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**CALTRANS REPATRIATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- **Headquarters**: Oversight, guidance, district support
- **12 Districts**: On-the-ground consultation and repatriation

**Caltrans Website** – Search “Caltrans NAGPRA”
- District Contact Information
- Caltrans Claims Process
**CALTRANS REPATRIATION PROGRAM**

**OVERVIEW – CSU CAMPUSES**

- Control collections from Caltrans right-of-way
- Not a repository – *does not possess collections*

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Both Controls and is in Possession of Collections

- **Headquarters**: Oversight; primary point of contact; lead research, consultation, and repatriations
- **21 Districts**: Research and repatriation support
- Collections Managed at multiple facilities, principally SMCC
- **California State Parks website** – Search “NAGPRA” (https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26120)
WHY THE AGENCY – UNIVERSITY LINK?

Why are so many state-controlled collections in the possession of universities?

- Collections resulting from academic research, field school-generated & teaching
- Environmental compliance projects (e.g., Section 106, NEPA, CEQA)
- Universities had archaeological research labs capabilities
- Universities had storage or curation facilities with some level of staffing
- Other reasons?
WHERE ARE AGENCY – UNIVERSITY COLLECTIONS?

- Caltrans works with 28 repositories:
  - UCs
  - CSUs
  - California State Parks

- California State Parks works with museums and institutions across California, the nation, and internationally
  - Including most, if not all, of the 33 CSUs and UCs
HOW ARE AGENCY – UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WORKING TO SUPPORT EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE REPATRIATIONS?

- Conducting and sharing background research and collections records**
- Coordinating tribal consultation communications and meetings
- Factoring in consultation costs
- Supporting opportunities for identifying reburial lands
- Partnering in reburial efforts

First Nations Museum, OK; Photo by Barbara Tejada
CHALLENGES IN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY

- Staffing
- Training
- Funding
- Policy
- Procedures
- Documentation
OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING REPATRIATION PROCESS FOR CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES – DISCUSSION

- Fund and hire qualified permanent staff position(s)
- Ensure adequate funding support
- Compensate costs for tribes to conduct consultations

As requested by Tribes:
- Identify reburial lands
- Partner in reburial efforts
- Manage loaned collections
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