

**Tribal Cultural Resources Law in California:  
A Training Series for Tribes  
Unit 3 - Executive Summary**

**Unit Title:** Land Use Planning and Development – Tribal Consultation

**Outline of Training:**

This unit provides an explanation of the body of law that governs land use and planning for public and private projects in relation to Tribal Cultural Resources in California. An overview of tribal consultation in the context of planning and development is included.

This unit is grouped into three parts:

Part 1: General Plans

Part 2: California Environmental Quality Act

Part 3: CEQA Process

This unit takes 42:12 minutes to complete.

**Target outcomes:**

- The audience will understand the relationship between general plans, proposed projects, and the Native American Heritage Commission investigations.
- The audience will learn what constitutes a planning agency's general plan, including information about required elements, notice to and comment from the public, required consultation, and confidentiality.
- The audience will gain an appreciation for the purpose and scope of CEQA policy as it relates to tribal cultural resources.
- The audience will be better able to follow the CEQA process from the request for notice of proposed projects to the appeal of lead agency's decision.

**Discussion Questions**

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

1. Identify the planning agency whose work impacts your community's cultural sites. How can you engage the agency to learn about general plans, including notice, comment, and consultation?
2. The CEQA process requires that each tribe have a designated person with whom a lead agency may differ to for contact. Does your tribe have a contact person for purposes of CEQA? If so, how does that person relate to tribal council? If not, what department or unit of your Tribe's government would best be suited to designate a contact person?