California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Secretary
Tribal Affairs

June 26, 2012
TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES SENSITIVITY TRAINING
Tribal Training Part 2 of 2
9 am - noon
Byron Sher Auditorium (2nd Floor)
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Audience: California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA or Agency) Executive Staff, Senior Management, Attorneys, Tribal Liaisons and other State Agency Executive Staff, Senior Management, Counsel and Tribal Liaisons

Background: On September 19, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued Executive Order B-10-11 which directs state government to implement effective government-to-government consultation between California state government and Tribes on policies that affect California tribal communities. Executive Order B-10-11 requires state government to strengthen communication and collaboration with Native American Tribes which, among other things, may be achieved through recognition and understanding of the inherent right of these Tribes to exercise sovereign authority over their members and territory and the cooperation, engagement in meaningful consultation to be better able to adopt and implement mutually-beneficial policies, and establishment of Tribal consultation policies.

Training Purpose: This training will provide a better understanding of cultural and political workings of tribal governments in California in relation to Tribal sovereignty and sensitivity to cultural resources. The training will provide a brief historical and legal background of Tribal sovereignty in relation to tribal government operations, Federal Indian Law, cultural resources, and most importantly the unique relationship between Tribal and state Governments. This training will outline lessons learned and best practices in adopting and implementing meaningful and effective Tribal consultation and other mutually-beneficial state/Tribal policies. Cal/EPA Agency Secretary Matthew Rodriquez will host this training and newly appointed Governor’s Tribal Advisor, Cynthia Gomez, will provide facilitation.

9:00 a.m. – Opening Words & Importance of Tribal Cultural Resources Sensitivity Training - Governor’s Tribal Advisor and California Native American Heritage Commission Executive Secretary Cynthia Gomez, California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Matthew Rodriquez

9:15 a.m. – Historical and Legal Foundations that Shaped Tribal Governments in California –
Ms. Raquelle Myers, Staff Counsel, National Justice Indian Center

10:15 a.m. – Break

10:30 a.m. – Tribal Cultural Resources Sensitivity Can Improve Working Relationships with Tribal Governments – Facilitator: Governor’s Tribal Advisor and California Native American Heritage Commission Executive Secretary Cynthia Gomez

• Ms. Raquelle Myers, Staff Counsel, National Justice Indian Center
• Ms. Dore A. Bietz, Planner- Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria. Current Cal/EPA Tribal Advisory Committee Secretary and Cal/Trans Native American Advisory Committee Member

12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Closing Statements - Matthew Rodriquez, Agency Secretary, Cal/EPA
Biographies

Raquelle Myers is a member of the Pinnoville Band of Pomo Indians. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of California at Berkeley and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah. She serves as Staff Attorney for the National Indian Justice Center and as the Chief Judge/Administrator for the Intertribal Court of California, a court of limited jurisdiction currently being developed in Northern California. She has served as a member of the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and also served on the CDSS Tribal Government Advisory Committee. She is currently a member of the California Judicial Council’s Committee on Racial and Ethnic Bias. Ms. Myers serves as a trainer for NIJC regional and on-site training sessions developed for tribal government personnel. She also teaches undergraduate courses on Federal Indian Law, California Indian History, and Tribal Government at the University of California at Berkeley.

Dore Bietz is a Northern and Southern Me-Wuk and resides on the Tuolumne Rancheria. After receiving a degree in Landscape Architecture, Ms. Bietz has worked for Tribes specializing in realty and land use. As a former Tribal Council member, Ms. Bietz understands the complexities of Tribal Governments and the need to foster better communication between Tribes and various agencies. An expert in California Indian land issues, Ms. Bietz has testified in front of Congress, worked with the administration on land regulations and served as a technical consultant to Tribes throughout the country. Ms. Bietz currently works as a Planner for the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council where she is involved in every aspect of community development.