

GUIDE TO RELATED LAWS, POLICIES, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

The state laws, policies, and Executive Orders outlined below have been included because they are relevant to the California Natural Resources Agency's Tribal Stewardship Policy. The descriptions below are summaries only, intended to assist readers in finding a particular citation—please refer to the cited law, policy, or Order for exact language.

Governor Jerry Brown's Executive Order B-10-11

[Executive Order B-10-11](#) ordered state agencies under the Governor's authority to implement effective government-to-government consultation with Tribes on policies that affect California tribal communities, to encourage meaningful communication and consultation with California Native American tribes, and ordered that the Governor meet regularly with the elected officials of California Native American tribes (Governor's Exec. Order No. B-10-11 (Sept.19, 2011).)

Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-15-19

[Executive Order N-15-19](#) formally acknowledged and apologized on behalf of the State for the historical "violence, exploitation, dispossession and the attempted destruction of tribal communities" which dislocated California Native Americans from their ancestral land and sacred practices. The Order also reaffirmed the principles of government-to-government engagement outlined in Executive Order B-10-11. This Order established the Truth and Healing Council and outlined its duties (Governor's Exec. Order N-15-19 (June 18, 2019).)

Governor Gavin Newsom's Statement of Administrative Policy on Native American Ancestral Lands

Governor Newsom's September 2020 [Statement of Administration Policy on Native American Ancestral Lands](#) followed the issuance of Governor's Exec. Order N-15-19 (Governor's Exec. Order N-15-19 (June 18, 2019).) The Policy thus encourages all State entities under the Governor's authority to "seek opportunities to support California tribes' co-management of and access to natural lands that are within a California tribe's ancestral land and under the ownership of the State of California, and to work cooperatively with California tribes that are interested in acquiring natural lands in excess of State needs." The Policy directs all departments to identify opportunities for increased tribal access, co-management, and ancestral land return (Office of the Governor, Statement of Administration Policy: Native American Ancestral Lands (September 25, 2020), at < <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/9.25.20-Native-Ancestral-Lands-Policy.pdf>> [as of September 10, 2025].)

Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-82-20

[Executive Order N-82-20](#) directs the California Natural Resources Agency to work with California Native American tribes to advance the State's nature-based solutions priorities, including advancing

implementation of nature-based climate solutions and conserving 30% of lands and coastal waters by 2030, known as 30x30 (Governor’s Exec. Order N-82-20 ([October 7, 2020](#))).

The Government-to-Government Consultation Act-- Assembly Bill No. 923 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.)

The Government-to-Government Consultation Act of 2022 (Gov. Code § [11019.81](#)), encourages “the State of California and its agencies to consult on a government-to-government basis with federally recognized tribes, and to consult with non-federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations, as appropriate, in order to allow tribal officials the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of policies, processes, programs, and projects that have tribal implications.”

Advancing Cultural Fire –Senate Bill No. 310 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.)

Senate Bill 310 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (Pub. Resources Code § § [4505](#), [4002.4](#), [4002.6](#) and Civ. Code § [3333.8](#)) authorized the California Natural Resources Agency and local air districts to enter into agreements with federally recognized California Native American tribes for cultural burning in lieu of CAL FIRE and local air district permits.

Tribal Cogovernance and Comanagement of Ancestral Lands and Waters Act— Assembly Bill 1284 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.)

The Tribal Cogovernance and Comanagement of Ancestral Lands and Waters Act (Gov. Code § § [11019.82](#), [6502.3](#)), encourages the Natural Resources Agency to enter into meaningful cogovernance and comanagement agreements with federally recognized tribes for the management of natural resources.

Offensive and Derogatory Names—Assembly Bill 2022 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.)

Assembly Bill 2022 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) (Gov. Code, § § [8899.90 - 8899.95](#)) prohibits the use of an offensive and derogatory term towards Native American women on places and features across California and outlines the process by which offensive signs shall be replaced.

Codifying the 30x30 Conservation Goal—Senate Bill 337 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.)

The Legislature codified the goal to conserve 30% of California’s lands and coastal waters by 2030 and outlined actions the Natural Resources Agency must take to accomplish this goal, including “[s]upporting tribal engagement and leadership in implementing the 30x30 goal,” with the passage of Senate Bill 337 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (Pub. Resources Code, §§ [71450 – 71452](#)).

Nature Based Climate Solutions—California Health and Safety Code Section 38561.5

With the passage of Assembly Bill 1757 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) (Health & Saf. Code § [38561.5](#)), the Legislature required the State to develop nature-based solutions climate targets that contribute to California's goals of achieving carbon neutrality and protecting Californians from the climate crisis. This law also requires reporting a summary of the benefits to low-income communities, disadvantaged communities, vulnerable communities, disadvantaged farmers, and Native American tribes in the State's Climate Smart Lands Strategy.

Natural resources: biodiversity and conservation report—Assembly Bill 2278 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.)

California Public Resources Code Section 71450, Assembly Bill 2278 (Kalra 2022), requires Agency to prioritize specific actions to achieve the 30x30 goal, including by supporting tribal engagement and leadership in implementing the goal.

Environmental protection: 30x30 goals—Assembly Bill 900 (2025-2026 Reg. Sess.)

This bill adds to existing law requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources Agency to prepare and submit an annual report to the Legislature on progress made toward achieving the 30x30 goal. AB 900 requires the agency to prepare a section on stewardship as part of the 2027 annual report that includes recommendations to reduce barriers and increase and improve stewardship of 30x30 lands in collaboration with stakeholders, California Native American tribes, and relevant state agencies. Specifically, to provide recommendations for increasing ancestral land return and advancing tribal stewardship in protecting conserved lands.