



# Northern Chumash Tribal Council

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## Statement of Qualifications

The Northern Chumash Tribal Council, (NCTC) was formed under the guidelines of California Senate Bill 18 April 26, 2006, as a State Recognized Tribal Government, by the California Native American Heritage Commission. NCTC is located in San Luis Obispo County CA, organized and dedicated to the preservation of the Chumash Culture, Heritage, and Sacred Sites. NCTC is dedicated to meaningful consulting with local governments, and agencies, consulting with the development community, engaging in environmental issues, and climate change, and supporting tribal community well-being.

### State Recognized Tribal Government Qualifications:

1. The Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC) a non-profit State and Federal tax-exempt corporation meeting all the qualifications to be placed on the State of California Native American Heritage Commissions (NAHC) California Environmental Quality Act list for local government consultation concerning Cultural Resources issues in San Luis Obispo County.
2. The NCTC has met all the qualifications to be placed on the NAHC Senate Bill 18 list for General Plan Amendments with local Cities and Counties.
3. The NCTC is a Chumash Senate Bill 18 compliant Chumash governing tribal council located in San Luis Obispo County.
4. The NCTC is recognized as a Native American tribe by the surrounding community, including other tribes and local governments.
5. The NCTC consulting teams are engaged in consultation with local and state government agencies, business agencies, developers, conservation entities and every City in San Luis Obispo County and the County itself regarding land uses issues, environmental issues, and cultural resources issues.

### NCTC Project Development Consulting and Cultural Educational Awareness:

1. The NCTC project development consulting team offers:
  - a. advising on how projects can be planned and approved in accordance with Chumash values.
  - b. advises and participates in theme/design workshops and staff training.
  - c. advising and assisting in the final approval of the project through the local City Councils and advisory councils, Board of Supervisors, California Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, CPUC, CalEPA and all other Federal and State governmental judicial and regulatory bodies.

**List of recent and current projects:** Avila Ranch project, Cal Flats Solar Farm current, NCTC is supervising all cultural resources standards for project, ongoing: Topaz Solar Farms, Solar One Solar Farm, PG&E Substations for Solar Farms, Los Osos Sewer Project, Cayucos Sewer Project current, Morro Bay Sewer Project, Eagle Ranch Cultural Survey, Camp San Luis monitoring project, Chinatown project, Pismo Beach Big Blue project, Santa Margarita Phillips Clean up. Every CEQA project in San Luis Obispo County comes to NCTC for comment and recommendations under AB52, and SB 18.
2. The NCTC Educational Projects team is dedicated to the education of our culture to the local

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Community through: a. children’s classes b. adult lectures c. lecturing at local colleges and universities d. Native American Awareness Training for government and development projects. e. educational community events. f. Chumash outdoor learning lectures h. development of Chumash Cultural Center.

### **Violet Sage Walker is the chairwoman**

of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council and the spokesperson for the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. A descendant of Avila Beach and San Luis Obispo County, California, Violet is campaigning tirelessly for the proposed 140-mile Chumash National Marine Sanctuary [chumashsanctuary.org](http://chumashsanctuary.org) to regain her community’s fundamental rights. She is a 7th generation beekeeper, and the last Chumash born in Avila Beach. She is a graduate of CSUB in pre-law and Political Science. Violet is a Divemaster and has been scuba diving on the coast of California since she was 12. Her passion for politics and the protection of her homeland obligates her to protect where she stands and share the story of her traditional education—an oral history passed down by her elders. Native American Tribal Chief Fred Harvey Collins, Traditional Leader of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council passed into spirit October 1, 2021. His legacy is left for his daughters and grandson to carry on. Violet is also the founder of Native Herbs and Honey Company, and the Chumash Kitchen help educate the community on the importance of protecting sacred places a glimpse of which can be found in products she makes and classes she teaches.

### **Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary**

For more than forty years, local community members and elected leaders along California’s Central Coast have advocated for the establishment of a national marine sanctuary. In 2013, the Northern Chumash Tribal Council launched a campaign to secure formal sanctuary designation. The nomination was accepted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) two years later and placed on an official list for future consideration. The Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS) provides an exceptional opportunity to advance the first Tribal-led national marine sanctuary designation in the U.S., setting a precedent for elevating Indigenous perspectives and cultural values in ocean conservation. The proposed sanctuary would help to address the global biodiversity crisis and accelerate nature-based solutions through inclusive partnerships and collaboration among federal, state and local governments, and California Native American Tribes.

California’s Chumash Peoples and other Tribes have stewarded its lands and waters since immemorial. These ways of knowing and being supported by abundant, thriving ecosystems for thousands of years. There is a critical need for state and federal conservation managers to partner with Indigenous knowledge holders to ensure a sustainable future for California’s ocean and beyond. The international commitment to protect and conserve at least 30% of the world’s lands, freshwater, and oceans by 2030 needs an understanding of Indigenous perspectives to effectively and equitably manage protected areas over time.