

Members of the CICCM Task Force

Public Members Appointed by the Director of California State Parks

Loren Bommelyn (Tolowa)

Mr. Bommelyn lives at the Smith River Rancheria near Crescent City, where he serves on the Tribal Council. He is a ceremonial leader, a basketweaver, a regalia maker, and a master of traditional Tolowa song. He has a M.A. in linguistics and teaches Tolowa language and history. He has been a public school teacher for Del Norte County Unified Schools since 1980, and serves as President of the Board of Trustees for the Del Norte County Historical Society. Mr. Bommelyn was a National Endowment of the Arts Fellow in 2002, and a Smithsonian Cultural Research Participant at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Gen Denton (Miwok)

Gen Denton is a member of the Lone Band of Miwok Indians, and an active member of the Sierra Native American Council. After raising her children while travelling as a United States Navy family, she has devoted much of her time to the continuation and interpretation of Miwok traditions and spiritual values. As a member of the Citizens Advisory Group at Chaw'se (Indian Grinding Rock State Park), Ms. Denton has worked with State Park staff to ensure that the Cultural Center located within the park serves the local Indian community and educates park visitors about Indian culture and history. She worked on the development of the museum exhibit "Discovery, Devastation and Survival: California Indians and the Gold Rush".

John A. Gomez, Jr. (Luiseno)

John Gomez is a member of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Indian Reservation. He works for Pechanga Cultural Resources as the supervisor for the site-monitoring program, and as tribal coordinator for implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). Mr. Gomez was previously employed as a paralegal with California Indian Legal Services where the bulk of his caseload involved the protection, preservation and repatriation of tribal cultural resources. He recently co-taught a course at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and coordinated a Pechanga - UCLA student exchange program.

Public Members Appointed by the NAHC Executive Secretary

Cindy La Marr (Pit River / Paiute)

Cindy La Marr is from the Pit River and Paiute Tribes, whose ancestral lands are in northeastern California. She has served as the Executive Director of Capitol Area Indian Resources, Inc., a Sacramento-based educational and

cultural nonprofit program, for the past twelve years. Ms. La Marr is the first Californian and the first California Indian to be elected to serve as the next President of the National Indian Education Association, the largest organization for Indians in the nation. She was also named to be an advisory group member for the implementation of SB41, the California Indian history curriculum legislation.

Bill Mungary (Paiute / Apache)

Bill Mungary has served as Chairperson of the Native American Heritage Commission since 1990. He has had a long career working in housing, community and economic development, retiring recently as Director of the Community Development Department for Kern County. He has served on numerous boards and councils, including the California Rural Development Council as the representative for tribal governments. Mr. Mungary was a captain in the United States Air Force, and holds a B.A. in International Relations and a M.S. in Business Administration from University of California at Los Angeles.

State Officials That Are Members by Law (*ex-officio* members)

Ruth Coleman, Acting Director, California State Parks (or designee)

As Acting Director, Ruth Coleman is responsible for 273 parks in the State Park System, which includes five Regional Indian Museums, historic and pre-historic California Indian sites, cultural landscapes, and a large collection of Native American cultural objects. Ms. Coleman joined the department as Deputy Director for Legislation in December 1999. According to SB 2063, the Director of State Parks (or her designee) will serve as the Executive Secretary to the Task Force.

Larry Myers (Pomo), Executive Secretary, Native American Heritage Commission

Larry Myers has been Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) since 1987. The NAHC advocates for and provides oversight for the protection of Native American burials and cemeteries, and the preservation of sacred shrines, ceremonial sites, and places of worship in California. Mr. Myers was instrumental in the creation and installation of the Commemorative Seal on the front steps of the State Capitol that memorializes contributions of California Indians.

Mary Nichols, Secretary, Resources Agency (or designee)

Mary D. Nichols was appointed Secretary of Resources in 1998. As head

of the Agency, Secretary Nichols sets policy for 27 departments, commissions, boards and conservancies including the Departments of Conservation, Fish and Game, Forestry and Fire Protection, Parks and Recreation, Water Resources, and the California Coastal Commission. The Agency is also responsible for interpreting the California Environmental Quality Act. Ms. Nichols reports directly to the Governor's Office on resource issues, including matters of cultural resource stewardship.

Kevin Starr, State Librarian (or designee)

Kevin Starr has been State Librarian since 1994. The State Library is the main research library for all state government, providing reference services and information to the Legislature, the Governor's office and other state constitutional officers. The State Library also administers the California's First Peoples Project that supports and promotes improved education in grades K-12 about the unique identities and cultural contributions of California Indians. Dr. Starr is a distinguished scholar and author of numerous books and articles on California history.