

APPENDIX B

ASSEMBLY BILL 52 CONSULTATION RECORD

This page intentionally left blank

AB 52 NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION ASSISTANCE RECORD

Native American Consultation for the Proposed: Fresno Council of Governments (COG) 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Date LSA Requested Sacred Lands File Search: 3/3/26.

Date Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Replied: 3/10/26.

Results of Sacred Lands File Search: Positive.

Date Designated Groups/Individuals Were Contacted: Letters sent via certified mail on 3/12/26; follow-ups conducted via email on 3/26/26.

Groups Contacted	Date LSA Contacted Tribes	Date of Follow-Ups	Date and Results of Responses
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band Ed Ketchum, Chairman	3/12/26 *EMAIL	3/26/26	*The Tribal contact list provided by the NAHC on 3/10/26 did not list a physical address for Chairman Ketchum. Subsequently, all correspondence with Chairman Ketchum was conducted via email.
Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians Elizabeth Kipp, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians Joel Marvin, Vice Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians Tom Zizzo, Tribal Administrator	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Jesse Galvan, THPO	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Jessalynn Pastran, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians Debra Grimes, Tribal Cultural Resources Specialist	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians Gloria Grimes, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians Adam Lewis, Tribal Cultural Resources Assistant	3/12/26	3/26/26	
California Valley Miwok Tribe Antoinette Del Rio, Interim Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
California Valley Miwok Tribe Anthony Wilson, Treasurer	3/12/26	3/26/26	
California Valley Miwok Tribe Lawrence Wilson Jr., Cultural Specialist	3/12/26	3/26/26	

Groups Contacted	Date LSA Contacted Tribes	Date of Follow-Ups	Date and Results of Responses
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Cynthia Reyes, Cultural Manager	3/12/26	3/26/26	3/26/26: Ms. Reyes responded via email stating the following: Currently the Tribe has no comment.
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Joseph Mathiesen-Powell, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Monica Fox, Tribal Administrator	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Joanna Portillo-Hsu, Environmental & Planning Manager	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Stephanie Suess, Community & Resources Development Director	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California Desiree Lewis, Tribal Administrator	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California Shane Ratchford, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Dunlap Band of Mono Indians Benjamin Charley, Chairman	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Dunlap Band of Mono Indians Dirk Charley, Tribal Secretary	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians Rolland Fillmore, Cultural Preservation Representative	3/12/26		3/26/26: No email address provided on the NAHC contact list.
Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians Adam Dalton, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians Delia Dominguez, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe Charlotte Lange, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe Leland Valdez, Cultural Resources	3/12/26		3/26/26: No email address provided on the NAHC contact list.
Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe Cosme Valdez, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
North Fork Mono Tribe Jesse Valdez, Council Member/Archaeological Director	3/12/26	3/26/26	
North Fork Mono Tribe Anna Phipps, Tribal Secretary	3/12/26	3/26/26	
North Fork Mono Tribe Ron Goode, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	

Groups Contacted	Date LSA Contacted Tribes	Date of Follow-Ups	Date and Results of Responses
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Fred Beihn, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Lance Fink, Environmental/Heritage Manager	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone Tribe Timothy Perez, Tribal Compliance Officer	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Northern Valley Yokut / Ohlone Tribe Katherine Perez, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Pakan'yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria Scott Dinsmore, Co-Chair	3/12/26	3/26/26	3/26/26: Response received via email from Chairperson Alejandra Ramirez stating the following: "The Pakan'yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria respectfully request formal consultation regarding this proposed project. While we appreciate the notification, the information provided is general in nature and does not include sufficient detail to allow for meaningful evaluation of potential impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources. Given the scale of the RTP/SCS and its inclusion of regionally significant transportation policies, programs, and projects extending through 2049, there is clear potential for both direct and cumulative impacts to areas of cultural significance. In order to support informed consultation, we respectfully request the following: • A copy of the current 2022 RTP/SCS • Any draft or preliminary materials for the 2026 update • Project lists, maps, and geographic information identifying proposed improvements • Identification of any known or anticipated ground-disturbing activities • Any additional environmental or planning documents prepared to date We also note that the Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands File search returned positive results, further underscoring the importance of early, meaningful, and ongoing consultation. As a Tribal Nation with enduring cultural and stewardship responsibilities, we are particularly concerned with the potential for: • Impacts to cultural landscapes and traditional use areas • Incremental and cumulative effects from regional infrastructure expansion • Ground disturbance associated with transportation and related development • Activities We respectfully request to remain included in all future notices, planning discussions, and opportunities for consultation associated with this effort.
Pakan'yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria Alejandra Ramirez, Co-Chair	3/12/26	3/26/26	

