Caltrans Repatriation Process Overview





Caltrans submits NAGPRA Summaries to National NAGPRA, and draft Inventories and Summaries to NAHC Database, for Caltrans-controlled archaeological collections

Caltrans send consultation letters to tribes with NAGPRA Summaries, Itemized Lists (draft Inventories), and referencing NAHC Database entries, inviting consultation under NAGPRA and/or CalNAGPRA

Tribe engages in consultation and, when ready, submits formal RFR/Claim under NAGPRA, CalNAGPRA or both

Caltrans reviews the
RFR/Claim and responds
within 30 days stating that
the department objects or
does not object

Continue consultation to seek resolution *

Object to

Claim?

YES

No

Required documents are prepared in consultation with the tribe:

- NAGPRA Summary: Summary of Evidence and NIR
- NAGRPA Inventory: Summary of Evidence, Inventory, and NIC
- NAHC Inventory or Summary: Change status to Preliminary and then to Final

Caltrans notifies all consulting parties of the Federal Register posting and/or the NAHC status change to final; NAGPRA NIC or NIR is posted for 30 days and/or NAHC status is Final for 30 days Within 90 days, Caltrans provides the tribe with a Transfer of Control, and NAGPRA Repatriation Statement if appropriate, and also provides copies to National NAGPRA and NAHC

Caltrans continues consultation with the tribe and coordinates with the repository to ensure physical transfer, or Held in Trust Agreement, and to provide support as needed

END

*Note: Issues that cannot be resolved through additional consultation will be remediated through the dispute resolution processes described in 43 CFR § 10.12(c) or Health and Safety Code § 8016(d), as appropriate.