

Tribal Cultural Resources Law in California: A Training Series for Tribes Unit 6 - Executive Summary

Unit Title: Repatriation Overview

Outline of Training:

This unit draws on both Federal and California laws to provide the background and policy behind collections and repatriation of Human Remains and Cultural Items. The unit will focus on the 2020 UC System State Audit, key changes to CalNAGPRA from AB 275, repatriation requirements for the UC System, and the role of the NAHC will be reviewed and discussed.

This unit is grouped into four parts:

Part 1: Background and Content

Part 2: Barriers to Repatriation

Part 3: Major Changes in CalNAGPRA

Part 4: NAHC Duties

This unit takes 50:38 minutes to complete.

Target outcomes:

- The audience gains an appreciation of federal and state laws concerning repatriation.
- The audience will understand the competing interests and other factors that bar repatriation.
- The audience will be better able to navigate the repatriation process under CalNAGPRA.
- The audience will learn about the Native American Heritage Commission's role in overseeing repatriation for California Tribes.

Discussion Questions

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

1. Review of the Auditor of the State of California's report (hyperlinked on slide 30). What are the shortcomings of the UC Regents' policy toward the returning of human remains?
2. How does your Tribe coordinate repatriation requests? Discuss among each other current procedures and what you should add in light of CalNAGPRA and the NAHC's duties.