



# California GIS Council Workgroup Report

<b>Workgroup: Tribal Workgroup</b> Workgroup page*: <a href="https://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/workgroups/tribal/">https://cgia.org/cagiscouncil/workgroups/tribal/</a> Workgroup Chair: Donna Miranda-Begay	Report Date: March 9, 2022
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\*See the workgroup page for workgroup charter, members, contact information, and prior reports.

## Requests for Council Action

None at this time

## Status Update

### Reconciliation of Derogatory Geographic Names

Back in June 2021, I started listening in on Fresno area Tribal discussions about derogatory geographical names in their area. At the federal level, there was already efforts forming to address this national wide issue. Introduced on February 14, 2022, California State Assembly James Ramos authored AB 2022 to help address this issue in California. In this report's legislation and notes sections, more information on this

Annual Tribal GIS Conference scheduled for April 24-29, 2022, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. National Tribal GIS conference web site is [12th Annual National Tribal GIS Conference \(regfox.com\)](https://regfox.com)

Updated Mapping information for U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Pacific Region

[Pacific Region | Indian Affairs \(bia.gov\)](https://www.bia.gov) – U.S. DOI, BIA – Pacific Regions web page (lower right are links to CA Tribal Lands map and GIS data.

[california map 2022\\_large.pdf \(indianaffairs.gov\)](https://www.indianaffairs.gov) – dated February 2022

[Indian Land GIS Files \(6-29-2021\)](https://www.indianaffairs.gov) – for Pacific Region

Attended WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group (TETWG) call on Friday, February 25, 2022 – two major topics:

- Tribal Energy and Mineral Development Grant Opportunities by Jennifer Reimann, Branch Chief, Renewable and Distributed Generation, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, BIA
- Current and future impacts of a changing climate in agriculture, forests and water resources of the Southwestern United States by Dr. Emile Elias, Director, USDA Southwest Climate Hub and Dr. Steven Ostoja, Director, USDA California Climate Hub
- WRP TETWG is looking for Co-Chairs – if there are any California Tribal Representatives interested they can contact: Amy Duffy at [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org) or call W: 623.572.6656 \* C: 623.451.0530 \* [wrpinfo.org](http://wrpinfo.org)

Local – Tubatulabals of Kern Valley Cemetery Expansion Project / use of GPR (Ground Penetration Rada) on March 21 and 23, 2022 in Weldon, CA. The Tribe has a grant for this project and has hired an archeologist with GPR technology to assist.



**Legislative/Policy Update**

[AB 2022 - California Assembly \(20212022\) - Open States](#) – Introduced 2/14/2022, proposed Natural Resources Agency established the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) to be a liaison to the United States Board on Geographic Names. AB2022 proposes for the name “Sq \_\_ w” to be removed from California geographic feature.

[Federal Register :: Reconciliation of Derogatory Geographic Names](#) – comment period end 4/24/2022. Proposed listing of reconciliation of derogatory geographic names in the U.S. Link to spreadsheet with proposed names changes: [SO3404 Candidate Names List | U.S. Geological Survey \(usgs.gov\)](#)

**Next Actions & Key dates**

Continuing to focus on Tribal Work Group Charter Goals and Tasks

Action	Key Date
April 2022 – CA GIS Council – Tribal Work Group Meeting	TBD

**Documents and Attachments**

WRP Tribal Engagement Temporary Working Group – Feb. 22, 2022 PowerPoint Presentations by:

- Tribal Energy and Mineral Development Grant Opportunities by Jennifer Reimann, Branch Chief, Renewable and Distributed Generation, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, BIA
- Current and future impacts of a changing climate in agriculture, forests and water resources of the Southwestern United States by Dr. Emile Elias, Director, USDA Southwest Climate Hub and Dr. Steven Ostoja, Director, USDA California Climate Hub

**Notes**

Screen shot of proposed geographic name changes and URL:

[https://geonarrative.usgs.gov/names\\_taskforce/](https://geonarrative.usgs.gov/names_taskforce/)

