

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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Chairman Andrew Salas
Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

Sent by E-mail: admin@gabrielenoindians.org

RE: NAHC Lists

Dear Chairman Salas:

As per your request, I am writing to help clarify the purpose of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) lists.

We provide two types of lists. The first type is a "Contacts" list sent to consultants for the purposes of conducting cultural resources assessments and studies. This list includes up to three tribal members who have knowledge of cultural resources within a tribe's traditionally and culturally affiliated areas. This could include elders, cultural resources staff, or anyone the tribe thinks may have knowledge of potential resources. These people have been included on the list at the request of the tribe.

The second type of list is a "Consultation" list. This list is provided to lead agencies who will be conducting government-to-government consultation under SB-18 or AB-52. Typically, these lists only include the members of tribal government specifically empowered to initiate or conduct consultation, usually only the tribal Chairperson and possibly one additional member of the tribal government.

Our lists include only tribes that have met the criteria to be on the NAHC list. They do not include individuals, regardless of Indian heritage, as they do not function as a tribal government.

While we do not provide lists of monitors (that is not part of the statutes governing the activities of the NAHC), we understand that some lead agencies may use being on the list as part of their criteria for hiring monitors. Lead agencies can make the determination of who to hire as a monitor based on whatever criteria they choose. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research is currently developing guidelines for hiring monitors and monitoring activities which we hope will be available very soon in the hopes of alleviating some of the confusion around these practices.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gayle Totton".

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