

A History of Native CA Lunch Series
Chapter 1: A People of the Land, a Land for the People
December 19, 2025
Takeaways and Resources

The following resource(s) were shared during the webinar:

- To learn more about cultural fire, please visit our cultural fire toolkit entry here: [Senate Bill 310 Cultural Burn Agreements](#)
- Dr. Paulette Steeves writes about the growing understanding in anthropology to honor creation stories. Steeves discusses the political history of American anthropology to focus on why pre-Clovis sites have been dismissed by the field for nearly a century. Check it out here: [Publications | TIPDBA.CA](#)
- [Register for the January 16 session, where we will discuss Chapter 2.](#)

Selected resources relating to this chapter for additional reading:

- Herbert W. Luthin, ed., *Surviving through the Days: Translations of Native California Stories and Songs* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002).
- Beth Rose Middleton, *Trust in the Land: New Directions in Tribal Conservation*.
- For an overview of the discussion around the debate over the size of the Indigenous population in California, see Albert Hurtado, "California Indian Demography, Sherburne F. Cook, and the Revision of American History," *Pacific Historical Review* 58 (August 1989): 323-43.
- Deborah Miranda, *Bad Indians: A Tribal Memoir* (Berkeley, CA: Heyday, 2013).
- Deborah Miranda, "Extermination of the *Joyas*: Gendercide in Spanish California," *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 16, no. 1-2 (2010): 253-84.
- M. Kat Anderson, *Tending the Wild: Native American Knowledge and the Management of California's Natural Resources* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005).