

CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
TRIBAL STEWARDSHIP POLICY



APPENDIX 3



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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 (Ramos 2021-2022 Reg. Sess.)

The Government-to-Government Consultation Act of 2022 (Ramos 2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) (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 (Dodd 2023-2024 Reg. Sess.)

Senate Bill 310 (Dodd 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 (Ramos 2023-2024 Reg. Sess.)

The Tribal Cogovernance and Comanagement of Ancestral Lands and Waters Act (Ramos 2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (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 (Ramos 2021-2022 Reg. Sess.)

Assembly Bill 2022 (Ramos 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. Additionally, the law directs the California Advisory Committee for Geographic Names to develop a process for identifying and changing offensive and derogatory names in California.

Codifying the 30x30 Conservation Goal–Senate Bill 337 (Min 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 (Min 2023-2024 Reg. Sess.) (Pub. Resources Code, §§ [71450 - 71452](#)).

Nature Based Climate Solutions

With the passage of Assembly Bill 1757 (Garcia 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.

Biodiversity and Conservation Report to Achieve 30x30—Assembly Bill 2278 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.)

California Public Resources Code Section 71450, Assembly Bill 2278 (Kalra 2021-2022 Reg. Sess.), requires Agency to prioritize specific actions to achieve the goal to conserve 30% of California land and coastal waters by 2023, 30x30 goal, including by supporting tribal engagement and leadership in implementing the goal.

Recommendations for Increased and Improved Stewardship of 30x30 lands –Assembly Bill 900 (Papan 2025-2026 Reg. Sess.)

This law 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 goal to conserve 30% of California land and coastal waters by 2023, 30x30 goal. AB 900, Pub. Res. Section 71453, 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 lands conserved under the 30x30 goal 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.

GUIDE TO SOME FEDERAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND EXECUTIVE AND SECRETARIAL ORDERS

The federal laws, policies, and Orders outlined below have been included because they are mentioned in 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 Executive or Secretarial Order for exact language.

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Joint Secretarial Order 3403 of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture

This Order establishes how the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture will fulfill their obligations to federally recognized Indian tribes, by directing the Bureaus and

Agencies within each Department to undertake activities related to collaborative stewardship of federal lands and waters with federally recognized Native American tribes.

Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638)

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act authorizes federally recognized tribes to assume the programs, services, functions and activities provided for the benefit of Indians by the Department of Interior through agreements—called 638 contracts and compacts.

Tribal Forest Protection Act (Public Law 108-278)

The Tribal Forest Protection Act authorizes federally recognized tribes to enter into agreements with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service to carry out management activities and directly manage work on lands owned by those agencies adjacent to tribal lands.