



FEDERATED INDIANS OF  
**GRATON**  
RANCHERIA

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Dear Ms. Baugh,

This letter is submitted on behalf of Chairman, Greg Sarris of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, a federally recognized tribal government in Rohnert Park, California. We provide this letter in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Amending Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, specifically modifications to Appendix G of the CEQA checklist.

The Tribe appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Appendix G, and submits the following for consideration:

- The proposed Appendix G includes significant changes from the proposed alternatives submitted to Tribes in the Office of Planning and Research consultation process. Such significant changes should have included further input/comment and dialogue with Tribal Cultural Leaders and Tribal Government Representatives. 1.5-1
- The Appendix G section needs to be cited as Tribal Cultural Resources with an accompanying review process specific to whether TCR's were property identified, evaluated and avoided or mitigated. Not to be coupled with meeting other aspects of the various laws, such as those of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) or the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). 1.5-2

The Tribe respectfully requests continuing consultation on these important change to the CEQA Appendix G with tribal governments by convening additional meetings throughout the State.

Respectfully,

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Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria