

**CA Tribal GIS – update for CGIA Community meeting 3/14/2024**  
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Sponsored a Tubatulabal Family Cultural Exchange Day at my home

- Had harvest elderberry branches and "saat" Indian Tea in Kern Valley area
- Make clap sticks / music sticks out of elderberry branches
- Shared the "saat" tea in small brown bags
- Had 14 Tubatulabal Family members from Manteca, Los Banos, and Weldon participating
- Created a 13 minute documentary on the harvesting and event day – on my MS one-drive –Here is link for the video: [https://1drv.ms/v/s!AlIYcN2usXPanDOqRuPL9\\_ORjEdh](https://1drv.ms/v/s!AlIYcN2usXPanDOqRuPL9_ORjEdh)
- We shared our Tubatulabal songs and other drumming songs in my 16 foot yurt house.
- Overall, a good cultural day and I explained to everyone about CA Tribal GIS and CGIA
- Very good support for my new non-profit
- Recently, had made a 13-minute documentary video regarding the harvesting of elderberry branches and "saat" tea for a March 2, 2024 tribal Tubatulabal families cultural exchange at my home in Weldon, CA on our Tribal allotment.

Later today – will meet with three UC Davis – Health Policy Research Scholars regarding current work for Tribal Allotments. Provided them BIA allotment maps and mapping data.

Jane and I had been in contact with another researcher- Heather Collins. Anthropology, B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program, California State University, Stanislaus. Interested in cultural resource mapping and CGIA and CA Tribal GIS work.

At last U.S. Forest Service Tribal Forum meeting in late February, there was an interest by the USFS to assist allotments with controlled wild fire burns on allotment lands that are adjacent and/or near US Forest Services – Sequoia Forest lands. I received Sequoia Forest boundary GIS data and created allotment maps with USFS Sequoia boundaries. Lisa Bonilla, US FS – Sequoia District - Geospatial Specialist, Clovis office, provided me the GIS Sequoia Forest data.

Still on hold – waiting for IRS confirmation of my non-profit exempt status request made in mid-February. This process is taking some time – hope to hear from IRS soon.

I have signed up for ESRI sponsored webinars.

