



September 5, 2014

Dear Tribal Government Leader:

I am writing to request the honor of your presence at the upcoming *California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, (Cal OES) Tribal Consultation Session*.

In recognition of tribal sovereignty and the unique government-to-government relationship that exists between California Indian Tribes and the State of California, Cal OES is committed to seeking input from Tribal Government Leaders for the agency's Tribal Consultation Policy. This consultation session is a forum for California's Federally Recognized Tribes to give input to the development, language and direction of the policy. The policy will outline how tribes will interact with Cal OES and uphold Governor Brown's Executive Order B-10-11, directing *Coordination, Collaboration and Communication*.

This session will be held on **October 3, 2014**, from 08:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at United Auburn Indian Community, Thunder Valley Casino, Pano Conference Room, 1200 Athens Avenue, Lincoln, CA. Please note that in addition to this session, Cal OES will have a 45-day comment period to receive feedback and input for the development of the first draft Tribal Consultation Policy. If your Tribal Government is unable to attend the consultation session, all conference materials will be posted to [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov) after the session for your review and opportunity to comment in the 45 day comment period.

Please RSVP and/or return the enclosed registration form by Wednesday, **September 24, 2014** to confirm your attendance. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by *United Auburn Indian Community*.

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The agenda will include brief presentations on a variety of Cal OES programs, with the afternoon session dedicated to tribal leadership comment. This session is considered a formal consultation and we ask that Tribal Leaders attend. We understand there are experts within your tribal governments in this subject area and they are welcome to accompany you at the session. Subject matter experts can include Tribal Emergency Management Directors, Environmental Protection Directors, Natural Resource Directors, Public Health Representatives, and other key staff the tribe may wish to bring to accompany the attending tribal leaders. If they will be the sole representative of the tribe, we ask that you submit a letter delegating the authority to speak on behalf of the tribe for consultation purposes.

I, along with my executive leadership, look forward to seeing you and hearing your input directly. Your participation in this session is vital to advancing our goal of establishing a formal consultation process with California's tribal nations. We welcome your valuable insight and feedback to ensure we develop a Cal OES Tribal Consultation Policy to serve and protect Native American communities across California.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures:

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Registration Form