Tribal Cultural Resources Law in California: A Training Series for Tribes Unit 7 - Executive Summary

Unit Title: Collections and Repatriation Claim Process

Outline of Training:

This unit will explain the state collections and consultation process as well as the process for making a repatriation claim. Information about the legal requirements for state agencies' collections that contain human remains and cultural resources will be provided. This will include an explanation of the inventories and summaries of collections; the legal requirements for cultural affiliation; and the timelines for notice, publication, and tribal consultation. The roles of key stakeholders in the repatriation claims process will be examined along with deadlines and timelines within the claim process.

This unit is grouped into two parts:

Part 1: State Agency Collections Part 2: Repatriation Claim Process

This unit takes 38:53 minutes to complete.

Target outcomes:

- The audience will learn about the federal and state laws that apply to the repatriation claim process.
- The audience will understand how to initiate a claim and deal with challenges associated with the process.
- The audience will better understand who can make a claim under state law and what exemptions exist when pursuing a claim under federal law.

Discussion Questions

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

- 1. Who can make a claim under NAGPRA (federal law)? Who can make a claim under CalNAGPRA (state law)? How do these laws differ in regard to who can make a claim?
- 2. What protocols, if any, does your community use to resolve multiple claims over the same remains or object? If your community does not have any, what protocols would you suggest?
- 3. What traditional practices would you incorporate into a Repatriation Agreement for human remains and cultural items? Discuss such practices with your fellow community members.