

November 22, 2023

**California Native American Heritage Commission
C/O Raymond C. Hitchcock
Executive Secretary
1550 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95691**

Dear Secretary Hitchcock:

The California Coalition of State Tribes (CCST) is a multi-tribe organization and we are writing on the topic of the Calif. Native American Commission (NAHC) Contact List Proposed Regulations.

The Contact List affects every tribe large and small throughout California including non-Federally Acknowledged and Federally Acknowledged Tribes. You have asked the tribes for their comments and that is appropriate and appreciated. But to that point, we're asking for more time to respond.

We need time to review, consider and construct a response to the proposed regulations. A short timeline is overly burdensome, unreasonable and puts small unfunded or underfunded tribes at a distinct disadvantage.

This isn't a process that can be rushed and during the stated 90 day comment period there are holidays including solstice. So the time allowed to comment will fly by. Additionally, all tribes large and small have many projects on our tables and we shouldn't be forced to neglect other projects when you have the ability to give us more time to carefully review the Contact List proposed regulations

We need time to talk to other tribes, seek legal advice and think thoroughly about the proposed regulations that once approved will have immense impact on our communities.

With these comments in mind, the members of the CCST respectfully request an extension of the comment period until April 1, 2024.

Thank you,

**Joey Williams
1st Vice President
Coalition of California State Tribes**

Member Tribes:

Chalon

Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Gabrielino-Tongva

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation 84A

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians 84B

Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe

Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation

North Fork Mono Tribe

Tamien Nation

yak tityu tityu yak tilhini Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region

Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians

Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians

Pankan 'Yani Maidu (Mountain Maidu) Strawberry Valley

Gabrieleno/Tongva- San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Shiishongna Tongva Nation Corona Band of Gabrielino Indians

Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe

Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California