Groups Contacted	Date LSA Contacted Tribes	Date of Follow-Ups	Date and Results of Responses
			3/26/26: The following information was provided to the Tribe by Fresno COG staff via email: ● 2022 RTP/SCS link. ● 2026 Plan information link. ● The project list, maps, and additional information link. The Draft 2026 RTP/SCS/PEIR will be available in May for your review, which we will send to you once available.
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Deann Kamalani, Tribal Council Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Elena Sanders, Tribal Council Vice-Chairwoman	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Denise McCombs-Esquivel, Tribal Council Treasurer	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Hillary Hammond Battles, Tribal Council Member at Large	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Tracey Hopkins, Tribal Council Member at Large	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Mary Motola, Cultural Historian	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Marco Alcantar, Tribal Council Secretary	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians Michael Wynn, Tribal Council Member at Large	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Cristina Gonzales, Registrar	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Josh Sanchez, Monitor/Specialist	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Nichole Escalon, THPO	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation Sandra Chapman, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	

Groups Contacted	Date LSA Contacted Tribes	Date of Follow-Ups	Date and Results of Responses
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation Jazzmyn Gegere, Director of Cultural Resource Preservation	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Table Mountain Rancheria Michelle Heredia-Cordova, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	4/8/26: Response received via email from Venessa Wilson, Table Mountain Rancheria (TMR) Cultural Resource Assistant, stating the following: I'd like to thank you for your outreach letter date March 12, 2026, regarding Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy. The Rancheria is very interested in this project as it lies within our cultural area of interest. Attached is our response letter and the physical letter has been sent via mail as well. I've cc'd the department Alex Robichaux- Cultural Resources Assistant & Maymanah Farhat- Cultural Resources Manager to keep in the loop of correspondence. 4/9/26: The following information was provided to the Tribe by Fresno COG staff via email: ● 2022 RTP/SCS link. ● 2026 Plan information link. ● The project list, maps, and additional information link. The Draft 2026 RTP/SCS/PEIR will be available in May for your review, which we will send to you once available.
Table Mountain Rancheria Bob Pennell, Cultural Resource Director	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Traditional Choinumni Tribe David Alvarez, Chairperson	3/12/26		3/16/26: Chairman Alvarez responded to the Fresno COG via email stating the following: Yes, We would like to continue our partnership with Fresno County projects that pertain to our Historical Tribal Lands. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.
Tule River Indian Tribe Felix Christman, THPO	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Tule River Indian Tribe Kerri Vera, Environmental Department	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Andrea Reich, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Stanley Cox, Cultural Resources Director	3/12/26		3/26/26: No email address provided on the NAHC contact list.
Wuksachi Indian Tribe/Eshom Valley Band Kenneth Woodrow, Chairperson	3/12/26	3/26/26	

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 10, 2026

Jaimi Starr
LSA Associates, Inc.**Via Email to: Jaimi.Starr@lsa.net****Re: Fresno COG - 2026 RTP/SCS (20252196) Project, Fresno County**

To Whom It May Concern:

As requested, a search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed based on information submitted for the above referenced project. The results were positive. Please contact the tribes on the attached list for more information. Be aware that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the SLF, nor are they required to do so. As such, an SLF search is not a substitute for consultation with all tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with a project's geographic area.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project's geographic area. Please contact all of the listed tribes as they may have information about sacred sites within the project area that is not listed with the NAHC.

If within two weeks of notification, a response has not been received, the Commission requests that you follow up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information was received.

