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Dear Tribal Leaders:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is soliciting nominations from Tribes and Indian organizations to fill **seven** vacancies on the Native American Advisory Committee (NAAC) effective January 1, 2011.

Established in 1996, the purpose of NAAC is to ensure that Caltrans management receives direct advice from the Native American community on issues pertaining to all modes of transportation in California. Caltrans believe this advisory committee contributes to the Tribal Governments' ability to take advantage of transportation opportunities and to participate with Caltrans in planning, developing, and implementing transportation projects and services. It offers a chance to further government-to-government working relationships.

Each member of the NAAC is appointed to a two-year term. Membership consists of persons who are nominated by Tribes and Native American organizations throughout the State, recommended by the NAAC and appointed by the Director of Caltrans. Successful Tribal candidates will serve as "at large" members to the Tribes in their geographic regions (northern, central, and southern) as drawn by the Bureau of Indian Affairs regional map. Successful Indian organization candidates are considered advocates for all Native Americans of California.

The NAAC holds a minimum of four meetings each calendar year. If an appointee is unable to complete the duration of the term, the Director may appoint a replacement. While the amount of time devoted to membership on the NAAC is minimal, and members may designate alternates, nominees should be able to commit to three or four meetings annually. Caltrans personnel are not eligible to serve as members or alternates on the Committee.

Please return the completed nomination form, along with a brief biography, to Tony Snow of the Native American Liaison Branch no later than October 1, 2010. Mailing and fax information is contained on the form. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Snow by email at tony_snow@dot.ca.gov or call (916) 654-2719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Tuttle".

MARTIN TUTTLE

Deputy Director

Planning and Modal Programs

Enclosures

1. NAAC Nomination Form
2. List of California Tribes by Region
3. NAAC Appointment Process Timeline
4. NAAC Charter
5. Current List of NAAC Members

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cc: Sharon Scherzinger, Interim Chief, Division of Transportation Planning
Tom Neumann, Chief, Office of Community Planning
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Native American Advisory Committee