

Interweaving Traditional Knowledge Roundtable Series Agenda

June 30

July 14

July 28, 2026



**Delta
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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL



Keynote



**Panel
Discussions**



Presentations

Session 1: June 30

Interweaving 101

- 8:30–9:00 **Check-In**
- 9:00–9:15 **Ceremonial Welcome and Song** – Malissa Tayaba, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
- 9:15–9:20 **Welcome and Land Acknowledgment** – Julie Lee, Delta Stewardship Council
- 9:20–9:30 **Series Introduction and Overview** – Dylan Chapple, Delta Science Program
- 9:30–10:15 **Keynote Presentation** – Brian Wallace, Indigenous Futures Society

Brian Wallace is an Indigenous leader and Chief Executive Officer of the Indigenous Futures Society, where he guides efforts to integrate Indigenous knowledge, governance, and ecological restoration across the Sierra Nevada. He served as an elected official of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California from 1979 to 2006, including four terms as Tribal Chairman, and played a key role in advancing tribal sovereignty, protecting sacred sites, and supporting environmental restoration initiatives in the Lake Tahoe region. Wallace has advised the U.S. Congress and served on multiple federal advisory bodies, and his leadership has helped establish tribal environmental programs, cultural institutions, and collaborative restoration efforts. His presentation will provide a foundation for understanding the deep history of California Native American Tribes and how their relationships with Western science and government agencies have changed over time.

10:15–10:30 **Break**

10:30–12:00 **Panel – Do's and Don'ts for Interweaving Traditional Knowledge**

Panelists:

Malissa Tayaba, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Kimberly Stevenot, Valley Miwok Tribe

Nina Fontana, University of California, Davis
Anecita Agustinez, California Department of Water Resources
Michelle Rivera, California Indian Environmental Alliance

Moderator: Brian Wallace, Indigenous Futures Society

This panel will bring together Tribal leaders, practitioners, researchers, and agency staff to reflect on challenges, share experiences, and identify approaches for ethical and effective collaboration with Tribes and Traditional Knowledge holders.

Speakers will discuss the interweaving process, including: 1) planning and early engagement with Tribal Nations and Traditional Knowledge holders; 2) obtaining free, prior, and informed consent; and 3) respectfully receiving, applying, and protecting TK. Grounded in principles of respect and reciprocity, each presentation will highlight practical “do’s and don’ts” at each stage of the process.

12:00–1:30 **Lunch (provided by CA Sea Grant)**

1:30–5:00 **Delta Climate Adaptation Team Kickoff Meeting**

Session 2: July 14

Tribal Beneficial Uses: An Explainer and Applications

12:30–1:00 **Check-In**

1:00–1:05 **Welcome** – Vice Chair Malissa Tayaba, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

1:05–1:10 **Opening Remarks** – Diane Burgis, Delta Stewardship Council

1:10–1:30 **Tribal Beneficial Uses: An Explainer** – Adriana Renteria, California State Water Resources Control Board

Adriana Renteria is the Director of the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs at the California State Water Resources Control Board, which was created to ensure the Water Boards’ decision-making processes involve the public and incorporate perspectives from underserved

communities and California Native American Tribes. In this session, she will provide an overview of the two Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBUs) categories— Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL) and Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB). Adriana will explain how TBUs were created to recognize and honor Tribal Nations' unique and ongoing relationships with water and ensure that these uses are considered and safeguarded in water quality policies, planning, and permitting regulatory processes.

1:30–2:30 **Panel – Experiences and Applications of Tribal Beneficial Uses**

Panelists:

Jon Rosenfield, San Francisco Baykeeper
Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance
Krystal Moreno, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Adriana Renteria, California State Water Resources Control Board

Moderator: Zach Gigone, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

Following the overview, a panel featuring scientists and Tribal and agency representatives will explore how TBUs are being applied in real-world contexts. Panelists will share experiences advancing TBUs across planning, regulation, and restoration, discuss challenges and opportunities for implementation, and reflect on lessons learned and needed improvements. The conversation will highlight why TBUs matter—for protecting Tribal lifeways, informing water management decisions, and advancing more equitable and effective stewardship of California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Session 3: July 28

Examples of Successful Co-Governance and Co-Management

2:00–2:05 **Welcome**

2:05–3:30 **Panel – Examples of Successful Co-Governance and Co-Management**

Panelists:

Austin Stevenot, River Partners & Valley Miwok Tribe
Mike Esagro, Ocean Protection Council

Buffy McQuillen, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
Shasta Gaughen, Pala Band of Mission Indians

Moderator: Dylan Chapple, Delta Science Program

This panel will highlight real-world examples of co-governance and co-management across California. Speakers will share case studies spanning marine protection, land stewardship, and data governance, illustrating how partnerships between Tribes and agencies are being structured and sustained. The panel will explore key elements of success—including trust-building, shared authority, protection of sensitive knowledge, and long-term stewardship—and offer practical insights for advancing co-management efforts in the Delta and beyond.

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