Office of the Governor’s Tribal Advisor

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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Executive Order B-10-11

Created the Tribal Advisor Position

Encourages Consultation, Communication, & Collaboration within the Executive Branch
Current Consultation Efforts

- **Policies completed in line with B-10-11**
  - Natural Resources Agency
  - California Health Benefits Exchange

- **In process:**
  - Cal EPA
  - Cal EMA
  - Food & Agriculture Agency
  - Health & Human Services
  - Newly formed Transportation Agency
Current Consultation Efforts

- In process:
  - Cal Department of Veterans Affairs

- Postponed to July 1st Realignment
  - Go Biz
  - Technology Agency
  - State & Consumer Services Agency
Current Executive Branch Structure

- Currently 12 Agencies
- Under these agencies approximately 63 Departments
- We are working directly with Agency Secretaries
  - The Agency Secretaries will direct their departments to develop their own policies
- We will support during development and implementation
Governor’s Reorganization Plan

- 12 Agencies to 10 and consolidate dozens of Departments
- This will improve coordination and efficiency and more responsive to public
- New Agencies:
  - The Government Operations Agency
  - The Business, Consumer Services & Housing Agency
  - The Transportation Agency
Field Directory

- Collaborating with Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Working on system to keep tribal leader information current
- This will assist state agencies in consultation and collaborative efforts
- One data base by Fall 2013
Current Tribal Issues

- We are a resource for Tribes
- Topics
  - Health Optional Benefits (CHHS)
  - Individual Taxation on Indian Lands – (FTB)
  - ICWA – Baby Veronica (DSS)
  - Water Issues (DWR/CalEPA)
  - Broadband on Tribal Lands (CPUC)
  - Definition of Indian/ Health Benefits (Calif. Exchange)
- Our goal is to promote good working relationships with the state and tribes
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Board Appointments

- Governor Brown would like more tribal representation on boards he has appointment authority
- Looking for recommendations in all areas
- To apply go to www.gov.ca.gov
Internship Opportunities

- Recruiting interns
- Apply online on Governor’s website
  - Click on Appointments
  - Appointment Application
  - Begin Application
  - Position Sought: select “Interns”
- Exciting Projects in their field
- For more information Contact Heather Hostler
Native American Day 2013

- Governor Brown’s 2012 Proclamation
- Youth Track
- More involvement from Tribal leaders
Tribal Advisor Website

www.tribalgovaffairs.ca.gov
Launched March 15th
Website Content

- Consultation Dates from Agencies & Departments
- Current Legislation we’re tracking
- Resource for Tribes
- Interactive Map
- Links to State Agency specific web pages
- Resources for State Agencies to connect with Tribes for consultation purposes
Contact Us

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