

## Frequently asked questions regarding a new State Indian Museum February 2003

### **What is the status of the new California State Indian Museum?**

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Governor Gray Davis signed Senate Bill 2063 establishing the museum under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. It also established a Task Force to assist the Department by advising and recommending a location, design, content and governing structure for the museum.

### **Who is on the Task Force?**

The Task Force has nine members, six of whom are California Indians. The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Native American Heritage Commission worked together in appointing the following Task Force members: Loren Bommelyn (Tolowa), Gen Denton (Miwok), John A. Gomez, Jr., (Luiseno), Cindy LaMarr (Pit River/Paiute), and Bill Mungary (Paiute/Apache).

The State officials who will serve as ex-officio members include Ruth Coleman, Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Larry Myers (Pomo), Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission, Mary Nichols, Secretary of the Resources Agency, and Kevin Starr, State Librarian.

For more information click on *Members of the CICCUM Task Force* on the State Parks homepage.

### **Is there money to pay for it?**

The State's initial contribution of \$5 million dollars will enable the Department and the Task Force to get started. Funding for future phases will be needed over a period of years. It will come from a variety of sources, including the State, private organizations and individuals.

### **What will it be called?**

The name designated by the legislation is the *California Indian Cultural Center and Museum (CICCUM)*. The Task Force may recommend a different name.

### **Where will it be?**

The site has not been selected. A twenty-eight acre site in the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, overlooking Lake Natoma, was tentatively set aside for this purpose in the late 1970's but other sites may also be considered. One of the duties of the Task Force is to recommend a site by February 2004.

### **How long will the process take?**

The Task Force will hold its first meeting in March 2003. One of its first orders of business will be to review the extensive feasibility study written in 1991/92 for a State Indian Museum. It is expected that the results of this study can serve as a solid foundation for the Task Force to work on. The whole project will take a number of years to complete. We hope to conduct the work in phases so that at least a portion of the museum will be operational in 3 – 5 year period.

**Who can I contact for more information and what can I do to help?**

Stay informed by checking the CICCMM link on the State Parks' website ([www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)) or [www.ciccm.org](http://www.ciccm.org). Let us add you to our mailing list. Share the news with tribal members, friends and others. Give us your feedback and ideas about programs, potential funding sources, and services that the museum can offer.

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