

Tribal Roundtable on California's General Plan Guidance Updates

Identifying Tribal Priorities in General Plans

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Welcome

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Zoom Technical Logistics

- How to participate today
 - Please use Q&A for anonymous questions and Chat for comments and questions
 - If you'd like to make a verbal comment, please use Raise Hand and our moderator will unmute you
 - We welcome comments and questions from Tribal leaders and representatives
 - Please keep comments respectful and focused on today's topic



Chat



Q&A



Raise Hand

- This meeting will NOT be recorded



PLEASE NOTE:

The Tribal Roundtables *do not* replace government-to-government Tribal Consultation with LCI.

Consultation letters were distributed via email and mail September 2025 and March 2026.

For meetings or to initiate government-to-government Tribal Consultation, please connect with LCI via email @ tribal.affairs@lci.ca.gov.



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Roundtable Overview

- **Welcome**
- **Zoom Housekeeping & Overview**
- **Introductions**
- **Tribal Consultation & Input Opportunities**
- **About Tribal Roundtables | Phase 1 & Phase 2**
- **About General Plan, Special Plan, Tribal Consultation Guidelines**
- **General Plan Guidelines Tribal Leader Discussion**
- **Next Steps**
- **Thank you**

Key Roundtable Discussion Questions

Question #1: How do cities and non-Tribal planners typically engage with your community on planning projects?

Question #2: What is the most important piece of guidance your Tribe needs non-Tribal planners to understand?

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Introductions



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About LCI

Effective July 1, 2024, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) was renamed the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI).

The Office is spurred into action by California's promise of enduring environmental and equity leadership, coupled with the realization that progress is not occurring at the necessary speed and scale.

We strive to shift from exploitative economies, built environments, and policies to ones that are beneficial to all people and the planet, requiring transformative changes across all systems.

Our mandate is clear: to accelerate innovation and implementation that supports thriving people and communities here in California – and beyond.

LCI Statutory Functions

Planning

- Set long-range land use goals and policies
- Develop and adopt General Plan Guidelines
- Manage state planning grants
- Support local and regional planning
- Work with US military on land compatibility issues

CEQA

- Draft CEQA Guidelines
- Operate State Clearinghouse for CEQA
- Resolve lead agency conflicts

Environmental Policy

- Coordinate research on growth and development
- Oversee federal grants for environmental goals
- Coordinate statewide environmental monitoring



Meet the LCI Team



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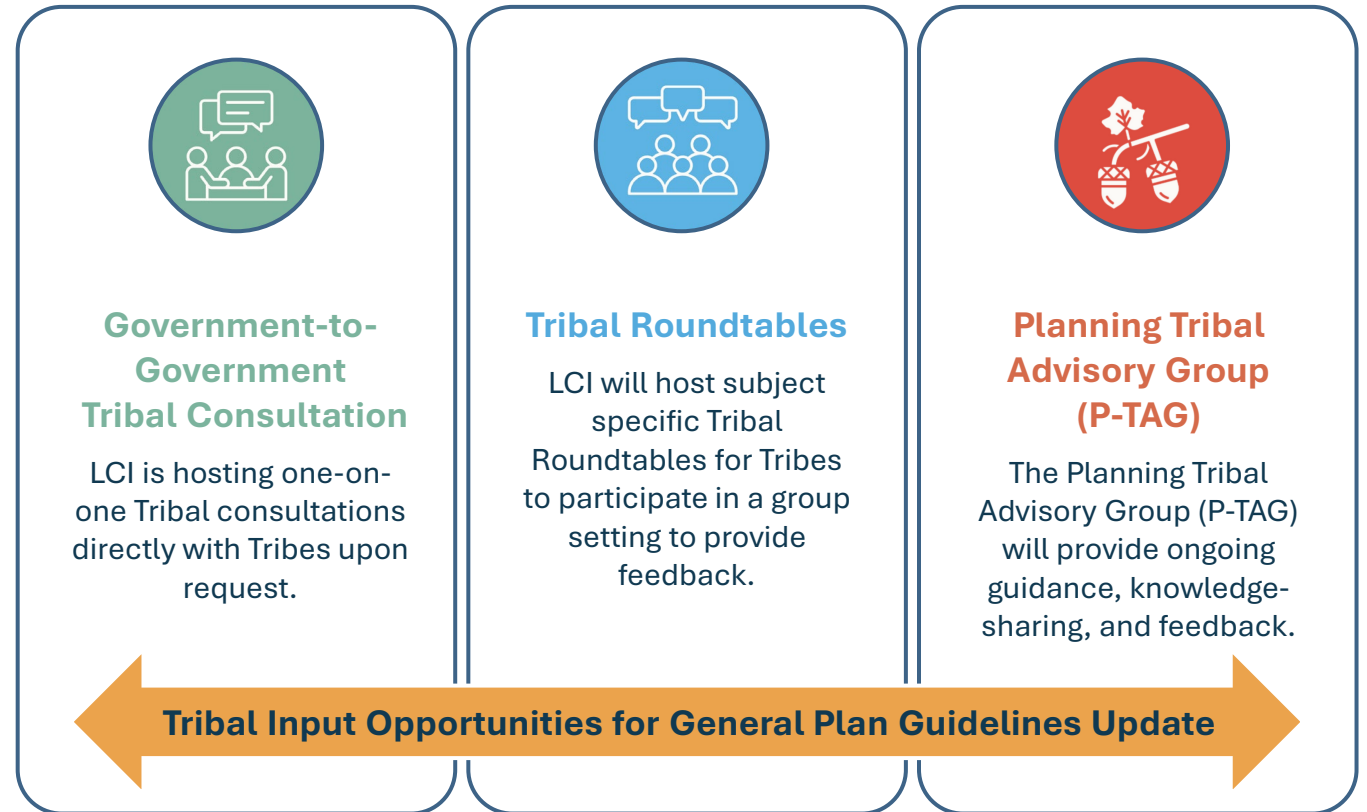


