

Nor Rel Muk Nation Tribal Monitor Training

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The Nor Rel Muk Nation requested assistance from the SCA NAPC to plan and conduct an ambitious 4-day Native American Monitor workshop based on referrals from Dotty Theodoratus (Ethnographer) and Reba Fuller (Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians). The workshop was held on October 1-2, 7-8, 2004, in Weaverville at the PUD conference room and was funded in part by a grant to the Tribe from the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) in Eureka. Course accreditation and certificates were provided by the Shasta College Community Education Department to the eight participating Tribal members (sidebar) and their guest, Pliny "Jack" Jackson (Yurok/Hupa), who is a Case Worker at the newly opened TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) office in Weaverville. NAPC Chair Janet Eidsness coordinated the planning and compiled a customized Sourcebook with contributions from Eric Ritter, in consultation with the Tribe's lead workshop coordinator extraordinaire and Tribal Secretary, Michele Endicott, and the Tribal Chairperson, John "Sonny" Hayward.

The Nor Rel Muk Nation maintains a Tribal Office in Hayfork, where they are actively working to petition for Federal acknowledgement and to protect heritage resources important to this Wintu community of 800+ members. Their ancestral homelands spread from the Sacramento River in Shasta County westward across the upper and mid Trinity River region to South Fork Mountain, and from Scott Mountain above Trinity Lake southward to Cottonwood Creek.

Key historic preservation laws and processes were the topic of the first day session that featured informal presentations and group discussions led by Carol Gaubatz, Staff Analyst with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), and Dwight Dutschke of the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). Carol discussed the history and functions of the NAHC – maintaining the confidential Sacred Lands File, updating lists of Native American Contacts and Most Likely Decedents, commenting on CEQA documents forwarded by the State Clearinghouse, facilitating protection of Native American graves pursuant to state law, among other important roles and services. Tribal members were most appreciative to have NAHC participation, and Carol was thrilled to be able to get out from behind the phone to meet the people face-to-face. Dwight Dutschke, who is an active member of the Ione Band of Miwok and has

California Senate Bill 18 (Burton 2004) Executive Summary

California Senate Bill 18 (Burton 2004) requires city and county planning agencies to consult with California Native American tribes during the preparation or amendment of General Plans for the purpose of preserving specified places, features, and objects located within the city or county's jurisdiction. The intent of this legislation is to accomplish the following:

- (1) Recognize that California Native American prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial places are essential elements in tribal cultural traditions, heritages, and identities.
- (2) Establish meaningful consultations between California Native American tribal governments and California local governments at the earliest possible point in the local government land use planning process so that these places can be identified and considered.
- (3) Establish government-to-government consultations regarding potential means to preserve those places, determine the level of necessary confidentiality of their specific location, and develop proper treatment and management plans.
- (4) Ensure that local and tribal governments have information available early in the land use planning process to avoid potential conflicts over the preservation of California Native American prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial places.
- (5) Enable California Native American tribes to manage and act as caretakers of California Native American prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial places.
- (6) Encourage local governments to consider preservation of California Native American prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial places in their land use planning processes by placing them in open space.
- (7) Encourage local governments to consider the cultural aspects of California Native American prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial places early in land use planning processes.

SB 18 specifies that by March 1, 2005, the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR), in consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), provide guidelines containing advice to local agencies for consulting with California Native American tribes for all of the following:

- (1) The preservation of, or the mitigation of impacts to, places, features, and objects described in Sections 5097.9 and 5097.995 of the Public Resources Code.
- (2) Procedures for identifying through the NAHC the appropriate California Native American tribes.
- (3) Procedures for continuing to protect the confidentiality of information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of those places, features, and objects.
- (4) Procedures to facilitate voluntary landowner participation to preserve and protect the specific identity, location, character, and use of those places, features, and objects.



