

Tribal Stewardship Policy Toolkit
Advancing Cultural Fire Workshop Agenda



April 3, 2025

715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
2nd Floor Room 2-201

Noon – Registration, Lunch, and Networking

1:00 PM – Welcome

- **Wade Crowfoot**, Secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency
- **Lisa Lien-Mager**, Deputy Secretary for Forestry and Wildfire Resilience

1:30 PM – What is Beneficial Fire? What is Cultural Fire? How does it relate to California policy?

- **Geneva E. B. Thompson**, CNRA Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs (Moderator)
- **Wesley Ruise Jr.**, La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Chairperson and Fire Chief
- **Margo Robins**, Cultural Fire Management Council Executive Director
- **Don Hankins**, California State University, Chico Professor and Co-Founder of the Indigenous Stewardship Network
- **Len Nelson**, CAL FIRE Staff Chief for Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection
- **Chanell Fletcher**, CARB Deputy Executive Officer of Equity, Communities & Environmental Justice

2:20 PM – Break

2:30 PM – What is SB 310?

- **Geneva E. B. Thompson**, CNRA Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs (Moderator)
- **Bill Tripp**, Karuk Tribe Natural Resources Department Director
- **Sara Clark**, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger Partner
- **Sabine Talaugon**, CAL EPA Deputy Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations
- **Anale Burlew**, CAL FIRE Chief Deputy Director
- **Heather Leslie**, CNRA Assistant General Counsel

3:30 PM - Break

4:00 PM – Roundtable Discussion

Expanding Cultural Fire: What's Working and Where Are the Challenges?

- **Geneva E. B. Thompson**, CNRA Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs (Moderator)

5:00 PM – Closing Remarks

5:30 – 7:30 - Happy Hour - Séka Hills Midtown Tasting Room - 1733 S Street | Sacramento