



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
**NATIVE AMERICAN
HERITAGE COMMISSION**

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

July 02, 2024

Staff Services Manager: Environmental / Cultural Division

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Cody Campagne as our new Staff Manager to lead the Environmental / Cultural Division. Executive Leadership conducted several interviews to make this final determination. Mr. Campagne will oversee up to (5) subordinate staff. The job duties are to manage and oversee the functions of the Environmental & Cultural Division. This Division is responsible for responding to Sacred Lands File requests and CEQA requests, creating various Contact Lists for lead agencies, among others. This Division is also responsible for making Most Likely Descendant determinations when Ancestors are inadvertently disturbed.

Staff Services Manager: Legal Division (Spec)

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Miss Mor Saetern as the new SSM I (special) to assist the Legal Division. She will be responsible for managing and tracking repatriation activities within the CalNAGPRA Website among other duties within the Legal Division as directed. This position will not be overseeing or managing any other staff but reporting directly to Chief Legal.

Associate Governmental Program Analyst: Administration Division

The Commission posted a newly created AGPA/SSA position to assist the Administrative Division with managing the NAHC Website, Social Media pages, among other administrative duties. That position posting closed on Friday, June 28, 2024. Internal Staff will be reviewing all applications and begin to set up the first round of interviews in the coming weeks.

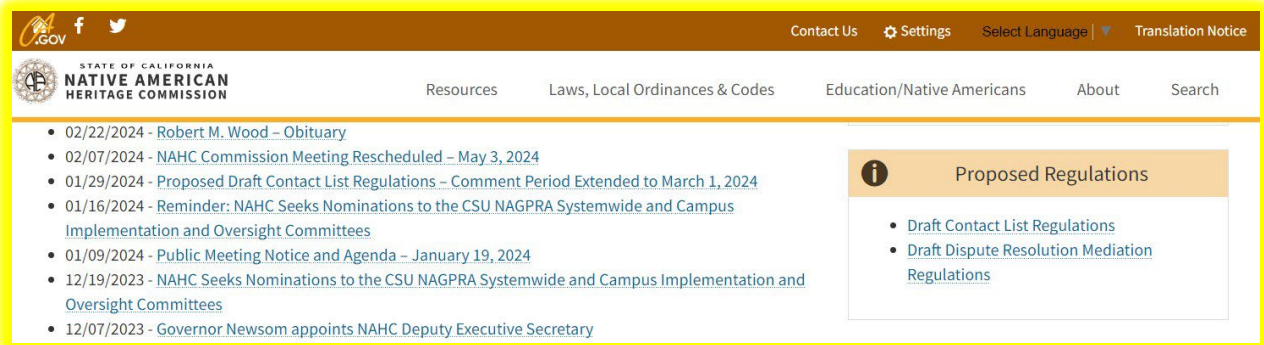
Associate Governmental Program Analyst: Environmental / Cultural Division

The Commission posted an AGPA vacancy position for the Environmental / Cultural Division. This position closed on June 24, 2024. Internal Staff will be reviewing all applications and begin to set up the first round of interviews in the coming weeks.