Left: Nor Rel-Muk tribal training participants and instructors.

decades of service at OHP, spoke candidly from his experience base about how tribes can be most successful advocating for protection of their ancestral places – when consulting with agencies and developers, working with their own tribal membership and other tribes, and establishing tribal monitoring protocols and programs. Dwight observed that an estimated 80 percent of California Indians are not members of federally recognized tribes. He offered advice to the Nor Rel Muk Nation leaders about using legal-ease (“knowledge and expertise,” “prudent and feasible,” “informed decisions”) when notifying local agencies about the Tribe’s interests in being notified and having the opportunity to comment on discretionary projects for their area of concern. As for setting up tribal monitoring programs, Dwight stressed his beliefs that the main responsibility of a monitor is to serve as a liaison in communicating their tribe’s cultural

Committee and leads seminars in Native American Consultation for the National Preservation Institute. Reba stressed the importance of carefully developing and executing agreement documents between tribes and agencies, offering several samples: a MOU that establishes consultation protocols under a government-to-government relationship between a tribe and an agency; a MOA for treatment and disposition of human remains and other cultural objects encountered during project related activities; a MOA regarding the exchange of sensitive and confidential information; a tribal monitor contract that sets forth roles and responsibilities; and a daily monitor log. Reba stressed that as tribal representatives, Native American monitors need to be familiar with and help implement the conditions and protocols set forth in relevant project and agency agreement documents.

On the third day, Eric Ritter, BLM Archaeologist and Shasta College Instructor, delivered an introductory lesson on archaeology as a subdiscipline of anthropology, plus basic artifact identification. Provided were illustrations, plus hands-on examination of artifact collections typical of area prehistoric archaeological sites, and a flint-knapping demonstration. In the afternoon, an exercise in reading USGS topographic maps was led by Archaeological Consultant Trudy Vaughan of Coyote &



Left: Nor Rel-Muk tribal members on a site visit.

Fox Enterprises, Redding. Building on the various presentations, one Tribal participant was able to map the location of a sensitive site to be forwarded to Carol at the NAHC for inclusion in the Sacred Lands Inventory.

Field visits to two archaeological sites along the Trinity River were the highlight of the final day of this workshop, providing a setting where lessons learned could be applied in scenarios and group discussions. Site visits were led by Mark Arnold, Archaeologist with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in the Hayfork office, with assistance from Trudy Vaughan and Janet Eidsness. Both sites showed evidence of prehistoric Native American and post-contact use by Chinese and Euroamerican miners and settlers, offering a good platform to discuss site formation processes including impacts from multiple layers of occupation. One site had abundant surface artifacts and features, providing an opportunity to discuss viable strategies for its protection from looting and other threats. The second site showed no surface indicators; however, a substantive excavation report was used to demonstrate that this site contains a remarkable buried deposit important to understanding the cultural history of the Nor Rel Muk. Warm sunlight filtered through the scented pines and oaks as the people stood on these old home places in the company of their friends, acknowledging their ancestors and praying for future generations of Nor Rel Muk.

Building Connections: A Cultural Resource Management Workshop for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

Wendy Gaston and Tim Carr

The Mechoopda Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria in collaboration with the Society of California Archaeology Native American Programs Committee and California State University, Chico held a workshop in Cultural Resource Management on January 14-15, 2005. More than forty people attended this two day workshop including Mechoopda Tribal Members, City of Chico Council Members and representatives from the Planning Department, representatives from the California State University, Chico

Nor Rel Muk Nation Tribal Monitors

Dorothy August (Council Alternate)

Bob Burns (Tribal Vice-Chairperson)

Rose Burns

Thomas Burns (Council Alternate)

Michele Endicott (Tribal Council Secretary)

Dawna Groves (Trinity TANF Site Manager)

John "Sonny" Hayward (Tribal Chairperson)

Lori Thetford

Facilities Management and Services, as well as Archaeological Professors, and CRM professionals from the local region. The workshop was held at the request of Rebekah Funes, the Mechoopda Tribal Environmental Protection Department Director, her assistant Marissa Piero, and the Mechoopda Tribal Cultural Coordinator, Arlene Ward. They believed the tribe would benefit from instruction on CRM laws and policy, as well as an instruction on artifact recognition.

