

2013 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Tribal Historic Preservation Committee of the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria (UAIC)



Participants of Tribal Historic Preservation & Monitor training

The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria is a federally recognized tribe comprised of both Miwok and Southern Maidu (Nisenan) people whose tribal lands are within Placer County and whose ancestral territory spans into El Dorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties, counties that comprise the UAIC service area. To realize the Tribe's goal — to be involved with cultural and natural resources projects within the service area that have potential to impact the lifeways, cultural sites, and landscapes that may be of sacred or ceremonial significance to its members — the Tribal Historic Preservation Committee, with its Preservation Department and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), has worked hard over the past three years to develop and implement the Tribal Historic Preservation Plan, consultation, and monitoring programs, to develop and maintain its preservation, site protection, and avoidance program, and have established exemplary outreach and educational efforts for both tribal members and the general public.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Committee pioneered innovative methods of applying state and federal laws and programs to protect cultural resources with a focus on increasing public awareness of Native peoples and places and making these cultural resources available to contemporary Native communities. Tribal historic preservation, made possible by the National Historic Preservation Act, has allowed UAIC to assume some State historic preservation duties, and develop a unique approach to inclusion and outreach.

UAIC developed a Tribal historic preservation plan that emphasizes the importance of site protection, as well as interviewing and consulting with Tribal elders and spiritual leaders with special knowledge of cultural traditions. The plan uses conservation easements to ensure tribal access to traditional resources such as gathering areas or sacred sites. When resources are adversely affected, the plan emphasizes the replacement of this knowledge through techniques that ensure such knowledge

remains a part of the landscape. The annual Outreach Week winter event is an opportunity to engage and consult with a wide range of agency personnel whose responsibility it is to protect and preserve Native American interests within the Tribe's ancestral and traditional territory.

In the fall of 2012, in Lincoln, California, UAIC hosted the California Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (CalTHPO) Tribal Summit on Professional Standards and Effective Government Consultation. This event brought a critical perspective to understanding effective consultation and how THPOs can most effectively utilize the Senate Bill 18, CEQA, and Section 106 processes. Traditional and cultural education broadens the ethnic and cultural diversity of historic preservation at a state and regional level by developing and institutionalizing methods to educate the general public about Native knowledge and places as mitigation when such resources are adversely affected.

To learn more about the UAIC and the work and services that they are providing to their community, click on this link: <https://www.auburnrancheria.com/about/the-history>