LCI's Tribal Consultation & Tribal Input Opportunities

LCI believes meaningful Tribal consultation is critical to effectively update the General Plan Guidelines (GPG) and Tribal Consultation Guidelines (TCG).

As such, LCI is looking to provide a wide range of opportunities for California Tribal Nations and Native Communities to provide input through several channels of engagement.

Tribes can engage in as many ways they feel is appropriate to ensure their voices are heard.



Planning Tribal Advisory Group (P-TAG)



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Planning Tribal Advisory Group (P-TAG) Overview

- The Planning Tribal Advisory Group (P-TAG) will provide ongoing guidance, knowledge-sharing, and feedback throughout the General Plan Guidelines (GPG) and Tribal Consultation Guidelines (TCG) update process - helping to shape California's land policy through Tribal perspectives.
- While formal Tribal Consultation remains a government-to-government dialogue between Tribal and state leadership, the P-TAG will function as a complementary and collaborative body that creates space for deeper, continuous engagement. It will strengthen regional representation, support reflection on implementation, and ensure that Tribal planning approaches and knowledge systems meaningfully inform each stage of LCI's guidance development.

About Tribal Roundtables

Phase 1 Roundtables

General Plan Guidelines
(July - September 2026)

Phase 1 will focus on how Tribal priorities inform and how Tribal priorities integrate with the General Plan Guidelines. Tribal leaders, Tribal staff, and delegated representatives are welcome to join any or all virtual sessions based on interest and availability.

Phase 2 Roundtables

SB 18 Tribal Consultation Guidelines
(TBD)

Phase 2 will focus on the Tribal Consultation Guidelines. Last revised in 2005, these updates are necessary to reflect significant legal and policy developments over the past two decades since the passage of Senate Bill 18 (2004) with significant input and feedback from Tribal leaders, Tribal staff, and delegated representatives to strengthen these guidelines and reflect lived experience context to guideline application and toolkit design.

About the Planning Guidelines Updates

**General Plan, Specific Plan,
Tribal Consultation Guidelines**

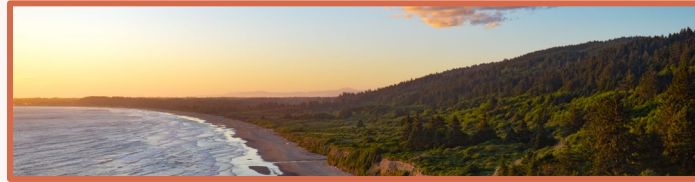


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What are the Planning Guidelines?

