

Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee and NALB

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Some CA Policy on Working with Tribes

- Governor Brown's Executive Order B-10-11
 - State Agencies and departments must communicate and consult with Tribes and allow for meaningful input on matters that may affect Tribal communities
- CalSTA Tribal Consultation Policy
 - Five guiding principles to be executed by California State Transportation Agency and its constituent agencies to promote cooperation and consultation
 - Collaboration, communication, education, process, and timely notice

Caltrans Directors Policy 19 : Working with Native American Communities

- When working on issues affecting Native American Communities, Caltrans
 - Acts respectfully, consistently, and sensitively
 - Seeks to eliminate procedural or statutory impediments limiting the ability to work with Native American Communities
 - Establishes and adheres to government-to-government relationships when interacting with Federally Recognized Tribes

Caltrans Tribal Coordination

- Native American Liaison Branch (NALB)
 - Located in HQ Division of Transportation Planning
 - Address policy level and statewide issues affecting Native American Communities and acts as staff for the NAAC
- District Native American Liaisons (DNAL)
 - Located ten of the 12 Caltrans Districts
 - Primary point of contact for Tribal communities and assist in establishing good working relationships
- District Native American Coordinators
 - Located in each District's Environmental Division
 - Work on cultural resources and section 106 issues

Native American Advisory Committee

- The NAAC is an appointed group of tribal leaders who work in partnership with Caltrans to improve government-to-government relationships.
- Key NAAC activities include:
 - Hearing updates on Caltrans activities or policies that may be of importance to Native American Communities
 - Raising issues that are of concern to the Tribes and their constituents and helping to facilitate resolutions
 - Advising and providing recommendations to Caltrans leadership
 - Sharing information with Tribes in their geographic areas

NAAC Meetings

- One-day meetings are held quarterly in the Sacramento area.
- In addition to Caltrans, other state and federal agencies regularly attend:
 - Governor's Tribal Advisor or her designee
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - California State Transportation Agency
 - California High Speed Rail
 - Other interested agencies and groups

NAAC Membership

- Each Member is nominated by a Tribe or a Tribal Organization, recommended by the NAAC, and appointed by CT Director to a two-year term.
- Members serve as “at large” members to the tribes in their geographic regions (Northern, Central, and Southern CA).
- Members are advocates for all Native Americans in California.
- The Tribal members who serve on the NAAC donate their time and pay the costs to travel to the Sacramento area.

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