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Re: So Cal Greenprint
From: Puvungna Wetlands Protectors, Sierra Club's Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

SCAG needs to:

1. Include significant tribal sites on the SoCal Greenprint
Tribal reservations
Sacred sites - consult Native American Heritage Commission(NAHC)
Tribal Traditional Properties, Tribal Traditional Landscapes
Names of major original tribal community/village sites

Examples:

1. Puvungna Village National Register Site on the campus of CSULB and at Rancho Los Cerritos, also registered as a Sacred Site with the NAHC
2. The Los Cerritos Wetlands (part of the Traditional Tribal Landscape of Puvungna)
3. The Ballona Wetlands
4. Bolsa Chica Mesa and Wetlands
5. Kuruvungna spring on the campus of University High School, Los Angeles

2. Ensure California Native American representation, input, and outreach

In creating, reviewing, promoting, and implementing SC Greenprint, SCAG must ensure California Native American representation on staff, on Steering, Advisory, and Scientific committees, and in partnerships and rapid assessments. Outreach to tribal communities through governmental agencies and other organizations representing tribal peoples, especially those indigenous to Southern California. Taking direction from indigenous peoples is also far more intelligent and respectful than simply allowing comment ("consultation") on plans designed by, and primarily for, non-natives.

3. Prioritize preservation of natural open spaces and tribal sites over development, including erase and replace "restoration" projects

The preservation of existing natural open spaces is aligned with the protection of California Native American culture, Sacred Sites, tribal lands, and indigenous plants and animals. Prioritizing preservation over restoration may seem counter intuitive until one realizes that restoration projects are increasingly likely to include remove and replace strategies that erase both existing ecosystems and California Native American history.

4. Decolonize

Implement measures ensure that SCAG representatives and staff embrace their responsibilities as caretakers and unlearn mainstream assumptions about land as property, ownership of land/mineral and water rights, right to exploit/pollute air, water, land, and prioritizing expanding the human footprint at the expense of other species and the natural world.