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

A General Plan is like a road map for the future of Ventura



- **A General Plan is the long-term blueprint**, describing the community's vision and identifying strategies for managing preservation and change
- State law requires every city and county to keep an updated General Plan
- Using goals, maps and land use policies, the General Plan shapes how decisions are made over time.

- **9 required elements include:** Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Safety, Noise, Environmental Justice *, Air Quality **
- Additional Optional Elements
 - Historic Preservation
 - Water
 - Economic Development
 - Urban Design and Placemaking
 - Agriculture and Working Lands

- **The Specific Plan is a comprehensive planning and zoning tool** for a small area.
- Establishes the vision and guiding principles.
- Defines policy and development standards.
- Strong focus on implementation
 - Regulations
 - Infrastructure needs
 - Costs



** Required for communities with Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)*

*** Required for communities in San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJAPCD)
Jurisdictions may add “optional” elements. Elements can be combined in any way.*

Core Planning Principles

Tribal Stewardship & Communities

Elevate Tribal stewardship and expertise in a way that values local Tribal communities, honors knowledge, and respects reciprocity.

Provide guidance on Tribal consultation and co-stewardship opportunities within statewide land use planning guidance.

Equity & Health

Consistently integrate across all elements with clear definitions, data tools, and actionable policies.

Climate Adaptation, Mitigation & Resilience

Treat as a cross-cutting issue (instead of a single chapter) with callouts and best practices linking climate to all General Plan elements.

Community Engagement

Position as a foundational principle, consolidate best practices, and tailor strategies for engaging diverse and priority communities.



Tribal Consultation in Local Planning

SB 18 and the State's Role (Phase 2 Roundtables)

Purpose of Tribal Consultation

- Government-to-government process ensuring Tribes have a meaningful role in local land use decisions
- Supports partnerships that help local governments understand, avoid, and respectfully plan around Tribal cultural resources
- Required under SB 18 (2004)



SB 18 Overview

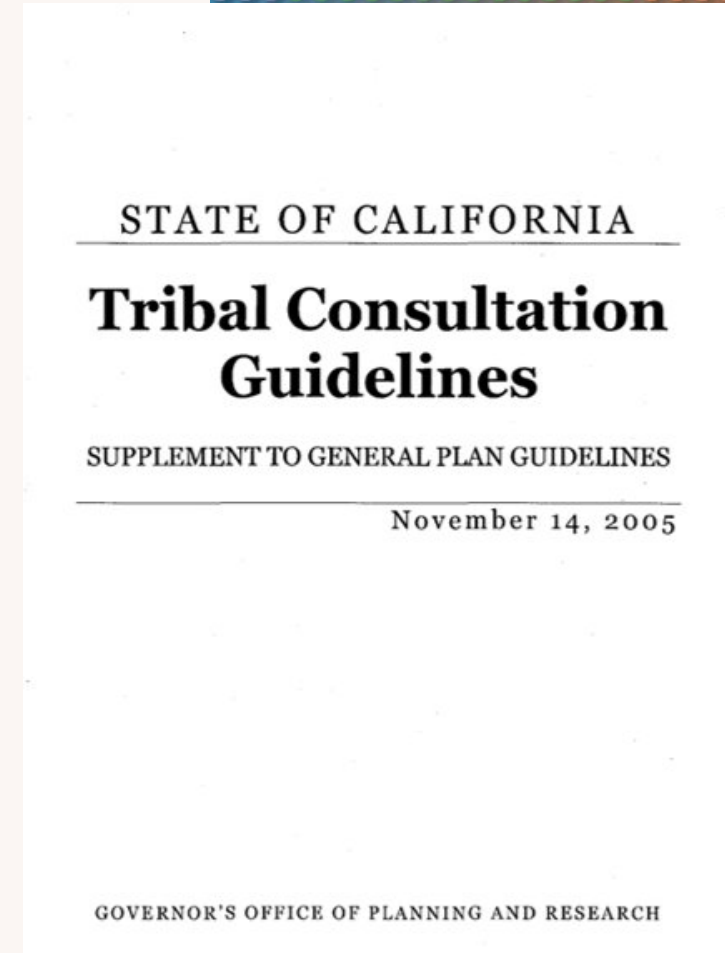
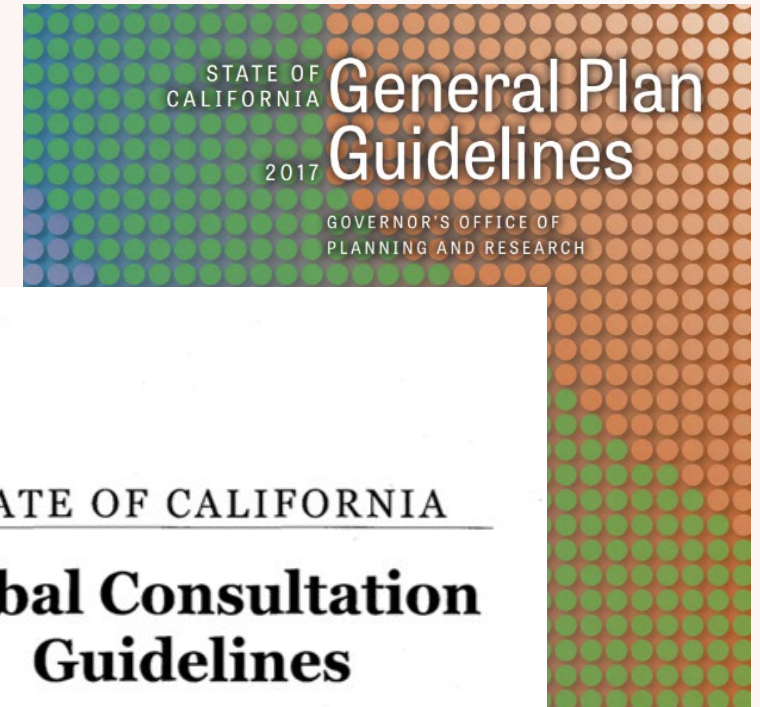
- Requires consultation with Tribes during General Plan updates
- Applies to land use decisions involving sacred sites and cultural resources
- Supported by state-developed Tribal Consultation Guidelines (last updated 2005)

