



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Date: June 11, 2012

TO: Agency Secretaries

FROM: Cynthia Gomez, Tribal Advisor  
Office of the Governor

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On September 19, 2011, the Governor issued Executive Order B-10-11, directing state government to implement effective government-to-government consultation with California Indian Tribes on policies that affect California tribal communities. Attached please find a copy of the Executive Order. In order to comply with that order, all agencies and departments in the executive branch need to establish a consultation policy with California Indian Tribes. For those agencies and departments that already have such policies, they should be reviewed to ensure compliance with the Executive Order. The Governor has directed me to oversee the implementation of effective government-to-government consultation between his administration and Tribes, and I am offering you assistance in this process.

Special appreciation is extended to CalEPA Secretary, Matt Rodriguez for sponsoring a training session on Tribal sovereignty on May 29, 2012. Staff from various Agencies attended this training to improve their understanding of Tribal governments. The next training session will be held on June 26, 2012 from 9 AM- Noon at the CalEPA hearing rooms. There is limited room available, so you are encouraged to RSVP. The training session is also available by webinar. For further information, please contact Arsenio Mataka, CalEPA Deputy for Tribal Policy and Environmental Justice at (916) 323-0445 or [amataka@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:amataka@calepa.ca.gov).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6211 or [Cynthia.Gomez@GOV.CA.GOV](mailto:Cynthia.Gomez@GOV.CA.GOV).

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State of California

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in the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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By *[Signature]*  
Deputy Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER B-10-11

WHEREAS California is home to many Native American Tribes with whom the State of California has an important relationship, as set forth and affirmed in state and federal law; and

WHEREAS the State of California recognizes and reaffirms the inherent right of these Tribes to exercise sovereign authority over their members and territory; and

WHEREAS the State and the Tribes are better able to adopt and implement mutually-beneficial policies when they cooperate and engage in meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS the State is committed to strengthening and sustaining effective government-to-government relationships between the State and the Tribes by identifying areas of mutual concern and working to develop partnerships and consensus; and

WHEREAS tribal people, as both citizens of California and their respective sovereign nations, have a shared interest in creating increased opportunities for all California citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue the following orders to become effective immediately:

IT IS ORDERED that the position of Governor's Tribal Advisor shall exist within the Office of the Governor;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Governor's Tribal Advisor shall oversee and implement effective government-to-government consultation between my Administration and Tribes on policies that affect California tribal communities, and shall:

- Serve as a direct link between the Tribes and the Governor of the State of California.
- Facilitate communication and consultations between the Tribes, the Office of the Governor, state agencies, and agency tribal liaisons.
- Review state legislation and regulations affecting Tribes and make recommendations on these proposals.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Office of the Governor shall meet regularly with the elected officials of California Indian Tribes to discuss state policies that may affect tribal communities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that it is the policy of this Administration that every state agency and department subject to my executive control shall encourage communication and consultation with California Indian Tribes. Agencies and departments shall permit elected officials and other representatives of tribal governments to provide meaningful input into the development of legislation, regulations, rules, and policies on matters that may affect tribal communities.



For purposes of this Order, the terms "Tribe," "California Indian Tribe", and "tribal" include all Federally Recognized Tribes and other California Native Americans.

This Executive Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any rights or benefits, whether substantive or procedural, or enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California or its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

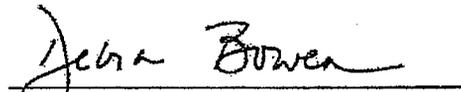
I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and that it be given widespread publicity and notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of September 2011.



  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

  
DEBRA BOWEN  
Secretary of State

