

**RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE
OF THE
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION, NEVADA**

RESOLUTION NO: SL-31-2023

TITLE: GOVERNING 2024 COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES

- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to Section 16 of Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, with the Articles of Association, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 08, 1965, granting certain powers of the Summit Lake Paiute Council (see Article II, Section 1); and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council has the power and duty to represent the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe in negotiations with Federal Governments in matters to benefit the general welfare of its tribal membership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council is the duly constituted governing body within the boundaries of the Summit Lake Paiute reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Articles of Association, Article IV, Section 2, authorize the Summit Lake Paiute Council to prescribe election regulations with respect to the dates thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council is authorized under Article II, Section 1(j) of the Articles of Association to determine its own rules of procedure; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council has approved and amended a Council Election Code that states in Chapter 3, Section 3.02.030 (as amended by Resolution SL-01-1997 dated 1/18/1997) that “Summit Lake Paiute Council general elections shall occur on the third Saturday in May of each election year, authorized by resolution SL-32-2023 as May 18, 2024; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council Election Code declares that the “polling place for all general elections shall be the Tribal Administration Office on the Summit Lake Indian Reservation” as authorized by resolution SL-32-2023; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council hereby declares, in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Council Election Code as amended, that the following dates shall control the 2024 Council Elections; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council hereby declares in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Council Election Code, as amended, and that, 3.01.030 Policy, is to ensure that all elections of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe are conducted in a fair and impartial manner; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby declares in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Council Election Code as amended, that 3.02.050 Preparation of Ballots, the Council shall, by resolution declare by what date ballots shall be prepared; and

WHEREAS, that 3.02.080 Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be the duty of the Secretary Treasurer to supervise the preparation of the format for use in Council elections and to furnish a report of all elections to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Nevada Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby declares that the Council Election adheres to Ordinance No. VI, governing all elections of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Summit Lake Tribal Code Title 3 Elections, and the following dates shall control the 2024 Council Elections:

1. 2024 Election procedures, preparation of formats for use shall start effective **October 20th, 2023** supervised by the Secretary-Treasurer, i.e., Notices to tribal members of 2024 Election, Election Committee flyer, etc. mailed to Tribal Members over the age of 21 by May 18th, 2024.
2. Eligible Tribal Voters Can Begin to Request Absentee Ballots:
Thursday, November 30th, 2023.
3. Registration of Voters Who Wish to Use Absentee Ballots:
Thursday, November 30th, 2023 through Friday, March 29th, 2024.
4. Deadline for Tribal Members to Request Absentee Ballots:
4:30 PM, Friday, March 29th, 2024.
5. Review Election Committee member names submitted for Council decision and notification to members selected at **Special Council Meeting** to be held **Friday November 17th, 2023.** (at 5:30pm)
6. Election Committee first meeting at Tribal Administration Office for orientation and preparation of ballots Regular Council Meeting, **Saturday November 18th, 2023 at 1:00 PM.**
7. Candidates Get Declaration of Intent to Seek Office to the Tribe's Administrative Office:
Thursday, November 30th, 2023 through Friday, March 5th, 2024.
The Council Election Code states, "The Notice of Candidacy shall consist of a simple statement that the named person is seeking election for a position on the Summit Lake Paiute Council. The signature of the person seeking election in the Notice of Candidacy shall be notarized, per Section 3.02.040(b).
8. Deadline for Candidates to Declare Their Intent to Seek Office:
4:30 PM, Friday, March 8th, 2024.
9. Election Committee Mails Absentee Ballots to Tribal Members Who Have Requested a Ballot by the Deadline: **Effective start after April 5th, 2024.**

10. Candidates Can Have Campaign Materials Mailed by Tribe to Tribal Members:
Starting on Monday, March 22nd, through Friday, April 23rd, 2024.
11. Deadline for Campaign Materials to arrive at Tribe's Administrative Office for Tribe to Mail to Tribal Members: **4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22nd, 2024.**
12. Deadline for Tribal Members to Return Absentee Ballots to Tribe's Primary Administrative Office and Date Election Committee Comes to View Number of Absentee Ballots Received by Tribe at Tribe's Primary Administrative Offices and Secures Same at the Tribe's Primary Administrative Office: **4:30 Friday, May 3rd, 2024.**
13. Deadline by Which Election Committee Transports Absentee Ballots to Arrive at the Tribal Office on the Summit Lake Reservation:
8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 18th, 2024.
14. Council Election Day at the Tribal Office on the Summit Lake Reservation starts:
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 18th, 2024.
15. The Election Shall End at:
3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 18th, 2024.
16. The Election Committee Shall Begin Counting All Ballots at the Tribal Office on the Summit Lake Reservation starting at:
3:15 p.m., Saturday, May 18th, 2024.
17. Council Members Shall Be Installed by Taking the Oath of Office at the Tribe's Administrative Office at 2255 Green Vista Drive, Suite 402, Sparks, NV 89431 on:
Monday, May 20th, 2024. (time to be determined)

WHEREAS, the Council hereby declares in accordance with the Election Code, 3.06.010, Election Committee; Creation; Term of Office, the Council may create an Election Committee to complete the Council Election. If an Election Committee is created, it shall be done by Resolution with a specific period identified as the term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby declares to create an Election Committee to coordinate with the Secretary-Treasurer to organize themselves in a manner that someone chairs meetings and another person takes Minutes and presents them to the Council within five (5) days of the meeting; supply and make ready for the polling place; count ballots and absentee ballots; make ballots and voting area secure; etc... The Election Committee shall consist of 3 members and one alternate; and

WHEREAS, The Council hereby declares the term of office for an Election Committee to start effective November 17th, 2023 through May 31st, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Summit Lake Paiute Council hereby declares that the above dates shall control the 2024 Summit Lake Paiute Council Elections and the actions of the Election Committee Members.

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I, Eugene Mace Sr., **Secretary/Treasurer**, of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify the above Resolution **SL- 31 -2023** was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Council at a duly held special Council meeting on the **20th** day of **October, 2023**, with 5 Council members of the Tribal Council present, constituting a quorum, with the following votes to enact Resolution **SL-31 -2023 4-FOR, 0 -AGAINST, 0 -ABSTAINING**, with the Tribal Chairperson presiding and not voting, this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or amended.

10/20/2023

Date

Eugene Mace

Eugene Mace Sr.

Secretary/Treasurer

Summit Lake Tribal Council