

# *Mato* NAGPRA Consultation & Documentation Grant



## NAGPRA GRANT COMMUNITY MEETING

SHERWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA OF POMO  
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# GRANT AWARD



- SVR'S Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) applied for a NAGPRA Consultation and Documentation Grant in the Spring of 2013.
- In August of 2013, the National NAGPRA office awarded SVR with grant funding for August 2013-August 2015.
- The grant is referred to as the *Mato* NAGPRA Consultation and Documentation Grant or Project

# GRANT GOALS



- The purpose of the Grant is to increase SVR's capacity to consult with museums regarding NAGPRA objects in their collections that are culturally affiliated with the Tribe.
- The ultimate, long-term goal will be to facilitate the successful repatriation of SVR's ancestors and their funerary objects, as well as sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony to the Tribe.

# GRANT STAFF



- Scarlett Carmona (Tribal Administrator)--The Grant's point of contact, administrator, and general manager for SVR
- Lee Clauss (Consultant)--The person conducting the majority of activities related to the Grant's objectives and Scope of Work
- Hillary Renick (THPO) and Yvonne Quintero --The individuals conducting aspects of the Grant's Scope of Work related to National Archives research, interviews, and/or community meeting coordination
- Michele Johnson (Fiscal Officer)—The Grant's fiscal manager

# GRANT OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES



- **Research and Data Collection**
  - Documenting, organizing, analyzing, and reporting upon existing information to determine the number, nature, location, and legal status of NAGPRA objects potentially culturally affiliated with SVR and other Northern Pomo, Coast Yuki and Huchnom peoples
  
  - Sources of information include:
    - ✦ Files pertaining to the work of the Mendocino County Intertribal Repatriation Project (MCIRP) from 1995-2002
    - ✦ National Archives files pertaining to MCIRP grants
    - ✦ National NAGPRA Office Online Databases
    - ✦ Existing NAGPRA files held by SVR's Tribal Programs
    - ✦ Correspondence with repositories (museums, universities)
    - ✦ Interviews with Tribal members and others

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- Community Outreach and Education
  - Fostering an understanding of NAGPRA within SVR leadership and Tribal membership and seeking SVR's direction regarding the prioritization of and culturally-appropriate protocols for future repatriation requests and the possibility for inter-tribal partnerships
  - Related activities include:
    - ✦ Interviews with community members
    - ✦ Community meetings – Five (5) will be held over course of 2 year grant period
    - ✦ Creation of a long-term strategic NAGPRA plan for the subsequent 5 years (2015-2020)

# GRANT DELIVERABLES



- Monthly: Consultant submits update regarding work completed and invoice for work performed
- Every 6 months: Grant Administrator, Fiscal Manager, Consultant, and THPO work together to create and submit an interim progress report to the National NAGPRA office
- By the end of the Grant Period (August 2015):
  - A report detailing the results of research, documentation, and consultation will be submitted to SVR for review and comment
  - A strategic five-year plan will be developed, based on meetings with SVR leadership, community members, and potential Tribal partners to outline next steps toward SVR repatriating its ancestors and NAGPRA-defined cultural items
  - A final grant report will be submitted to the National NAGPRA Office

# GRANT WORK COMPLETED TO DATE



- Researched the work of the Mendocino County Intertribal Repatriation Project (Internet, paper files, electronic files)
- Created interview questions and informed consent document to conduct interviews with Tribal members that hold knowledge related to NAGPRA objects
- Conducted interviews with 10 Tribal members
- Completed initial review of the National NAGPRA Office's Summaries Database
- Held 1<sup>st</sup> community meeting



# THE *MATO* NAGPRA GRANT-- MOVING FORWARD



- Organizing and re-housing of the MCIRP records
- Researching the MCIRP grant documents held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.
- Conducting additional interviews with Tribal members
- Analyzing and documenting the information contained on other National NAGPRA office databases—Notice of Inventory Completion, Culturally Affiliated Human Remains, and Notice of Intent to Repatriate, specifically
- Scheduling next community meeting for late summer