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IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice of Continuation of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period, for the California Coastal Commission's Draft Tribal Consultation Policy

Public Hearing on Draft Tribal Consultation Policy

Notice of: (1) continuation of public hearing (the first of which occurred on April 11, 2018, in southern California), with a second hearing in Santa Rosa (northern California) scheduled for May 9, 2018, meeting); and (2) continuation of the public comment period on the Commission's Draft Tribal Consultation Policy.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:

DATE: Wednesday, May 9, 2018
TIME: Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., Item **W6e**
PLACE: County of Sonoma
Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(415) 407-3211 [phone number will only be in service during the meeting]

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

On September 19, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. issued Executive Order B-10-11, which reaffirmed his Administration's commitment to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in policy decisions that have tribal implications. The Governor subsequently directed his executive agencies to work towards the development of tribal consultation policies promoting regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration, as well as strengthen the government-to-government relationships between the State and California native tribes that interact with it.

On November 20, 2012, the California Natural Resources Agency adopted its Final Tribal Consultation Policy. In alignment with that Policy, and as a member of the Natural Resources Agency, the Commission staff has developed a Draft Tribal Consultation Policy for public review and comment. Through this policy, the Commission seeks to recognize that all California native tribes have distinct cultural, environmental, economic, and public health interests. The Commission currently interacts regularly with tribal communities and closely coordinates with them informally in many of these areas. The Commission's tribal consultation policy is intended to strengthen those relationships, while encouraging further outreach and collaboration.

The Commission staff previously circulated a Draft Tribal Consultation Policy (dated August 11, 2017) to Tribal Representatives on a Consultation List provided by the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). On March 23, 2018, the Commission staff issued a Public Hearing Notice for the Commission's April 11, 2018, public hearing. This notice announced the opening of a 45-day public comment period, to solicit input by the public, and any Tribal Representatives who had not previously commented (or who wished to expand on previous comments). This 45-day comment period is being extended an additional 15 days, to beyond the May 9, 2018, and unless extended further by the Commission, the public comment period will now close 60 days after the initial notice date, on May 23, 2018.

Posted on the Commission's April 11, 2018, meeting website, at <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2018/4>, were the initial Draft Policy, Comments from Tribal Representatives and other interested parties, and Commission staff initial responses to the comments. These and additional relevant documents are also being posted on the main Coastal Commission webpage at www.coastal.ca.gov, including but not limited to: (1) this public notice; (2) the initial Draft Tribal Consultation Policy (and sample cover letter) sent to Tribal Representatives; (3) a Second (i.e., Revised) Draft Tribal Consultation Policy, dated April 20, 2018, and reflecting responses to previously-received comments; (4) comments received to date from Tribal Representatives and other interested persons; (5) responses to those comments; and (6) any other relevant documents.

A Final Tribal Consultation Policy will be brought to the Commission for a public hearing and adoption, once the staff has completed its response to comments.

HEARING PROCEDURES:

This item has been scheduled for a public hearing. No formal action will be taken by the Commission at the May meeting.

ALLOTTED TIME FOR TESTIMONY:

For typical public hearings, the Commission normally limits oral testimony to 3 minutes or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. For this Tribal Consultation Policy, the Commission will wish to maximize time available to Tribal Representatives, but in a manner enabling the Commission to conclude its hearing within a reasonable time period. Accordingly, if it appears there is significant interest in tribal and public testimony, the Commission may publish on its website, prior to the hearing, Special Hearing Procedures that will apply for this public hearing. To help us develop these procedures, letting us know (before the hearing) that you intend to speak at the hearing would be appreciated – you can contact us with this information by emailing or calling us at the contact information below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS:

If you wish to submit written materials for review by the Commission, please observe the following suggestions:

- If you wish, you may obtain a current list of Commissioners' names and addresses from any of the Commission's offices or from its website and mail the material directly to the Commissioners. Please mail the same materials to all Commissioners, alternates for

Commissioners, and the four non-voting members on the Commission, with a copy to the Commission staff person listed below.

- You may submit comments by mail, fax, or email to any of the following:

Mail California Coastal Commission- 45 Fremont, Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

FAX - (415) 904-5400

Email - tribalpolicy@coastal.ca.gov

Questions regarding the policy or the hearing should be directed to **MARK DELAPLAINE**, at the above address, by telephone at: (415) 904-5289, or by email at: Mark.Delaplaine@coastal.ca.gov.