Cultural Resources and Fish Passage Delivery -California Fish Passage Advisory Committee

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# What are "Cultural Resources"?



# What are "Historic Properties"?

- Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure or object included on or determined **eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places**.
- Meets at least one of 4 Criteria:
  - -A/1 Events
  - -B/2 People
  - -C/3 Design/Engineering/Work of a Master
  - D/4 Information Potential (archaeology)



# Compliance Required by Law

- National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- California Public Resources Code 5024 (5024 MOU)
- Assembly Bill 52 (Tribal Cultural Resources)
- California Public Resources Code 5097.98 (Discovery of Native American human remains)



# The Purpose of Cultural Resource Compliance is...

- To determine whether significant cultural resources (historic properties) will be affected by the project, and
- To document the process and demonstrate agreement between the parties regarding how effects will be avoided, minimized, or treated (mitigated)



## **Consulting with Interested Parties**



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Phase	K Phase (Scoping)	0 Phase (Environmental)	/	1 Phase (Design)	3 and 4 (Construction)
Description of Cultural activities	Preliminary cultural imput	Completes all identification and findings		Cultural commitments included in PS&D	Caltanal commitments
activities	Consultation with interested parties continues throughout all phases				Lingtvieweirva
Cultural Documents and Review Times	Culural input memo	Screening Vieno           Native American Consultation starts within 14 days of Bogin Environmental per AB 52           Identification documents           ASIC ADI, URD, ADR           ENAU-SC (ESA and/or SOB) 15-day review period		Review P5&F for any changes from RFS Review PS&E package to ensure cultural commitments are included in package and FCR	ESA or SOIS Action Plan. Monitoring, Heritage Recordation (HABS/HADR/DALS), Data
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## Work collaboratively with Cultural Resource Staff on your project

Tribal Outreach & Consultation in Transportation Development

Sarah M. Allred Division of Environmental Analysis Cultural Studies Office Native American Cultural Studies Branch



### **Caltrans - Tribal Government Relations**

PLANNING AND MODAL PROGRAMS Caltrans Office of Race and Equity (CORE)	PROJECT DELIVERY PROGRAM Division of Environmental Analysis/ Cultural Studies Office		
HQ Native American Liaison Branch (NALB) – Lonora Graves	HQ Native American Cultural Studies (NACS) Branch – Sarah Allred		
District Native American Liaisons (DNALs)	District Native American Coordinators (DNACs)		
<ul> <li>Focus:</li> <li>Tribal transportation planning, mobility &amp; safety needs, funding sources, and technical assistance.</li> <li>Advises the Director on tribal government relations; Primary government to government contact</li> <li>Addresses Tribal Employment Rights matters.</li> <li>Administers the Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee (NAAC) Meetings.</li> <li>Can assist and direct all formal inquiries on tribal government matters.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focus:</li> <li>Tribal outreach and consultation on the identification &amp; treatment of archaeological and other tribal cultural properties affected by transportation development.</li> <li>Compliance with federal and state historic preservation laws related to tribal historic preservation and treatment of archaeological human remains.</li> <li>Engagement with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and cultural/traditional leaders for participation in cultural studies.</li> <li>Coordination with Planning functions to scope potential tribal historic preservation issues during early planning phases.</li> </ul>		



#### Tribal Outreach & Consultation during Environmental Review/Project Delivery

- Robust regulatory process, oversight/accountability; rigorous archaeological investigation requirements.
- Consultation in good faith with Native American tribes is an integral part of that process and a core mandate under federal and state historic preservation laws.
- Cultural resources investigations/tribal consultation requirements triggered when a project is programmed and funded.
- Consultation required <u>early and often</u> throughout project delivery, including through construction, when significant tribal properties may be affected, minimally at key project milestones.
- \* Goal is engage tribes in the process and have beneficial historic preservation outcomes.





#### **Tribal Engagement Considerations**

- Diversity of tribes in California
- Recognition of historical circumstances
- Differing Perspectives: traditional tribal knowledge and scientific archaeological inquiry
- Importance of Sense of Place; disappearing and non-renewable nature of tribal heritage sites
- Time and funding pressures of project delivery; no time for meaningful discussion
- Early coordination helps improve project delivery outcomes







#### **Tribal Government Relations in California**

- Governors' Executive Orders B-10-11 and N-15-19
  - Directs state agencies to develop collaborative relationships with tribal governments; Formal apology and establishment of Truth & Healing Council.
- California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
  - Tribal Consultation Policy: Collaboration; Communication; Education; Process; Timely Notice.
- Caltrans Policy Working with Native American Communities
  - Director's Policy 19: Working with Native American Communities.
  - Supported by the Department's mission/vision/values
- State Planning and Conservations Priorities
  - Many of the State's priorities for land use planning and conservation are highly compatible with tribal interests and values; Opportunities for cross-sector partnerships between and among multiple stakeholders, including tribes, to achieve conservation goals.

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#### SUSTAINABLE HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE



#### Planning Environmental Linkages and Early Coordination with Indian Tribes

FHWA's Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Initiative represents a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that:

- Considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and
- Uses the information, analyses, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process.