If you receive notification of a change of address or phone number from a tribe, please inform the NAHC so that we can assure that our lists contain current information.

In addition to engaging in tribal consultation, you should consult the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) information center to determine whether it has information regarding the presence of recorded archaeological sites within the project area.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at Mathew.lin@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

*Mathew Lin*Mathew Lin, MPP
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

CHAIRPERSON
Reginald Pagaling
ChumashVICE-CHAIRPERSON
Buffy McQuillen
Yokayo Pomo, Yuki,
NomlakiSECRETARY
Isaac Bojorquez
Ohlone-CostanoanPARLIAMENTARIAN
Wayne Nelson
LuiseñoCOMMISSIONER
Sara Dutschke
MiwokCOMMISSIONER
Stanley Rodriguez
KumeyaayCOMMISSIONER
Bennae Calac
Pauma-Yuima Band of
Luiseño IndiansCOMMISSIONER
VacantCOMMISSIONER
VacantEXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Andrew Alejandro
Paskenta Band of
Nomlaki Indians**NAHC HEADQUARTERS**
1550 Harbor Boulevard
Suite 100
West Sacramento,
California 95691
(916) 373-3710
nahc@nahc.ca.gov



2035 Tulare St., Ste. 201 tel 559-233-4148
Fresno, California 93721 fax 559-233-9645
www.fresnocog.org

March 12, 2026

Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
Ed Ketchum, Chairman
aerieways@aol.com

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: AB 52 Notification for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (proposed project) in Fresno County, California.

Dear Chairman Ketchum:

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) provides this notice pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 52 and Section 21080.3.1(d) of the Public Resources Code, requiring formal notification of projects in the geographic area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with your Tribe. Please consider this letter and preliminary project information on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (proposed project) as the initiation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), specifically Public Resources Code 21080.3.1 and Chapter 532 Statutes of 2014 (i.e., AB 52). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, California Native American tribes have **30 days** from receipt of this notification to request consultation with Fresno COG regarding possible significant effects that implementation of this project may have on Tribal Cultural Resources.

Project Description

The proposed project, as defined under Public Resources Code Section 21065, involves preparation and adoption of the 2026 update to Fresno COG's RTP/SCS. Fresno COG's current RTP/SCS was prepared in 2022 and was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board on July 28, 2022.

The RTP/SCS is a long-range comprehensive plan for the County of Fresno's (County) multi-modal transportation system. Fresno COG, as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the County, is responsible for updating its RTP/SCS every four years. The RTP/SCS is a planning guide containing transportation policies and projects through the plan's horizon year of 2049. It includes programs and policies for transportation management, transit, bicycles and pedestrians, roadways, passenger rail, freight, and finances. The RTP is a regional long-range plan for transportation projects in the region. It serves as a comprehensive, coordinated transportation plan for all governmental jurisdictions within the County. In addition, Senate Bill (SB) 375 requires MPOs to include an SCS element as part of their RTP updates, with the purpose of identifying policies and strategies to reduce per capita passenger vehicle-generated greenhouse gas emissions.

More information on the RTP/SCS can be found online at www.planfresno.com.

Project Location

Fresno COG's planning area encompasses all 5,963 square miles of Fresno County located in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

A Sacred Lands File (SLF) search was conducted by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) on 3/10/26. The results of the SLF search were positive.

If you would like to consult on this project, please respond in writing to the following:

Paul Herman, Deputy Director
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, California 93721

A response can also be provided via email to pherman@fresnocog.org
I can also be reached by phone at **(559) 233-4148 x215**