Draft Contact List Regulations

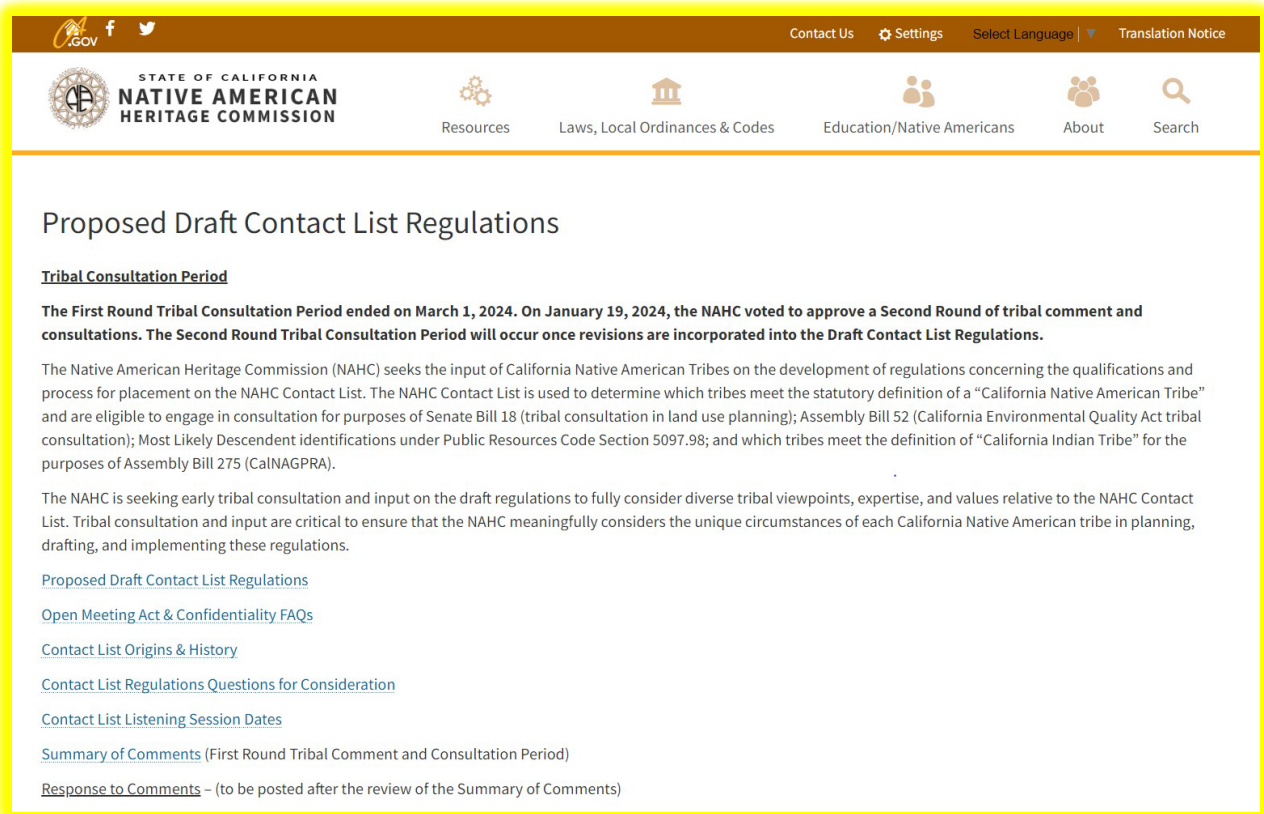
On March 02, 2024, the Commission concluded a 120+ day Tribal Comment & Consultation Period. During that time, the Commission conducted (5) In-person Round Table discussions, (4) Virtual Zoom Listening Sessions, several 1on1 Tribal Consultations, and received many written Comment Letters. Access and information about the Contact List can be found on the **NAHC Website Homepage** and access the **Proposed Regulations** Tab (**Figure 1**).

Figure 1. NAHC Homepage / Proposed Regulations



Once the **Draft Contact List Regulations** Link has been accessed (**Figure 2**), users can navigate several [links](#) to all information about the status of the Draft Contact List Regulations. The Most recent [Link](#) added is the **“Summary of Comments”** which detail all comments received based on areas of the Draft Contact List Regulations.

