

Tribal Cultural Resources Law in California: A Training Series for Tribes Unit 2 - Executive Summary

Unit Title: Tribal Cultural Resources Law Background Information

Outline of Training:

This unit provides background information about Tribal Cultural Resources Law (TCRL) that will serve as the foundation for the training series and for practice in tribal cultural resources protection and repatriation. The audience will be introduced to the history of how TCRL evolved in California, the organization of relevant California laws and how to access them and the powers and duties of the NAHC.

This unit is grouped into four parts:

Part 1: Differing Worldviews

Part 2: California Law Basics

Part 3: History of Tribal Cultural Resources Laws in California

Part 4: Native American Heritage Commission

This unit takes 41:37 minutes to complete.

Target outcomes:

- The audience gains an appreciation for the historical context around Tribal Cultural Resources Law.
- The audience will understand the state approach to drafting, organizing and citing to laws used in TCRL.
- The audience will be better prepared to digest the rest of the training series through the definition and explanation of some key terms.

Discussion Questions

The following questions can be used to discuss this topic within a training group:

1. How has the California Legislature's treatment of tribal cultural resources changed since the inception of the Native American Heritage Commission? Use the laws found in Part 3, History of Tribal Cultural Resources Laws in California, for guidance.
2. What are the main powers and duties of the Native American Heritage Commission? How could the Native American Heritage Commission assist your community with its current preservation and repatriation efforts?