

TRIBAL CONSULTATION POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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STATEWIDE TRIBAL LIAISON TEAM

Staff members were designated as regional tribal liaisons and serve as the local points of contact in every District office at the Commission. The group meets monthly to discuss upcoming projects with significant tribal cultural resources and are available to support staff in maintaining meaningful relationships.

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TRIBAL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES

The policy sets out procedures for consultation between staff and tribes, and provides guidance on appropriate communication, collaboration, accommodations, and cultural sensitivity that should be considered while engaging with tribal members.

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COMMISSION STAFF TRAINING

The liaison team oversaw training for staff in 2022, which covered a range of key topics including the history of land theft, genocide, mistreatment of Native Americans by government; California tribal sovereignty, traditional tribal lands, and territories; laws and regulations related to protecting cultural resources; and implementing the Tribal Consultation Policy.

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TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

The consideration of tribal cultural resources, alongside archaeological resources, is now required in planning and permitting decisions at the Commission. Tribal cultural resources may include sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American Tribe.