Figure 2. Draft Contact List Regulations



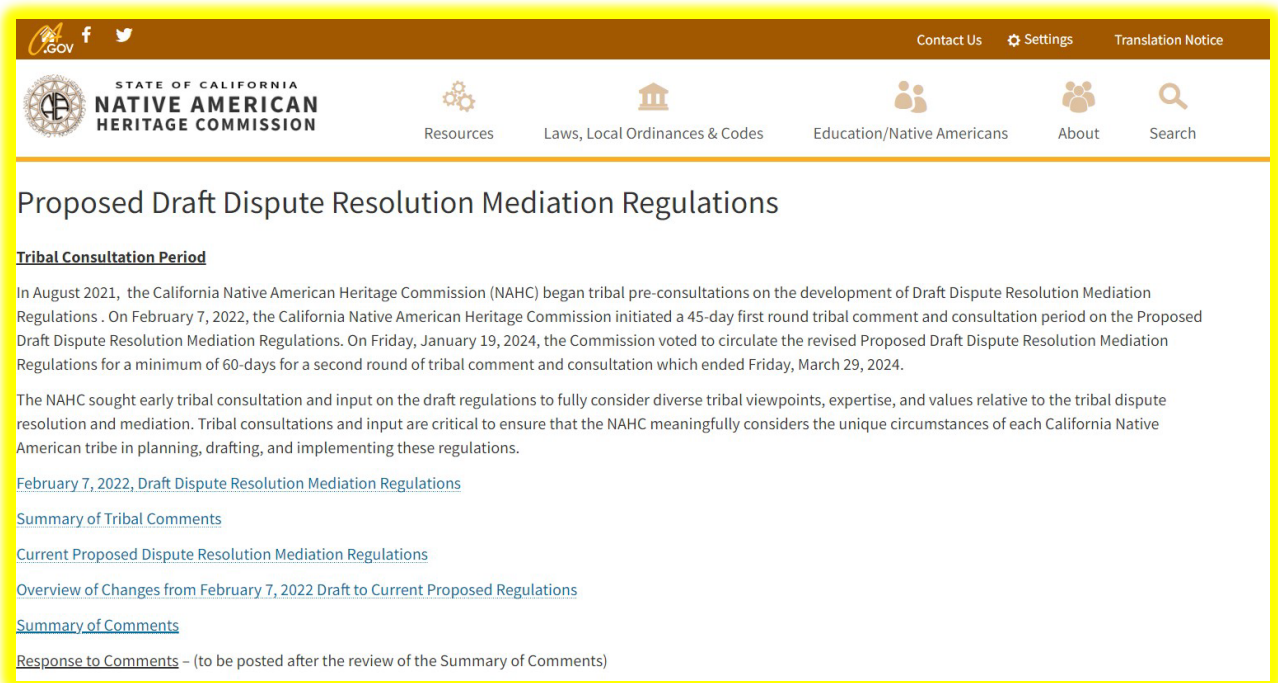
The next steps for the Draft Contact List Regulations are to thoroughly review the vast comments received and consult with Legal Counsel and the Contact List Sub-Committee which include Vice-Chairwoman Buffy McQuillen and Commissioner Wayne Nelson on policy decisions and direction. It may take several months to fully review and

create a Second Draft of the Contact List for entire Commissioner review and eventual release for Round II Tribal Comment & Consultation Period. We anticipate these being ready by the Fall/Winter Commission Meeting for review and potential approval.

Draft CalNAGPRA Dispute Resolution & Mediation Regulations

On March 29, 2024, the Commission concluded Round II of a 60-Day Tribal Comment & Consultation Period. During this period, we conducted several 1 on1 Tribal Consultations, (2) Virtual Zoom Listening Sessions, and accepted many written comments. To access all information about the CalNAGPRA Draft Dispute Resolution Mediation Regulations please see **NAHC Homepage / Proposed Regulations, (Figure 1)** then click the Mediation Link to access the **Draft Dispute Resolution Mediation Regulations (Figure 3)**.

Figure 3. Draft Dispute Resolution Mediation Regulations



A [Link](#) to the "[Summary of Comments](#)" can be accessed for users to view all comments received by the Commission from the most recent Round II Tribal Comment & Consultation Period. We will be working with Legal Counsel and the Mediation Subcommittee which include Chairman Reggie Pagaling and Secretary Sara Dutschke to review and make policy decisions to revise the Draft Regulations. Once a revision has been drafted, the Draft will be presented to the full Commission to determine whether to release for Round III of a Tribal Comment & Consultation Period or begin the formal APA Rulemaking process.

Draft Most Likely Descendants' (MLD) Regulations

Commission Legal Counsel Michelle Carr has reviewed the Draft MLD Regulations and identified several issues with the current regulations. We will reconvene working internally with the MLD Commission Sub-Committee which include Commissioner Isaac Bojorquez and Commissioner Laurena Bolden to discuss issues and work to redraft a version of the Most Likely Descendants' Regulations to be reviewed by the entire Commission and potentially redistributed to Tribes for a robust Tribal Comment & Consultation Period. These Regulations have been out to Tribal Consultation (3) different times since 2016 and need to be finalized.

Draft Sacred Lands Inventory & Fee (SLF) Regulations

NAHC Staff are redrafting SLF Regulations on how Tribes can add Sacred Sites to our Sacred Sites Files. These Draft Regulations will also allow for the NAHC to charge a small fee for Sacred Lands File Searches which will include all searches being conducted by the Commission such as AB 52, SB 18, AB 168, SB 35, CalNAGPRA, AB 2022, and Cultural Resource Assessments Searches. As a part of the 2018-2022 NAHC Strategic Plan, the Commission had embedded the need to charge for these searches, but a legislative fix would be needed to allow for fees. In 2019, a Trailer Bill was passed to allow for SLF Fees to be implemented with formal Regulations approved.