LCI's Role

- Not a regulatory agency
- Provides guidance, tools, and technical assistance to help Tribes and agencies meet consultation obligations
- Updates Guidelines as needed and aligns training with legal requirements and best practices

Why update the Planning and Tribal Consultation Guidelines now?

- Over 250 new planning-related laws have passed since the last update (2017)
- Tribal Consultation Guidelines (TCG) are outdated (2005)
- Updating General Plan, Specific Plan and Tribal Consultation Guidelines together ensures alignment with current law and best practices
- Updates reflect Tribal priorities, sovereign decision-making, lived expertise, and lessons shared by Tribes over the past two decades



What do we hope to achieve?

Useable guidance rooted in the law AND best practices for meaningful, early, and often Tribal engagement, emphasizing relationship building.

Upholding Executive Order B-10-11: meaningful, early and timely consultation

Elevating Native voices in all the Guidelines' updates.

Honoring cultural knowledge, Tribal perspectives, and lived expertise.

Developing tools and trainings for local jurisdictions and Tribes to better meet these goals



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These guidelines are not an update to the law, and these guidelines will follow the law as currently written at time of guidelines publication.

Engagements to Date

Tribal Consultation

- Letters mailed and emailed to all California Native American Tribes on the NAHC lists (Sept. 2025, March 2026)
- LCI received requests for consultation from several Tribes, and began scheduling one-on-one consultations (Dec. 2025)

Project Outreach

- Hosted a booth at the 58th Annual California Native American Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento, hosted by the California Tribal Chairpersons Association
- Presented virtually at the U.S. EPA Regional Tribal Operations Committee (Feb. 4)
- Presented in-person at the THPO/SHPO Summit (Feb. 11)
- Held interagency meetings with NAHC, Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs, and California Attorney General's Office

FACILITATED DISCUSSION

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Next Steps

Tribal Roundtables 1: General Plan Guidelines

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This Tribal Roundtable presentation slides and meeting summary will be made available via the LCI Planning Update website:

<https://planningupdate.lci.ca.gov/>

Additional materials and follow ups will be provided via email to all Tribal Roundtable registrants.

Register for Upcoming Roundtables

Phase 1 Roundtables: General Plan Guidelines

Embedding Tribal Priorities into General Plans

Aug. 20, 2026, at 2 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/4vsYw3X>

Roundtable Topic TBD

(Details Coming Soon!)

Sept. 16, 2026, at 2 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/4w8ECLC>



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Thank you**



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