

Native American Advisory Committee (NAAC)

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

To participate in the virtual meeting, click here:

<https://cadot.webex.com/cadot/j.php?MTID=m71913c0cbbf68fe4bb42711b1a0ea77b>

A G E N D A

Welcome/Introductions:	Erica Pinto, Chairwoman
Roll Call:	Caltrans Native American Liaison Branch (NALB)
Adopt Agenda:	Erica Pinto, Chairwoman
Caltrans Director Representatives:	Mike Keever, Acting Caltrans Director; Velessata Kelley, Chief of Staff; Nailah Pope-Harden, Deputy Director, Equity & Tribal Affairs; Lonora Graves, Senior Tribal Advisor, Native American Liaison Branch

AGENDA ITEMS:

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| 1. | Opening Prayer | Lorenda Sanchez, NAAC |
| 2. | Welcome, Member Introductions,
Minutes Review, Honoring Chairman Mazzetti | Chairwoman Pinto, NAAC |
| 3. | NAAC Co-Chairs Report | Chairwoman Pinto & Jacque
Hostler- Carmesin, NAAC |
| 4. | National Federal Concerns Update | Chairwoman Pinto, NAAC |
| 5. | California Department of Transportation Update | Mike Keever, Caltrans |
| 6. | Office of Equity & Tribal Affairs Update | Nailah Pope-Harden, Caltrans |
| 7. | California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
Update | Allison Joe, CalSTA |
| 8. | California Transportation Commission (CTC)
Update | Frances Dea-Sanchez, CTC |
| 9. | Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor Update | Loretta Miranda, Governor's
Office |
| 10. | Road User Charge Update | Lauren Prehoda, Caltrans |

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| 11. | Caltrans Federal Liaison Report Update | Ryan Greenway, Caltrans |
| 12. | Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (TTPCC) Update | Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, NAAC |
| 13. | California Transportation Plan 2055 Update – Tribal Outreach and Engagement Efforts Update | Mike J. Jones, Caltrans |
| 14. | Transit Policy Update | Joshua Pulverman, Caltrans |
| 15. | Cultural Studies Subcommittee Update | David Price, Caltrans, Shasta Gaughen, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Buffy McQuillen, Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria |
| 16. | Caltrans Planning Grant Update | Kevin Mariant, Caltrans |
| 17. | CHP Update | Karie Mendoza, CHP Tribal Affairs, Georgia Sherman, CHP |
| 18. | Caltrans Engagement Portal Update | Emily Abrahams, Caltrans |
| 19. | Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) new Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Program | Marc Caswell, Strategic Growth Council, Hoi-Fei Mok – Deputy Director of Equity and Government Transformation, Strategic Growth Council |
| 20. | Western Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Update | Carrie Brown, Western TTAP |
| 21. | Caltrans Tribal Affairs Update | Lonora Graves, Caltrans
David Price, Caltrans |
| 22. | Topics for the Next Meeting and Adjournment | Chairwoman Pinto, NAAC |

Remaining 2025 Quarterly NAAC Meeting Dates:

Q3 NAAC - Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Q4 NAAC - Wednesday, November 5, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPEN FORUM:

1. California Road Use Charge

The state is working with a Technical Advisory Committee to study road charge as a potential replacement for the gas tax. Currently, the state's roadway network is funded primarily by fuel taxes. As Californians switch to more fuel-efficient vehicles, they are buying less gas and paying less gas tax. This means less funding to maintain the transportation system. A road use charge is an alternative funding mechanism that allows drivers to support road and highway maintenance based on how many miles they drive, instead of how many gallons of gas they use. Find out more at www.caroadcharge.com. Please visit this link for more information and to reference the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Website.

Grants Information

The Emergency Response Grant is made available to eligible tribes to respond to and provide relief for the immediate impacts of unexpected situations that threaten the health and safety of tribal communities and require emergency action. Emergency Response Grant funds may be used to fund programs, procurement of supplies, and actions taken to respond to or provide relief for the immediate impacts of unexpected situations that threaten the health and safety of tribal communities and require emergency action, so long as those programs, supplies, and actions are not otherwise funded or provided by sources outside of the Tribal Nation Grant Fund.

Applications must have a Tribal Resolution indicating the intent to apply for the Emergency Response Grant, along with the name of the authorized contact. Applications must also have an Emergency Declaration uploaded that includes the date the emergency was declared.

Release Date: November 11, 2020

Close Date: Ongoing

Grant Amount: up to \$100,000

Who is Eligible: Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes

2. CalHR Tribal Consultation Training

We highly recommend that everyone take this training - some folks are required to take it by law, but it is open to everyone. Here is how to register/sign up to take the course: Register for an account with [CalLearns](#), search for the course: "Tribal Consultations Training" and add it to your cart. It's free to take but the system is set up like you're purchasing courses, "check-out" and then you'll be able to take the course.

3. Events

National LTAP/TTAP Annual Conference Association – Annual Conference - July 20-25, 2025, Kansas City, MO

SAVE THE DATE – 28th National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC) - September 21-25, 2025, Chandler, AZ at Gila River Wild Horse Pass Resorts & Casino.

4. Equity and Tribal Affairs Newsletter

The Caltrans Director's Office of Equity & Tribal Affairs has launched a monthly newsletter in 2025! Each month will feature a member of the NAAC and highlight your background and work! By filling out **this short form**, it will help in recording your NAAC member spotlight. If possible, we would appreciate receiving your profile by next Tuesday, March 18th, but the form will be ongoing.

5. Useful Links

[Calendars - California Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

[Tribal Homekey+ | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

[California Interagency Council on Homelessness – Tribal Affairs](#)

[Resources for Tribal Libraries in California - California State Library](#)

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

[Indian Health Program](#)

[Tribal National Grant Fund as of November 5, 2024](#)