The SLF were created in the late 70's and early 80's to protect Sacred Places of Worship, Village Sites, and areas of tribal concern that need to be protected. Since then, most tribes on our Contact List have submitted their own tribal information, including Ancestral Territory, Village Sites, and places of worship they deem necessary to protect and preserve.

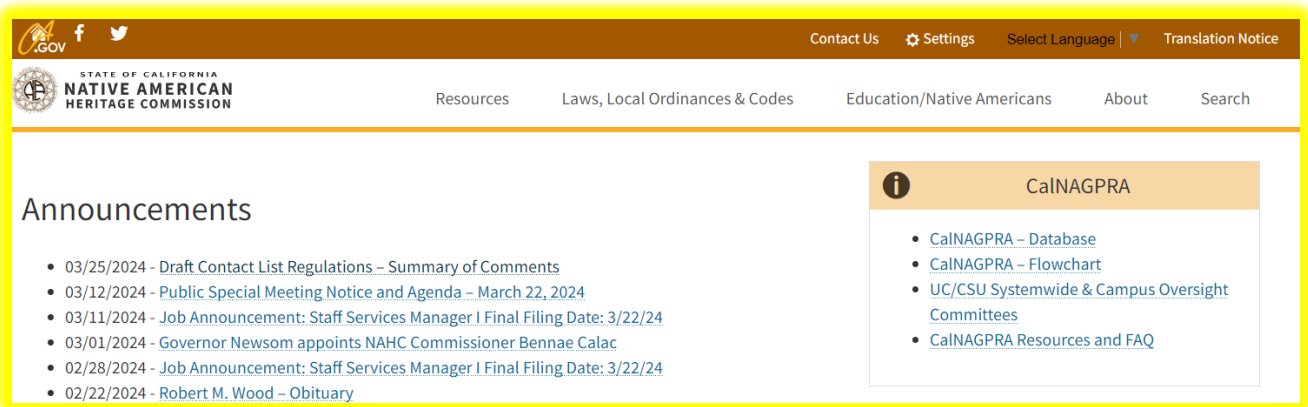
To be in alignment with the duties of the Commission, these Files need to be integrated. To be carrying out the directives of the expired Strategic Plan and the Trailer Bill language from 2019 that allows for SLF Search Fees, we are working to upgrade and streamline our Database. As we get more legitimate Draft Regulations and a Commissioner Sub-Committee has been identified, we will keep you apprised of upcoming Draft Regulations for Round I of Tribal Consultation.

CalNAGPRA Process & Enforcement Regulations

After several internal discussions, we determined to combine the CalNAGPRA Process and Enforcement Regulations instead of creating 2 separate regulations. NAHC Staff and Legal will continue working with the Commission Sub-Committee, Secretary Sara Dutschke and Chairman Reggie Pagaling to create a solid Draft of the CalNAGPRA Process & Enforcement Regulations to reflect AB 275 and the steps to repatriate the 1000's of collections still being held by some State Agencies and Higher Learning Institutions. Enforcement Regulations allow the NAHC to have the ability to levy fines for repatriation violations. We are striving for Fall/Winter 2024 for potential release to Tribes for Round I of Tribal Comment & Consultation to begin the Regulations codification process. In March of 2024, federal NAGPRA ratified several amendments that have an

overarching effect on CalNAGPRA and completely change the direction and authority the NAHC has with tracking and enforcing these regulations. Currently, Mario Pallari has created a CalNAGPRA Flow Chart outlining an easy step by step process for Repatriation which can be found on the **NAHC Website Homepage, CalNAGPRA Tab, “CalNAGPRA Resources and FAQ” Tab (Figure 4)**. Please note, this flow chart now has to be reviewed and updated to reflect the NAGPRA Amendments.

Figure 4. NAHC Homepage / CalNAGPRA



CalNAGPRA Dispute Resolution Mediation Certified Training and Mediator Program

In July of 2022, Commissioners directed NAHC Staff to create a pool of mediators throughout the State who could assist the NAHC with its responsibility of providing mediation when disputes arise pertaining to AB 275 CalNAGPRA. Since that time, we have actively identified and executed a contract with the Restorative Justice Center (“RJC”) at UC Berkeley to work with NAHC to create and facilitate a Certified Mediation Training Program focused on CalNAGPRA and Restorative Justice Principles. The first round of training will include qualified candidates who can assist with dispute resolution and mediation services around the State. This training includes any Commissioner or NAHC Staff who would like to attend. Once a pool of certified Mediators is identified, the RJC will manage and oversee the costs and scheduling of mediators to conduct the mediation sessions including time, travel, and accommodations. More information will be released in the coming months as we work to build the training module.

