



CALTRANS & CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS



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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*

| Institution | Count |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| CSU Bakersfield | 64 |
| CSU Chico | 92 |
| CSU Fullerton | 28 |
| CSU Long Beach | 1 |
| Fresno City College | 2 |
| Sacramento State University | 101 |
| San Diego State University | 61 |
| San Francisco State University | 13 |
| Sonoma State University | 341 |
| TOTAL | 703 |

STATE PARKS REPATRIATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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?



First Nations Museum, OK; Photo by Barbara Tejada

- 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

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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