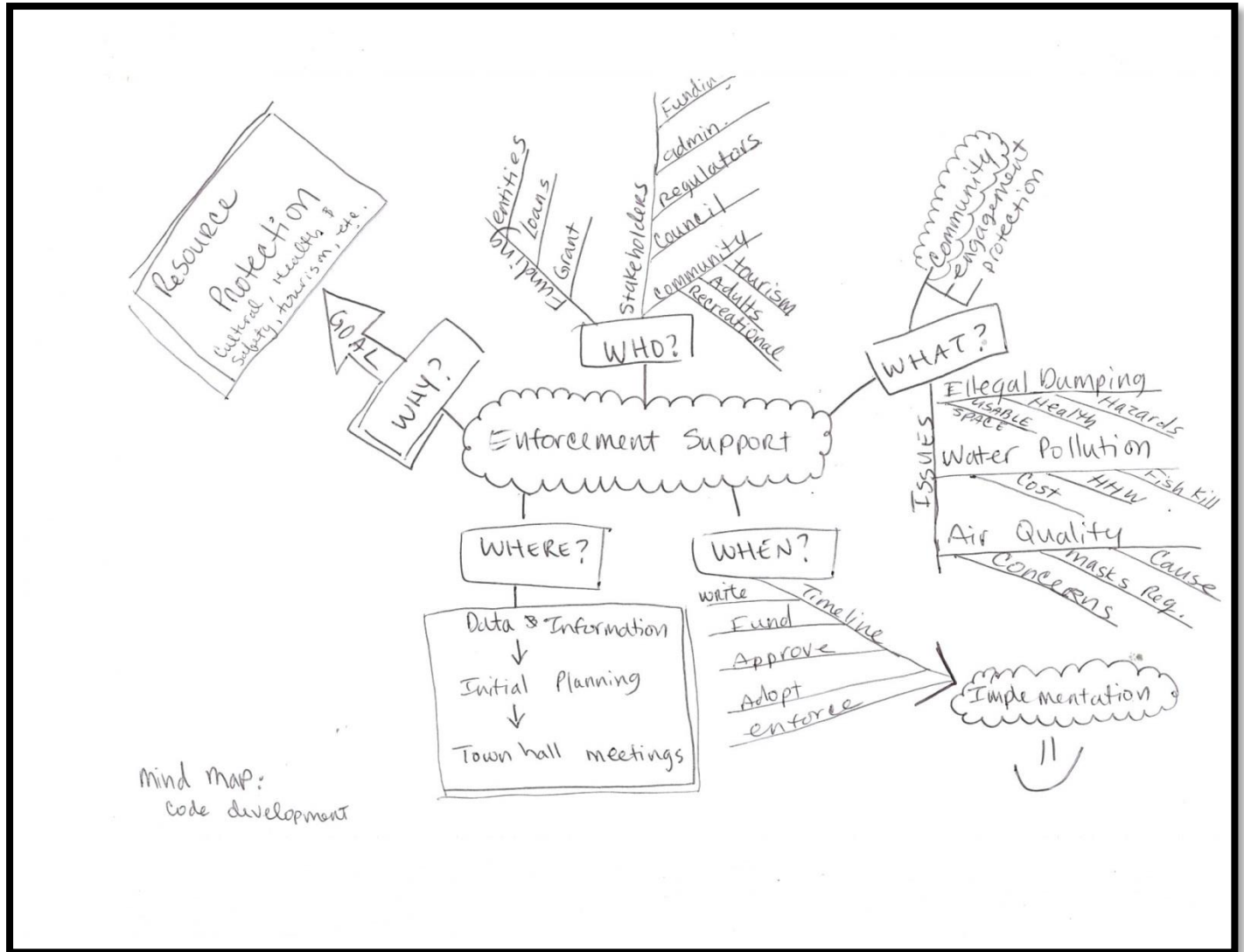
WHY

Why is this important?

Key to Success: Take a Whole Community Approach.

*Explanation slides found at the end of the presentation.