57th Annual California Native American Day



Over the next several months and on Friday, September 27, 2024, the NAHC will be leading the charge planning and overseeing the 57th Annual California Native American Day to be held on the West steps of the State Capitol. This year's theme will be "**Recognizing 100 Years of Citizenship and the Fight for the Right to Vote: 1924-2024**". Mr. Carl Avery is the chosen native artist for this year's artwork. The first internal Planning Committee Meeting occurred on April 25th and regular bi-weekly volunteer planning meetings kicked off Thursday, June 27, 2024. We are actively reaching out to Non-Profit & State Agency for day of participation by securing a 10' x 10' tent. Deadline to secure is Friday, August 16, 2024. (20)

Retail Native American Vendors have already been identified and secured. We are also trying to get (20) Cultural Practitioners and (10) Tribal Cultural Departments to present and share as well.

California Tribal Nations Summit

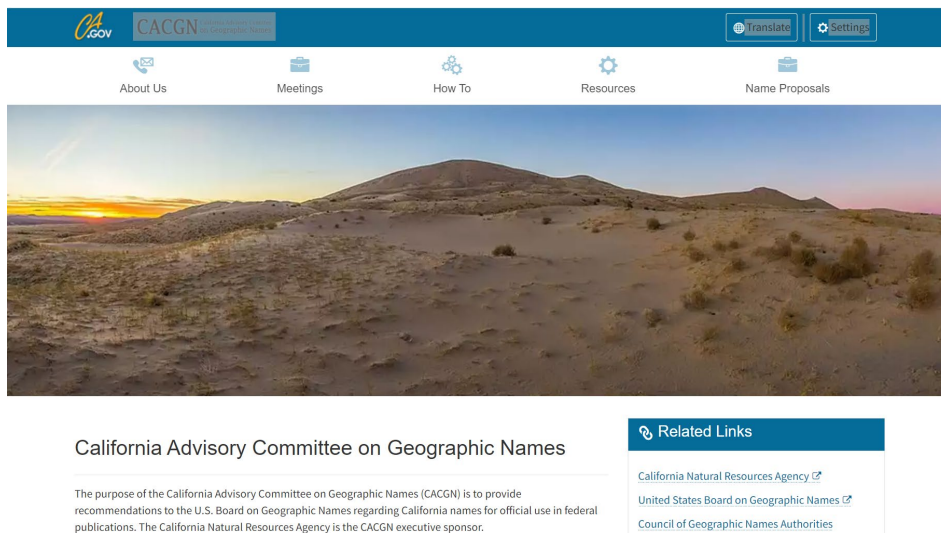
On February 26th, Governor Newsom co-hosted the California Tribal Nations Summit which tribal leaders had the opportunity to engage with Administration officials on issues of mutual importance, set high-level policy priorities for the next year of the Newsom Administration and educate the Administration on tribal nations. The goals of this year's Summit are to *hear the top priorities of participant tribal nations, meet new and continuing tribal leaders and set the stage to propose tribal-state initiatives responsive to the California Truth & Healing Council charge of working toward historical justice for California Native people. The NAHC Executive Secretary presented during the lunch hour to both Tribal Leaders and Agency officials discussing ongoing business of the Commission.*



California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names ("CACGN")

As a part of AB 2022, the CACGN will be monitoring the progress of Cities and Counties outreach to California Native American Tribes within culturally affiliated areas where SQ

and Derogatory Names are present in geographic locations including public streets, bridges, and buildings. In March during a Public Meeting, the CACGN voted to keep the name of Habematolel Valley in Lake County to replace SQ Valley. Another proposed name was Kilkenny Valley was not accepted. In Ventura County, three SQ. features were renamed by the Barbareño Ventureño Band of Mission Indians in Chumash language that were voted on and accepted by the CACGN. A new derogatory name has been assigned to CACGN to review in Lake County. The current name of the town is Kelseyville and many federally recognized tribes have shown unified interest and support for the proposed name change to Konocti. The history of Kelsey was one of horrific stories of slavery, rape, and murder towards the indigenous Pomo of the area. As a part of AB 2022, Cities & Counties have until August 06, 2024, to submit recommended names to change the current (46) Sq. names around the State. The CACGN has until January 2025 to approve these recommended names. For more information, please go to cacgn.ca.gov to access the CACGN Website.



