



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## National Park Service

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### Notice of Inventory Completion: California State University, Sacramento, Sacramento, CA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California State University, Sacramento has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Mark Wheeler, Chief of Staff to President Luke Wood, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819, telephone (916) 460-0490, email [mark.wheeler@csus.edu](mailto:mark.wheeler@csus.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the California State University, Sacramento, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

#### **Abstract of information available**

Human remains representing, at minimum, 14 individuals have been identified. The 18,830 associated funerary objects consist of flaked and ground stones; faunal and floral remains; geologic samples; unmodified stones; historic materials; modified bone, shell, stone, and wood objects; pigments; manuports; and thermally altered rocks. Of this number, at least 425 objects

are currently missing from the collections. California State University, Sacramento continues to look for any missing objects. These human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from CA-CAL-9, CAL-13, CAL-99, CAL-1255, CAL-1257, and CAL-Cabin Site. They came into the University's possession through surveys and excavations conducted in the 1960s and 1970s by California State University, Sacramento students J. Michael McEachern, Louis Payen, and Judy Rose in Calaveras County near San Domingo Creek and the Stanislaus River. Donations made by landowners from sites in these same areas were also received by the University. These human remains and associated funerary objects have since been housed at the University under accession numbers 81-344, 81-377, 81-352, 81-15, 81-16, 81-369, and 81-17.

### **Cultural affiliation**

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

### **Determinations**

The California State University, Sacramento has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 14 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 18,830 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Band of Miwok Indians; and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

### **Requests for Repatriation**

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in

this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under

ADDRESSES. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the California State University, Sacramento must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The California State University, Sacramento is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

**Authority:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 22, 2025

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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