

# RINCON BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIANS

## Culture Committee

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Re: Public Notice of the Public Comment Period for CNRA's Draft Tribal Consultation Policy

Dear California Natural Resources Agency,

This letter is written on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. The Rincon Band is supportive of your agency's development of a lasting Tribal Consultation Policy, and Rincon also recognizes your agency's attempts to support tribal sovereignty.

After reviewing the draft consultation policy, the Rincon Band recommends the following:

- Have Tribes indicate to your agency through written correspondence their designated contacts. If a Tribe does not respond, use a default contact, such as the Tribal Chairman or Tribal Council (under #1 Outreach, paragraph 1)
- Clarify and state your agency's definition of "consultation" (under #1 Outreach, paragraph 1)
- Disseminate notices and information via postal mail and make them available online (under #1 Outreach, paragraph 2)
- Add "including holding meetings at locations in tribal communities" (under #1 Outreach, paragraph 2, sentence 1)
- Tribal Liaisons should be knowledgeable of California Indian cultures or should receive appropriate training in this area (under #2 Tribal Liaisons)
- The Tribal Liaison Committee should hold at least one open meeting with Tribes, and possibly hold one annual meeting with Tribes (under #3 Tribal Liaison Committee)

If you have any questions, please contact (760) 297-2635. Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments and to consult on a government-to-government basis.

Sincerely,

Rose Duro  
Rincon Culture Committee Chair

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