

**California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Secretary
Tribal Affairs Program**

**TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES IN CEQA,
& THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 52**

October 27, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Byron Sher Auditorium (2nd Floor)

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>

Audience: CalEPA Boards, Departments and Office: Executive Staff; Senior Management; Counsel, and State Agency Tribal Liaisons and Program Staff Who Regularly Engage with Tribal Governments.

Training Purpose: To provide CalEPA BDOs with a better understanding of cultural and political workings of tribal governments in California in relation to Tribal sovereignty and provide a foundation of knowledge of AB 52 (Gatto, 2014) and the best practices in its implementation.

Background: On September 19, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued Executive Order B-10-11, which stated that every state agency and departments shall encourage communication and consultation with California Indian Tribes.

On September 25, 2014 Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill No. 52, which created a new category of environmental resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, that must be considered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). AB 52 also created new requirements for consultation with Tribal Governments, as specified, regarding projects that may affect a Tribal Cultural Resource. It includes a definition of tribal cultural resources and a list of mitigation measures.

9:30 a.m.	Introduction and the Importance of Working and Consulting with California Tribal Governments - Matthew Rodriguez, Agency Secretary, CalEPA & Cynthia Gomez, Governor's Tribal Advisor and Native American Heritage Commission Executive Secretary
9:40 a.m.	Tribal Sovereignty: Historical and Legal Foundations that Shaped Tribal Governments & Tribal Jurisdiction and Modern Tribal Government – Raquelle Myers, Senior Staff Attorney, National Indian Justice Center
10:25 a.m.	Break (15 minutes)
10:40 a.m.	AB 52 Statutory Overview - Holly Roberson, Land Use Counsel, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
11:00 a.m.	AB 52 Implementation and Recommended Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Wood, Staff Analyst, Native American Heritage Commission • Terrie Robinson, General Counsel, Native American Heritage Commission
11:45 a.m.	Questions – Facilitator: Arsenio Mataka, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs, CalEPA
12:20-12:30p.m.	Training Wrap up and Closing Thoughts - Governor's Tribal Advisor and California Native American Heritage Commission Executive Secretary Cynthia Gomez