Environmental & Cultural Division Update

The NAHC Environmental & Cultural Division Staff Analysts are responsible for several functions. Maintaining and updating contacts for Tribes on the Contacts List for general information, CACGN, MLD Determinations, AB 52, SB18, AB 168, and other project requests, GIS Tribal Cultural Affiliation Map updates and submissions, SLF Searches, among other functions. For the Fiscal Year 2023-24 (July 23-Jun 24), the Division completed the following:

- (58)** **Most Likely Descendant(s)** determination Requests
- (5,116)** **Contact Information** Requests
- (15,560)** **Sacred Lands File** Searches

We are working to update all Contact Information for all Tribes on our Contact List and following up with Tribes who have not submitted a Culturally and Traditionally Affiliated Map for AB 52 and Tribal Consultation purposes. More information to come.

NAGPRA & CalNAGPRA Workshop Sessions

On June 27th, NAHC Legal, Michelle Carr & Mario Pallari, along with NAGPRA Program Manager, Melanie O'Brian held a NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA informational session and took Q&As graciously hosted by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The Workshop is intended for California repatriation professionals including THPO's, SHPO's, and UC/CSU Repatriation Coordinators. This training is aimed at guiding Tribes and Institutions through the state and federal repatriation process especially after the federal NAGPRA Amendments that took effect in March 2024. Among the topics that were covered are the new NAGPRA regulations and their effects on CalNAGPRA repatriation and best practices, working with federal and state agencies, the next generation of repatriation, best practices working with Tribes, and Training, Working Groups, and Contamination issues. NAHC Commission Chairman, and Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Tribal Elder, gave powerful opening remarks about the roles all attendees and presenters play to preserve and protect our cultural resources and our Ancestors. For him to follow his mentors who paved the pathway for his service and how he stands on their shoulders to continue their vision. It's now the new youthful leaders to stand upon his shoulders to continue the progress and advocacy of our culture into the next generation.



2nd Annual Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons Week at the Capitol

Several activities were planned for the week of April 30- May 02, 2024, to honor and bring education and awareness to the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons ("MMIP") epidemic throughout Indian Country and specifically in California. These MMIP events included a Tribal Leaders Reception, Press Conference, Floor Ceremony, and culminated with a candlelight vigil held on the West Steps of the Capitol. As a highlight of the vigil, the Capitol Rotunda was lit amber red.



California Indian Cultural Awareness Event

The California Native American Caucus
presents
The Fifth Annual
**California Indian Cultural
Awareness Event**
Monday, August 5th, 2024

Floor Ceremony
1:00 PM: Assembly Floor Presentation of ACR 140
recognizing the importance of California Native American
Day

5:30 PM to 5:45 PM: Blessing and Land Acknowledgment
(at Native American Monument in Capitol Park)

Event to Immediately Follow at Cafeteria 15L at 1116 15th St
Sacramento, CA 95814

6 PM to 7 PM: Cultural Presentations
with entertainment by Twice As Good - 2XG

Hosted by:
James C. Ramos
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 23

For any questions and to
RSVP contact:
Linda.Sackseasm.ca.gov

Assemblymember James Ramos, Chairman of the California Native American Legislative Caucus, cordially invites you to the 5th Annual California Indian Cultural Awareness Event scheduled for Monday, August 05th. Please see flyer to the left for more information and RSVP.

National Native American Heritage Month Parade & Celebration

**INAUGURAL
NATIONAL
NATIVE AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH PARADE
AND NATIVE AMERICAN MONUMENT
COMMEMORATION EVENT**

Downtown Sacramento — Capitol Mall
Saturday Nov. 9th
10 am - 2pm

California's Inaugural National Native American Heritage Month
Parade hosted by the California Legislative Native American
Caucus. Join us in celebrating the contributions, achievements,
cultural diversity and impact of California's First People.

On Saturday, November 09, 2024, from 10:00am -2:00pm at the Capitol Mall, a parade will be held to celebrate National Native American Heritage Month. The Native American Monument Commemoration event will also be held on east lawn of the Capitol where the new Native American monument has been erected. This year's festivities are hosted by the CA Legislative Native American Caucus celebrating the contributions, achievements, cultural diversity, and impact of California's First People.