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California Tribes

Many thanks to everyone who attended the CalSTA Consultation Policy Listening Forum in Sacramento on September 4, 2013. The Forum was very informative and an open dialogue brought forth an awareness of state and tribal governments' unique perspectives and inherent challenges.

At the direction of the Governor (Executive Order B-10-11) and Secretary Kelly, the following state officials were present: Secretary Kelly, Tribal Advisor to the Governor Gomez; Caltrans Director Dougherty; High Speed Rail Authority Executive Director Morales; CHP Commissioner Farrow; and Acting DMV Director Shiomoto. Each executive was accompanied by their designated Department Native American Liaison representative.

Secretary Kelly and the Directors listened to all suggestions and concerns raised by tribal representatives and made themselves available for further conversation and questions. California officials and sovereign governments displayed an overwhelming desire to work together and acknowledged that forming meaningful partnerships is an evolving process.

A one page summary document is enclosed highlighting Forum input relative to a Consultation Policy. Please take a moment to review the summary. Because Secretary Kelly feels strongly about making sure that the final policy is reflective of a broad consensus, it would be helpful to receive any additional feedback by October 15, 2013. All submissions will be reviewed and a "draft" policy will be posted on the CalSTA website on November 1st, to be followed by a 30 day review and comment period.

Enclosure