

Development of the CIHC

- In 2002, the California Indian Heritage Center Task Force was established to advise California State Parks on the location, design, content, and governance structure of the California Indian Heritage Center. An initial \$5 million was allocated for preliminary planning efforts.
- In 2003, the Task Force held its first meeting at which it confirmed a key study, completed in 1991, that captured input from tribes from throughout California. Site nominations for the location of the CIHC were received from throughout California.
- In 2004, after reviewing site nominations, the Task Force selected the lower American River in the City of Sacramento as the official location for the CIHC.
- In 2005, EDAW Inc., supported by internationally known museum planners, Appelbaum and Associates, was hired to develop the interpretive plan, architectural program, as well as the site and facility master plan.

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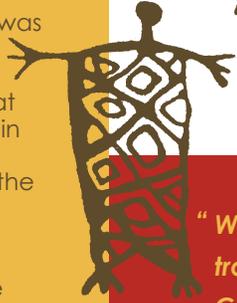


- In 2006, the Task Force recommended moving forward with property acquisitions for sites on both sides of the Lower American River in partnership with local agencies and stakeholders.
- In 2007, the task force moved forward with site assessments and recommended that the 43-acre East Riverfront property at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers be the preferred site for the CIHC. The CIHC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public benefit corporation was incorporated to partner with State Parks and the Native American Heritage Commission on the fund development and governance of the CIHC.



CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER

Honoring Diversity & History
of California Indian People



"We need to teach our youth about traditions. This is an opportunity to bring California Indian people together."

- Randy Yonemura (Miwok)

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CIHC Features

The **California Indian Heritage Center** will be world class in both content and design. **It will honor the diversity and history of the state's tribes by presenting both traditional and contemporary culture of California Indians.** The design will reflect Indian values in form, materials and the Center's placement on the land.

Plans for the facility include formal exhibit galleries for historic and contemporary exhibitions and programs. The Center will house extensive collections of California Indian baskets and other cultural treasures, and will provide a research center, meeting rooms, museum store, and food service facilities. The grounds will be restored to their natural state and will accommodate seasonal outdoor programs and ceremonial areas for special events and traditional gatherings.

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Vision Statement

Under the guidance of California Indian people, the California Indian Heritage Center will:

- Present a statewide perspective on California's diverse Indian cultural legacy.
- Honor the contributions of California Indians and promote dialogue between generations.
- Enhance public understanding of traditional and spiritual beliefs and practices.
- Collect and present traditional and contemporary California Indian artistic and cultural expressions.
- Partner with tribal communities and regional cultural centers and museums.
- Provide educational opportunities to research and understand California's Indian history, cultures and the impact of contemporary issues.
- Be recognized as a treasured California destination that enriches public life.



The **California Indian Heritage Center Task Force**, the **Native American Heritage Commission**, **California State Parks** and our stakeholders, are collaborating to create a new California Indian Heritage Center, to be located in the Sacramento region.



The Center will fill a long-standing need in the state. It will be a place where Indian people can come together, celebrate and preserve their past, and promote the continuation of their traditions. It will also be a place where all Californians can learn about the history and contemporary life of the state's indigenous people. The California Indian Heritage Center will be a destination for tourists from throughout the world to learn about Native American culture in California.

"As the Sacramento region is central to the present and future of all Californians, so is the California Indian Heritage Center to the traditions, present and future, of the original people of this land."

- Jack Norton (Hupa/Cherokee)



The Future of the CIHC

Develop Governance Structure for the CIHC

The CIHC Task Force appointed a Governance subcommittee in January 2004. The subcommittee will recommend a partnership model for CIHC governance that brings together California Indian people, the Native American Heritage Commission and California State Parks to provide for the development and ongoing operations of the CIHC.

Complete the Land Assembly

A master agreement will be negotiated with the City of West Sacramento, including both a Memorandum of Understanding to guide operations and a Conveyance Agreement that will transfer the property from West Sacramento to State Parks for the CIHC.

Create a Site and Facility Master Plan

After the property is transferred, stakeholder meetings will be initiated to discuss the use and conceptual designs for the site. These meetings will provide guidance to the design team for phased site development and facility layout.

Complete a General Plan and Project Level Environmental Impact Report

The State Parks' General Plan process will include a series of public meetings to develop alternative plans, a project-level environmental impact report and studies to define the project. The General Plan will serve as the guiding document for developing and operating the CIHC.

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The **California Indian Heritage Center** honors the **diversity** and **history** of California Indian people by preserving **cultural and tribal traditions**, **nurturing contemporary expressions**, and **facilitating research and education** for California, the nation, and the world.