On Saturday the workshop was held at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (part of the traditional territory of the Mechoopda). NAPC Chair Janet Eidsness led the discussion. CSU-Chico Professor Antoinette Martinez and Arlene Ward and opened with a discussion of cultural identity among the Mechoopda tribal members, some of whom recounted memories of life on the former Rancheria along Sacramento Avenue in Chico and what it was like for them growing up as a member of the Mechoopda tribe. Greg White gave a presentation summarizing records of the early contact period and archaeological findings from the Sacramento Valley. However, the main focus of the day was on the various CRM laws including: NEPA, NHPA and Section 106, ARPA, NAGPRA and CEQA. Janet Eidsness discussed how these laws are implemented with special attention to the issue of Tribal consultation and Native American Monitoring. All of the participants were provided information from Lake Oroville Parks and Recreation archaeologist Leslie Steidl and PG&E archaeologist Alison MacDougall on their Native American Steward and Monitoring programs. All participants in the workshop were provided a training manual with reference materials on CRM laws, Native American Monitoring guidelines, roles, and responsibilities, and important contact information.

The Sunday session was held at the 25 Main Street offices, home to the SCA Business Office, Archeological Research Program, and the Northeast Information Center (NEIC). Amy Huberland of the NEIC introduced the center and discussed its importance, and instructed the participants

NAPC Chair Janet Eidsness and Mechoopda Tribal Member Delores McHenry at the Mechoopda Workshop in Chico.



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NAPC Mechoopda Workshop Attendees

Mechoopda Native American Tribal Members

Juanita Aranda – Tribal Member
 Susan Brush – Tribal Member
 George Clements – Tribal Member
 Chester Conway – Tribal Member
 Carlene Conway – Tribal Member
 Jimmy Durant – Tribal Member
 Delores McHenry – Tribal Member
 Pat McHenry – Tribal Member
 Arlene Ward – Cultural Coordinator
 Rebeka Funes – Environmental Protection Department Director
 Marisa Piero – Environmental Protection Department, Assistant

Instructors

Janet Eidsness – Chair, Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA), & Consultant in Heritage Resources Management, Willow Creek
 Amy Huberland – Assistant Coordinator, Northeast Information Center
 Antoinette Martinez – Professor, CSU-Chico Anthropology Department & Coordinator Northeast Information Center (NEIC) of California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS)
 Greg White – Director, Archaeological Research Program, CSU-Chico

Guests

Tim Carr – Student/Technician, Archaeological Research Program (ARP), CSU-Chico CSU
 Tim Davis – Ranger, Sacramento River Bidwell Park
 Wendy Gaston – Student/Technician, Archaeological Research Program (ARP), CSU-Chico
 Andy Holcomb – Council Member, City of Chico
 Richard Jenkins – Archaeologist, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)
 Jason Jennings – Intern with Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Redding
 Dave Kimbrell – Project Manager, Facilities Management and Services, CSU-Chico
 Henry Maaf – Design Manager, Facilities Management and Services, CSU-Chico
 Alison MacDougall – Archaeologist, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)
 Kevin McCormick – Forest Archaeologist, Plumas National Forest
 Glenda Morse – Director, Facilities Management and Services, CSU-Chico
 Jeff Mott – Reserve Manager, BEZ, BCCER
 Richard Olson – Native American Coordinator, Caltrans District 3
 Ed Palmeri – Associate Planner, City of Chico
 Eric Ritter – Archaeologist, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Redding
 John Rudder – Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Lake Oroville
 Kim Seidler – Planner, City of Chico
 Bruce Steidl – Archaeologist and member of Mooretown Rancheria
 Leslie Steidl – Archaeologist, California Department of Parks & Recreation, Lake Oroville
 Rob Thacker – Project Manager, Facilities Management and Services, CSU-Chico
 Deborah Tibbetts – Forest Archaeologist, Plumas National Forest
 Gary Vercruse – Grounds Manager, Facilities Management and Services, CSU-Chico

