

Background

In September 2011, Governor Jerry Brown issued Executive Order B-10-11, which among other things provided that it was the policy of the administration that every state agency and department subject to executive control, including conservancies, develop and adopt a Tribal Consultation Policy. The purpose of the Tribal Consultation Policy is to guide implementation of effective government-to-government consultation with California Indian Tribes (Tribes). The Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Tribal Consultation Policy (SNC Policy), [Attachment A](#), presents the framework for how we will provide Tribes and tribal communities an opportunity to have meaningful input during the development of policies, programs, projects, and other activities that may affect tribal communities.

The Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor, created under the same executive order, has shepherded the Governor's directive over the past couple of years. The first area of focus was compliance at the agency level of state government. Now that most state agencies have an adopted Tribal Consultation Policy, the Tribal Advisor is actively seeking compliance through the agencies for department and conservancy compliance.

The SNC Policy was developed in consultation with the Natural Resources Agency Tribal Liaison and the Office of the Tribal Advisor.

Current Status

A draft Policy was posted on the SNC Web site and disseminated to 42 Federally Recognized and Non-Federally Recognized Tribes within the Sierra Nevada Region for review and comment. The comment period ended on August 14, 2015.

Next Steps

All comments received will be considered and responses will be provided in writing and/or in person if requested. Any changes that are warranted as a result of tribal or public input will be incorporated into the SNC Policy prior to finalization.

SNC Staff will implement the guidelines and procedures outlined in the adopted SNC Policy.

Recommendation

This is an informational item only; no formal action is needed by the Board at this time, although Boardmembers are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments.