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Sierra Nevada Tribal Summit

Fire, Water & Story: Governing the Sierra Nevada as One Living System

October 18-19, 2026 | Hard Rock Fire Mountain Casino
Wheatland, CA | Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribal Lands

Immediately preceding the 5th California Climate Assessment Conference, Sacramento

The Moment We Are In

California is entering a defining period for climate policy. As the state prepares its 5th Climate Assessment, the question of who governs the Sierra Nevada – and by what knowledge – is being asked with new urgency. The Sierra Nevada Tribal Summit exists to answer that question in the way it has always been answered: by the Tribal nations who have stewarded this 125,000-square-mile bioregion since time immemorial.

This is the fourth gathering of its kind, and its placement – directly ahead of the statewide Climate Assessment process – is intentional. What is decided in this room shapes what carries into that one.

Why This Summit Matters

Indigenous Futures Society convenes this Summit not as a conference about Tribal nations, but as a space governed and led by them. Fire, water, and story are not three separate panel topics – they are one living system, and the Summit is built to be governed the same way: through relationship, reciprocity, and Nation Builder leadership rather than a conventional stakeholder model.

Over two days, sovereign Tribal leaders, scientists, land stewards, artists, and youth will gather to:

- Ground the week's work in ****practice in place**** – a field visit and hands-on cultural workshops at Raccoon Creek, site of the Momi' Jokoj' (Running Waters) land return and food sovereignty initiative
- Advance ****First Waters Governance****, cultural fire stewardship, first foods sovereignty, biocultural economy, and Indigenous tourism as the five governing themes for the bioregion
- Build direct through-lines from Tribal science and lived knowledge into the state's climate policy architecture, ahead of the 5th Climate Assessment
- Celebrate through storytelling, film, and intertribal cultural celebration – because the culture ***is*** the governance, not a backdrop to it

Core Thematic Areas

First Waters Governance Tribal water monitoring programs, WGRD-linked revenue streams, and First Waters Coalition integration. Anchored in water as first sovereignty.

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Cultural Fire Stewardship, SB 310 tribal burn authority implementation, Medicine Camp training programs, cultural fire workforce development, and CAL FIRE grant alignment.

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First Foods Sovereignty, restoration agriculture enterprises, food systems development, and Momi Jokoj ecosystem restoration integration on ancestral Nisenan territory.

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Biocultural Credit Economy Carbon, biodiversity and eco-cultural credit development; Sierra Nevada Indigenous Coherence Bond (SNICB) asset base structuring.

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Indigenous Tourism & Creative Economy, cultural enterprise.

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Become a Summit Sponsor

We invite you to become a sponsor of the 2026 Sierra Nevada Tribal Summit. Your support helps us keep admission free to Tribal communities, provide scholarships for travel and lodging so the summit is accessible, and is a commitment to Tribal leadership in the Sierra region of California. Please reach out to Laura DeJaneiro at Indigenous Futures Society with questions at laura@indigenousfuturesociety.org.

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Your sponsorship directly supports travel, accommodation, and participation of tribal leaders who might not otherwise be able to attend this critical gathering, ensuring that voices from across the Sierra Bioregion are represented in these essential conversations. The Indigenous Futures Society seeks financial partners who share our commitment to Tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and the wellbeing of Native communities.

Your sponsorship will directly support:

- Venue and facilities for a professional, accessible gathering space
- Travel and accommodation scholarships to ensure broad tribal representation
- Meeting materials including resource documents and background papers
- Meals and receptions to facilitate networking and relationship-building
- Documentation of proceedings for future reference and action

We prefer payments by check, mailed to the summits fiscal sponsor, Indigenous Futures Society.

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