\*State and local agencies can achieve significant benefits by incorporating environmental and community values into transportation decisions <u>early in planning</u> and carrying these considerations through project development and delivery.



#### **Contact Caltrans Tribal Relations Staff**



Statewide Campaigns

## Caltrans Archaeology & Fish Passage Projects

Althea Asaro Associate Environmental Planner (Archaeology) Office of Cultural Resource Studies



## What are Archaeological Resources

- Finds over 50 years before present
- Types of archaeological resources include:
  - Sites 🗧
  - Features
  - Artifacts
  - Ecofacts
  - Isolates
  - Cultural Landscapes





#### Caltrans & Archaeology

- Cultural resources
- Often encountered with Caltrans projects
- Caltrans must account for archaeology as part of environmental compliance pathways
- Ground disturbance = key for archaeologists to know early on in the project
- Native American Consultation
   occurs early and often





#### Archaeology & Bridge Projects

- When we excavate for bridge projects, encountering archaeology resources is very possible because:
  - Landform age, archaeological sites in the vicinity, and <u>proximity to water</u> factor into the cultural sensitivity of a project area



#### Gleason Beach/Scotty Creek





Roadway Realignment Project Project Location – Sonoma County, HWY 1





#### Gleason Beach/Scotty Creek

- Scotty Creek is funded in the Gleason Beach Roadway Realignment
- Project barrier to ~3.8 miles of habitat for Central CA Coast Steelhead(threatened) and also Central CA Coast Coho (endangered)



#### **Ritchie Creek**





Culvert Replacement Project Project Location – Napa County, HWY 29

#### **Ritchie Creek**

- Current Funded & Active
   Priority Barrier
- ~2.3 miles of habitat for Central CA Coast Steelhead (threatened)
- Unique project for Caltrans that only exists for fish passage

#### **Suscol Creek**



#### Interchange Improvement Project



Project Location – Napa County, HWYS 29/12/221



#### Suscol Creek Project

- Barrier for Central California Coast Steelhead (threatened)
- Impacts to archaeological site are occurring from fish passage improvements
- Data recovery is proposed as part of mitigation for adverse impacts to the site



Accounting for Archaeological Sites in Caltrans Projects with Fish Passage

- Protect archaeological sites
   wherever possible
- Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of archaeological sites
- Data Recovery Plans with Native American Collaboration





#### Mitigation for Adverse Effects to Archaeological Resources

- Creative mitigation via collaboration with Native American groups and other parties
- Mitigation measures pass through review & approval processes
- Mitigation measures are different for each project



#### What Does this Mean for You?

To avoid impacting archaeological sites, Caltrans Archaeologists may ask to explore avoidance and mitigation measures, such as:

a) Placing new piers in the same footprints;
b) Limiting ground disturbance and cut/fill activities;
c) Accommodating excavations to retrieve archaeological data;

d) Including Tribal monitors during construction.



## Built Resources & Fish Passage Projects

Helen Blackmore Branch Chief, Architectural History Office of Cultural Resource Studies



## **Caltrans Historic Bridge Inventory**

• Original survey in 1986; updated in 2004, 2010, and 2016

- Now all bridges in California constructed through 1974 have been surveyed for historic status
- Both on State Highway system and local roads

35C0016	SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK	0.3 MI N OF 1-280	5. Bridge not eligible for NRHP	1950
35C0017	AIRPORT BLVD UNDERPASS	0.1 MI N SAN MATEO AVE	4. Historical Significance not determined	1927
35C0018	PESCADERO CREEK	2 MI E BUTANO CUTOFF	2. Bridge is eligible for NRHP	1937
35C0021	COLMA CREEK	S/O SAN MATEO AVE	5. Bridge not eligible for NRHP	1977
35C0024	PURISMA CREEK	0.1 MI S PURISMA CRK RD	5. Bridge not eligible for NRHP	1987
35C0025	PILARCITOS CREEK	0.25 MI S/O SR 92	1. Bridge is on NRHP	1900
35C0028	SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO OH	0.2 MI. N. OF VALLEY DR.	5. Bridge not eligible for NRHP	1928
35C0029	SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK	0.01 MI S WOODLAND AVE	5. Bridge not eligible for NRHP	1925

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/cultural-studies/california-historical-bridges-tunnels



#### Applicability of the National Register Criteria to Historic Bridges

- Criterion A, for significant contributions to the development of a community or industry.
- Criterion B, very rare.
- Criterion C, for its design, as an early example of a type, or for its association with a master engineer.
- Criterion D, very rare.



#### Historic Bridge: What this means for you...

- If you're working on a bridge that was determined to be historic, you will have to work closely with Cultural Resource architectural historians to:
  - come up with compatible designs,
  - consider design exceptions, and determine feasibility





#### Suscol Creek, Part II

- Historic bridge encased by the new roadway bridge.
- Historic Soscol House adjacent to the project.





#### Ritchie Creek Part II

Cavanaugh-Wright Residence: Historic building with contributing features





#### Olema Valley Diary Ranches Historic District

Contributing features include, but not limited to:

Residences, barns, masonry walls, trees, and roadways



34 Strawberry Creek

36 North Fork McCurdy

38 Quarry Gulch





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