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Resolution 17-2025

Adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
At its regular meeting in West Sacramento, CA
on September 25, 2025

**Recognizing the California Natural Resources Agency and the California
Department of Parks and Recreation Efforts to Co-Steward with California's
Native American Tribes**

PREAMBLE:

The State Park and Recreation Commission (SPRC) hereby acknowledges that California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) manages lands that are the traditional territory of California Native American Tribes (California Tribes); and recognizes the successful efforts of California State Parks Tribal Affairs Program (Tribal Affairs Program) to engage, collaborate, and co-steward State Park Lands with California's Tribes; and

The SPRC expresses its deepest gratitude, acknowledgement, and reverence for all that the California Natural Resources Agency (Agency), California State Parks and the Tribal Affairs Program have done, and will continue to do, for California Native American tribes and communities.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2007, California State Parks developed its Native American Consultation Policy to consult with Native California Indians regarding activities that affect matters relating to their heritage, sacred sites, and cultural traditions;

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2011, Executive Order B-10-11 directed and encouraged every state agency and department to communicate and consult with California Tribes and to permit elected officials and other representatives of tribal governments to provide meaningful input into the development of matters that may affect tribal communities;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2012, the California Natural Resources Agency established its policy to ensure authentic and appropriate communication and consultation with California Tribes and tribal communities in the development of any regulations, rules, policies, programs, projects, plans, property decision and activities that may affect tribal communities;

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019 Executive Order N-15-19 recognized that in the early decades of California's statehood, the relationship between the State of California and California Native Americans was fraught with violence, exploitation, dispossession and the attempted destruction of tribal communities, formally apologized for these previous State actions, committed to more closely explore and improve the historical and ongoing relationship between the State of California and California Tribes through the establishment of the Truth and Healing Council;

WHEREAS, The Tribal Affairs Program was created within the Cultural Resources Division in California State Parks in 2016 to implement these and other State and Agency orders and directives;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Affairs Program was established within California State Parks to manage statewide tribal policies, oversee the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program, develop Tribal Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs), and support work of California State Parks Districts to partner with California Tribes;

WHEREAS, the California State Parks' NAGPRA Program works with California Tribes to identify and repatriate Native American ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Affairs Program and its Liaisons, strive to engage in open, respectful, ongoing consultation with California Tribes and Native American groups on the appropriate management of areas, places, objects and burials associated with their homelands, heritage, sacred sites and traditional cultural properties or cultural traditions in the State Park System;

WHEREAS, MOUs between California Tribes and California State Parks are created to address cultural and natural resources of concern or interest to the California Tribes within park districts, units, and programs and to foster meaningful partnerships and relationships with California Tribes;

Whereas, 14 MOUs have been signed to date, representing the deep and long-lasting commitment of California State Parks to the engagement and appreciation of California Tribes and their vital contribution to the health and well-being of California State Parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the California State Park and Recreation Commission recognizes and appreciates the work of the Agency, the Tribal Affairs Program and the entire California State Parks Department for its inspiring and groundbreaking work to advance cultural and natural resources protection in tribal homelands; foster communication and deepen relationships with California Tribes; and integrate traditional ecological knowledge into resource management through co-stewardship and cooperation with California Tribes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the California State Park and Recreation Commission supports the efforts of Agency and California State Parks to continue to build, maintain

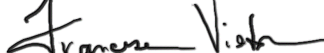
and improve relationships with California Tribes by collaborating and communicating with California Tribes on the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources, and the tribal homelands of California Tribes.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on September 25, 2025, at the Commission's duly-noted public meeting in West Sacramento, California.

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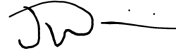
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