

## **Charter for the California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup**

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### **Group Name**

California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup

### **Purpose Statement**

To establish California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup and improve knowledge-build and communication of existing and potential California Native American GIS issues and solutions.

### **Goals**

The California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup seeks to:

- Provide a central knowledge-build of CA Native American GIS information and data sharing for California Native American Tribes (both federally and non-federally recognized) and CA GIS Council's membership and partners.
- Commence work on CA GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup web site.
- Provide GIS related information to assist California Native American Tribes, public entities, and organizations to help with the protection and preservation of cultural landscapes and natural resources.
- Provide GIS related information to assist California Native American Tribes, public entities, and organizations with the tools to improve policy development to address environmental justice, equity of GIS services, resources for CA Native American Tribes, and non-discriminatory GIS feature naming (i.e., rivers, mountains, valleys, streets).
- Provide GIS related information for California Urban and Rural Native American communities, organizations, and other entities to assist with improved services, protection of cultural resources, and environmental justice.
- Identify new GIS technology that could support CA Tribal communities.

### **Authority**

The California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup will report to and receive direction from the GIS Council. This Workgroup is empowered to perform outreach activities using the platform of the GIS Council, including its website and email list.

### **Ownership**

Participants volunteer their time to serve because they recognize the need to facilitate cooperation throughout the State of California by supporting the collection, acquisition, sharing, and dissemination of GIS data, standards, and policies.

### **Communication Strategy**

The California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup plans to meet quarterly by teleconference and as needed via email to provide a report to the GIS Council at its quarterly meetings. This report will be posted on the GIS Council website as well. The chair and/or individual members of the Tribal Workgroup will respond to questions by the GIS Council Executive Committee upon request.

## **Success Indicators**

Success occurs when:

- The California GIS Council's Tribal Workgroup (this workgroup) is formalized by crafting a charter that has been accepted by the GIS Council.
- This Workgroup presents a recommendation of specific changes or no changes to the GIS Council.
- This Workgroup presents a draft strategic plan to the GIS Council.
- This Workgroup completes related tasks as directed by the Executive Committee.

## **Charter Development Participants and Tribal Affiliation and/or Organization**

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## Action Plan Ideas – CA GIS Council’s Tribal Workgroup Input to consider:

### 3/30/2021 Tribal Workgroup Teams Meeting:

Action items and “What are we communicating” ideas:

1. GIS resources valuable to Native GIS users
2. Educational resources for GIS both Government to Government and peer-to-peer.
3. Networking with agency liaisons and Tribal leaders
4. To act as a voice for Native GIS priorities to the larger Council
5. Identify new GIS technology that could support Tribal communities.
6. Identify new uses for GIS in Tribal communities
7. Showcase successful GIS projects by Tribes and Tribal communities
8. Urban Native Americans - identify mappable community indicators and the history (as place-making) from relocation to the formation of inter-tribal urban communities through the movement in the 60s and 70s and its ongoing legacy. A good example for California is the takeover of Alcatraz, Longest Walk (L.A. to D.C. and S.F. to Arizona). In our workgroup research, for SF is a lot of erasure of both the history and community.
9. Mapping and General table statistics missing Native American information. One reason we do not see Native Americans in statistical reports is that governments still focus research efforts only on single-race individuals, whose numbers are small and declining.
10. Where appropriate with approvals – Story Mapping - traditional knowledge / historical ecological. ESRI Storyboard.
11. Upcoming Tribal Workgroup meeting to invite guest speakers – example: Kimberly Dodds-Johnson who worked on state legislation and research of CA Native Americans and former Tribal Liaison for CalTrans. Federal Surveyors and Tony O’Rourke (Yurok) - <http://cfeds.org/panel.asp>