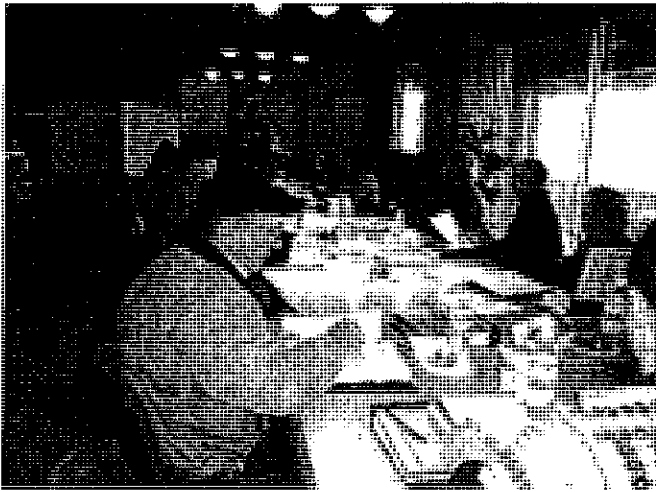
on how to access and use site records. Greg White introduced the participants to the Archaeological Research Program (ARP) and provided a presentation on excavation practices, artifact typology, and identification. Tim Carr and Wendy Gaston, CSU-Chico Undergraduates and ARP technicians, assisted the participants in addressing artifact function and identification, as well as provided a presentation on lab methods and curation procedures. Throughout the workshop, all CRM professionals in attendance provided insights into an array of aspects of CRM law and policy implementation.

The weekend workshop was supplemented by a tour of Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park and Museum led by Park Ranger Tim Davis. Mechoopda tribal member Delores McHenry was able to point out and discuss a basket in the museum collections that was woven by her grandmother. Greg White also led the participants to the site of the main Mechoopda village inhabited up to 1868, located on the CSU Chico campus. While at the site, Delores McHenry led the participants in an emotional blessing, reinforcing the importance of this site and of tribal identity to the Mechoopda Tribe.

A great deal of recognition is due to Rebeka Funes, and her assistant Marissa Piero as well as Arlene Ward, and the Mechoopda Tribe for bringing the participants together and supplying us with two great meals. Many thanks are also due to Jeff Mott for allowing the workshop participants to meet at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, Tim Davis for leading the tour of Bidwell Mansion and Museum, the many instructors, SCA members, and all who helped in bringing this workshop together. The mission of the SCA Native American Programs Committee is to support communication and information sharing between California Natives and CRM professionals and these workshops are essential in forging these relationships.

Mechoopda tribal members on the grounds of CSU-Chico. From left - Chet Conway, George Clements, Susan Bush, Delores McHenry, Arlene Ward, Marissa Piero, and Rebekah Funes.





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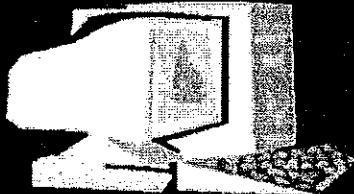
Since 1987, the Governor of the State of California has annually presented the Governor's Historic Preservation Award to individuals, organizations, groups, and federal, state and local agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation.

The Society for California Archaeology has maintained a Native American Programs Committee since 1993 to encourage the exchange of information between California Indians and professional archaeologists. Dedicated to empower Indian people to be more effective in interpreting, managing, and preserving significant Indian sites in California, the program has sponsored workshops, distributed an invaluable spreadsheet, and sponsored symposia involving Native American scholars.

On behalf of the people of the State of California, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Historic Preservation, I commend you for your dedication to historic preservation.

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November 17, 2004

Left—Scenes from the NACP Mechoopda Workshop. Above—The Governor's 2004 Historic Preservation Award Certificate recognizing the Society for California Archaeology Native American Program Committee Cultural Resource Management for California Indians and Cultural Resource Management Professionals Training Program.



Web Sites of Interest

World Meteorological Organization

<http://www.wmo.ch/index-en.html>

CA Native Plant Photos

<http://elib.cs.berkeley.edu/photos/flora/>

Fire-Cracked Rock Features on Sandy Landforms in the Northern Rocky Mountains: Toward Establishing Reliable Frames of Reference for Assessing Site Integrity

<http://anthropology.tamu.edu/faculty/thoms/publications/Geoarch%20article.pdf>

FCR (Fire-Cracked Rock) Bibliography

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCHNET/Pubs/fcr.html>

Alphabetical Listing of Conchologists—Malacologists

<http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/~ksc/Malacologists/FamousMalacologists.html>

California Wildlife Foundation

<http://www.californiawildlifefoundation.org/>

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