



Resolution 7-2011
Adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
at its regular meeting in Sacramento, California
July 8, 2011

Classification & Naming of the California Indian Heritage Center

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of West Sacramento (Agency) executed a master agreement with California State Parks (State Parks) which provided State Parks with an Option Agreement (Option) to transfer a 43 acre parcel from Agency to State Parks by gift deed for the development of the California Indian Heritage Center as a state park, provided that State Parks met all the conditions set forth within the Master Agreement and in the Option; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010 the state purchased 7.91 acres in fee of adjacent property in support of the development of the California Indian Heritage Center, and

WHEREAS, the California Indian Heritage Center property is an aggregate 50.91 acre site (Property), consisting of both state and city redevelopment-owned properties, located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of West Sacramento, Yolo County, California; and

WHEREAS, because the California Indian Heritage Center is unique in nature, the state park system classifications provided in Public Resources Code Sections 5019.53 to 5019.65 apply imperfectly; and

WHEREAS, classification as a "State Park" is the recommendation because the unit preserves cultural values of California Native Indians, provides scenic views of the Sacramento River and its confluence with the American River, and will be managed as a composite whole to restore native vegetation and protect the Sacramento River shoreline consistent with the California Indian Heritage Center's purpose, and the classification of State Park allows the greatest flexibility for creating a distinct connection between native California Indian values, interpretation, resource protection, and recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the project's Task Force conducted a workshop to recommend a name for the unit, and components of a name were analyzed by focus or subject (California Indian, Native American, Native Californian, and Indigenous California), kind of place (cultural center, heritage center, museum, cultural resource center, curatorial facility, education center, interpretive center), official status (California state, state) and special characteristics; and

WHEREAS, because the Task Force concluded that the term "museum" was not appropriate for the various types of activity that would be used and thus the term "cultural center" or "center" was agreed upon to reinforce the idea of a central place for people to come together, learn from, and honor the California Indian culture and traditions; and

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WHEREAS, the nomenclature of "California Indian" was preferred to "Native American" or "Indigenous," and consensus was built around the name "California Indian Heritage Center" and was unanimously supported;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: This Commission has reviewed and considered the Inventory of Features (Resources Summary) prepared for this property as required by Public Resources Code Section 5002.1, the recommendations presented by the Director for this unit, and testimony received during this public hearing as the basis for this unit classification; and be it

RESOLVED: The California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby approves the Director's recommendation for the unit classification of California Indian Heritage Center property as a State Park, with the name California Indian Heritage Center State Park; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the location and custodian of the Naming and Classification document and other materials which constitute the record of proceeding on which the Commission's decision is based is: California State Park and Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001, Phone 916/653-0524, Facsimile 916/653-4458.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on July 8, 2011 at the Commission's duly-noticed public meeting at Sacramento, California.

By: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Date: 7-8-11

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California State Parks
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