

Public Notice of the Public Comment Period for the California Natural Resources Agency's Draft Tribal Consultation Policy

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Natural Resources Agency is accepting public comment on its draft Tribal Consultation Policy, a copy of which is attached to this notice and which can also be located at www.resources.ca.gov. **The period for public comment will close on July 15, 2012. Secretary Laird will convene a public meeting to discuss the policy on June 26, 2012 at 1:30 pm at Thunder Valley Resort, 1200 Athens Avenue, Lincoln, California 95648.**

Background

On Sept. 19, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. issued Executive Order B-10-11. Through this order, the Governor reaffirmed his Administration's commitment to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in policy decisions that have tribal implications. The Governor subsequently directed his executive agencies to work towards the development of tribal consultation policies that will promote regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration, as well as strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the State and California native tribes that interact with it.

Purpose

The California Natural Resources Agency (Resources Agency) has developed a draft tribal consultation policy through outreach with both listed and non-listed tribal governments and its various departments, boards and commissions. Through its policy, the Resources Agency seeks to recognize that all California native tribes have distinct cultural, environmental, economic, and public health interests. The Resources Agency and its departments interact frequently with tribal communities and are already working closely with them in many of these areas. Thus, the Resource Agency's tribal consultation policy is intended to build on those existing relationships, while encouraging further outreach and collaboration.

Contact Information

Written comments made in response to this notice should be addressed to Liane Randolph, General Counsel and Deputy Secretary at 1416 9th Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento CA, 95814. Written comments may also be emailed to tribalpolicy@resources.ca.gov.

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