BRAINSTORMING: Answering the W's



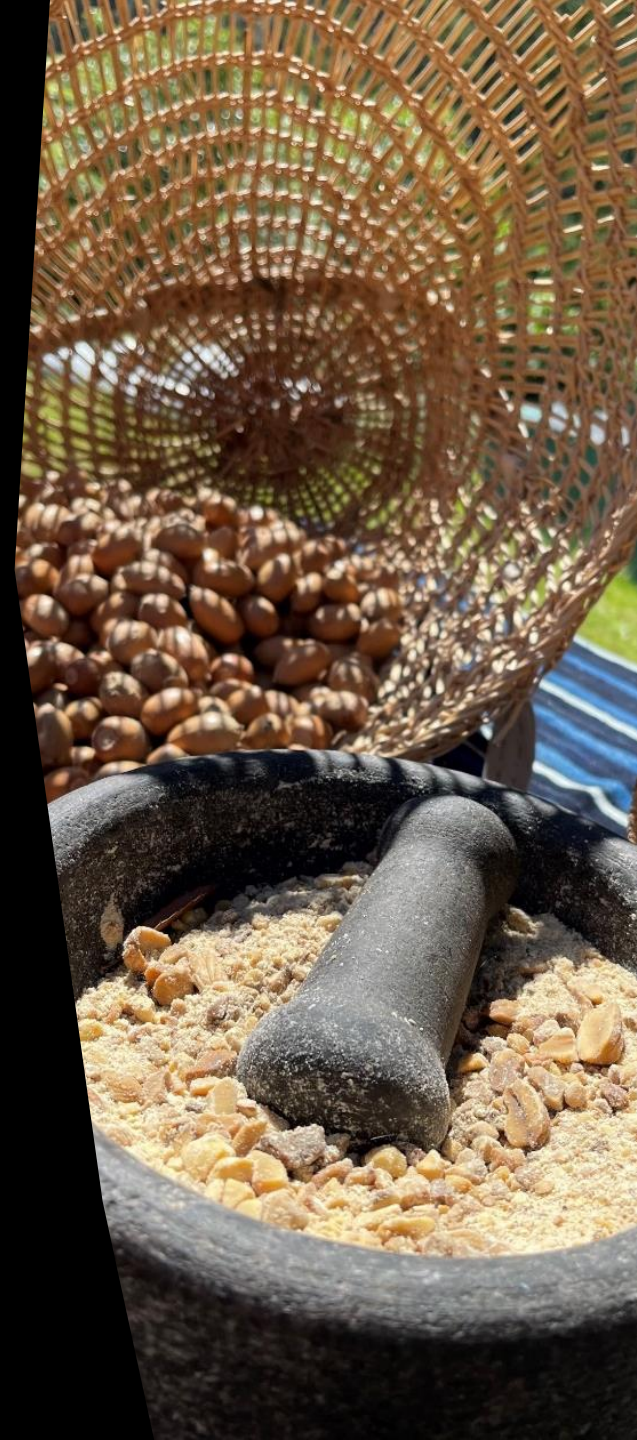


Protecting Our People





Preserving Our Resources



Mind Break: Fun Facts

How long does it take for this material to decompose?



...Or Not So Fun Facts

How long does it take for this material to decompose?



Environmental Harm Identification

- **Illegal Dumping**
- **Illegal Marijuana Cultivation**
- **Neglected Autos (Vehicle Collectors)**
- **Improper Disposal**
- **Hazardous Waste**