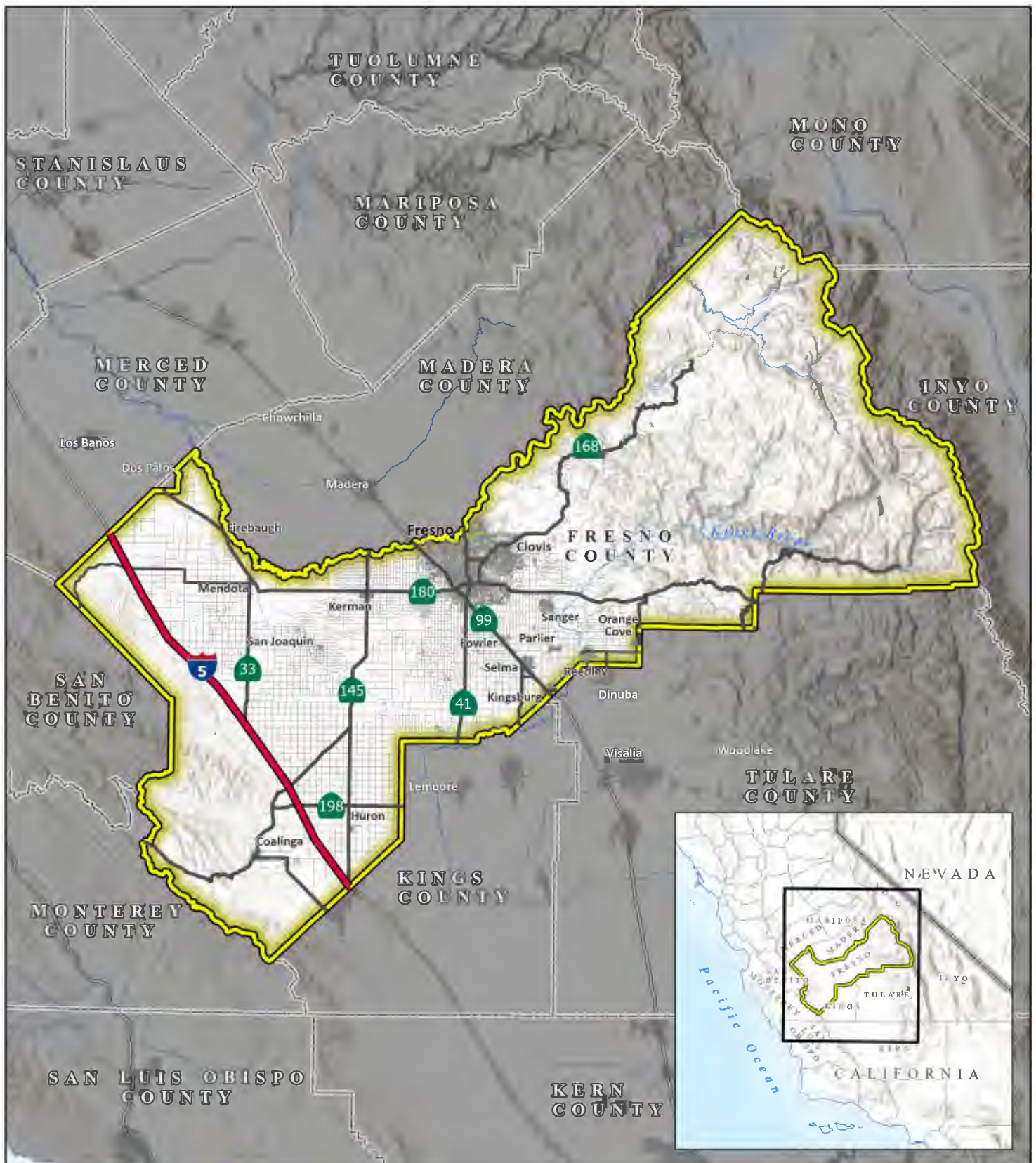
Fresno COG appreciates your attention to this process and looks forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Paul Herman

Paul Herman
Deputy Director
Fresno Council of Governments

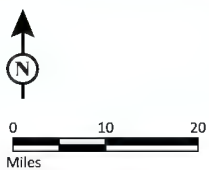
Attachment: Figure 3-1, Regional Location and Project Vicinity



LSA

 Fresno COG Region

FIGURE 3-1



Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
Regional Location and Project Vicinity Map

SOURCE: Esri Terrain Basemap, USGS (2024)

I:\2025\20252196\GIS\Pro\Fresno COG RTP EIR\Fresno COG EIR for 2026 RTP SCS.aprx (2/28/2026)