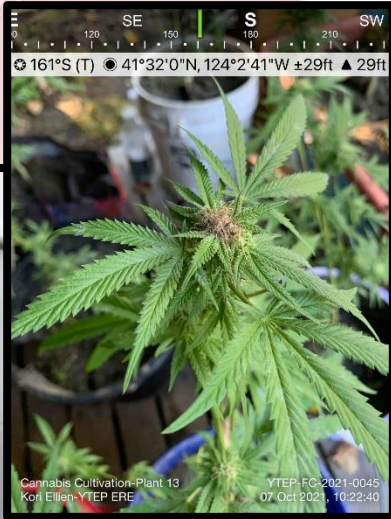


Environmental Harm Identification



Illegal Dumping

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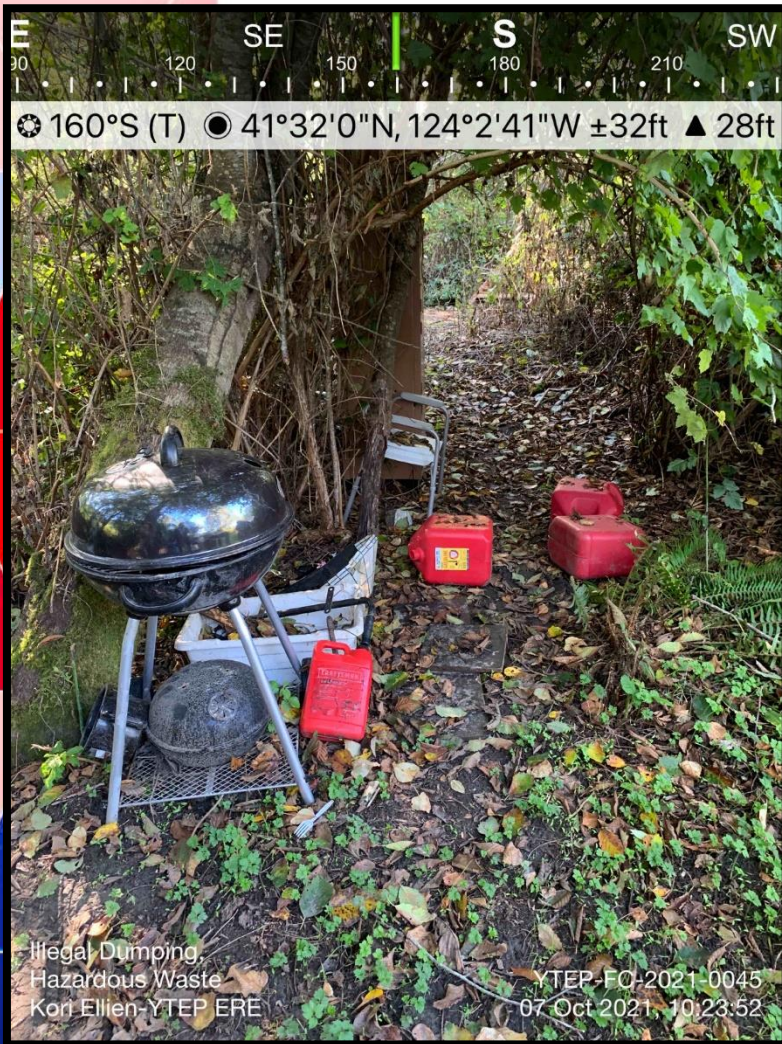
Illegal Marijuana Cultivation

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Improper Disposal

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Hazardous Waste

Environmental Harm Identification



Yurok Tribe Environmental Program
Vehicle Surrender Form

Property Owner Information				
Legal Name				
First	Middle	Last		
Vehicle Information				
Location				
Latitude	Longitude	APN#	Community	
Location Comments				
Description				
Make	Model	Year	License Plate	Vehicle Identification Number
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
Description Comments				
NOTICE: Authorization from Yurok Tribal Court is required prior to vehicle destruction.				
Vehicle Removal Fee				

I, _____, hereby voluntarily surrender and release the vehicle(s) above to the Yurok Tribe, forfeiting further claim against the vehicle(s). I authorize the Yurok Tribe, or designee, to move the vehicle(s), for the fee listed, payable by me _____, and to dispose of the vehicle(s) as the Yurok Tribe sees fit. I certify that all information stated above is true and correct and understand that my signature is binding. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Yurok Tribe from and against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action of any kind or nature resulting from or in connection with the Yurok Tribe's removal of the vehicle(s) from the undersigned's property and from and against any resulting losses, costs, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees, liabilities, damages, orders, judgments, or decrees in connection herewith.

Signature (Property Owner) _____ Date _____

Signature (Acceptance) _____ Date _____

Printed Name (Acceptance) _____ Tribal Department _____

Yurok Tribe Use Only					
Vehicle #	1	2	3	4	5
Removal Date					
Staff Initials					

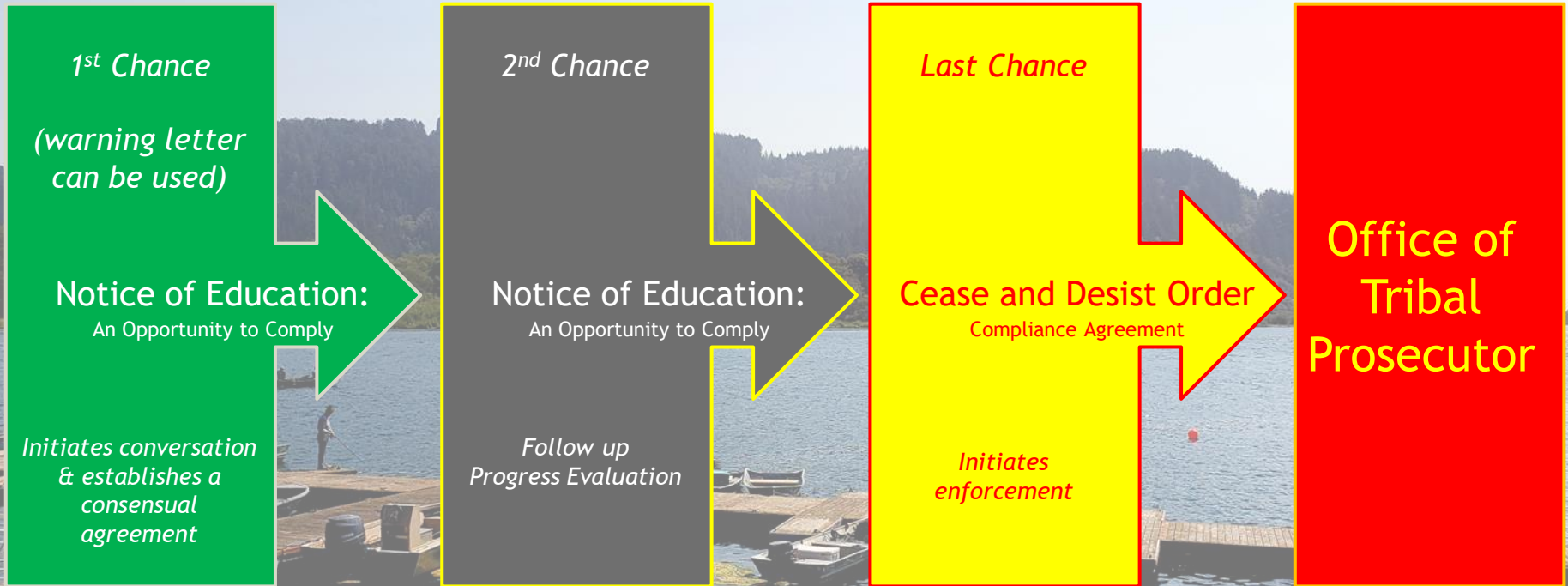


Neglected Autos

Taking a Whole Community Approach



Using Culture: Education Based Enforcement



“We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the dumping of waste materials, as defined by Yurok Tribal Code, Title 21 Environmental Protection, Chapter 21.40 Illegal Dumping, is prohibited. Through the efforts of the Yurok Tribe and informed people like you, we can work together to keep the Yurok Reservation a clean, attractive, healthy and safe place for visitors and residents.

Dumping of waste materials, even the smallest item, endangers our environment, our wildlife and our economy. Dumping of waste materials in our “own backyard” can jeopardize property value, public health, tourism and/or the environment. We’re here to help you become a better partner so that we can stop illegal dumping of waste materials on the Yurok Reservation.

Any person responsible for illegal dumping on the Yurok Reservation may be prosecuted before the Yurok Tribal Court pursuant to the stipulations set forth in Yurok Tribal Code, Title 21 Environmental Protection, Chapter 21.40 Illegal Dumping. A container site has been established in Klamath to receive and appropriately handle the waste materials and recyclables brought there for proper permitted disposal. It is the sole responsibility of the waste material generator to dispose of waste materials properly.

You are advised that this Notice serves as the first step in the enforcement process, and gives you 15 days to show progress towards compliance with Yurok Tribal Code, Title 21 Environmental Protection, Chapter 21.40 Illegal Dumping.”

Addressing Neglected Autos

**Yurok Tribe Environmental Department
Vehicle Surrender Form** Reset Form

Property Owner Information
 Legal Name
 First Middle Last

Vehicle Information
 Location
 Latitude Longitude APN# Community
 Location Comments

Description
 Make Model Year License Plate Vehicle Identification Number

1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

Description Comments

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Signature (Property Owner) _____ Date _____
 Signature (Tribal Dept) _____ Date _____
 Printed Name (Tribal Dept) _____ Tribal Department _____

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WHO...

- Are we protecting?
- Does this code affect?
- Do we need to engage?
- Will provide funding?
- Are the signatory authorities?
- Will enforce?

**Who do you need
support from?**



WHAT...

- Are the environmental harms?
- Are we protecting?
- Are we wanting to accomplish?
- Are the penalties?
- Are the challenges?
- Is our timeline?

**What is the purpose
of the code?**



WHEN...

- Will you follow up on the environmental harm?
- Will the public be involved?
- Will we receive funding?
- Will enforcement begin?

**Set a timeline and
stick to it.**



WHERE...

- Is the environmental harm occurring?
- Is the supporting data?
- Will we focus efforts?
- Do we gain the knowledge needed to implement?
- Will the community go for questions, concerns or updates?

**Where is the
incident?**



WHY...

- Are we dedicating resources to this?
- Are we needing a deadline?
- Are we asserting jurisdiction?

Why do we care?