



Bo Mazzetti, Chairman
bomazzetti@aol.com

Michael Hunter, Vice-Chairman
tribalchairman@coyotevalley-nsn.gov

Erica M. Pinto, Secretary
epinto@jiv-nsn.gov

Garth Sundberg, Treasurer
gsundberg@trinidadrancheria.com

Kevin Day, Member at Large
kday@mewuk.com

Dale Miller, Member at Large
dmiller@elk-valley.com

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Erica M. Pinto
(619) 322-0552

The California Tribal Chairpersons' Association (CTCA) stands united with California tribal governments in their efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 and provide essential services to tribal citizens and community members. We encourage all tribal governments to continue to monitor recommendations issued by the CDC and other public health authorities and to take appropriate action based on the unique circumstances impacting your tribal community.

Our tribal communities are particularly vulnerable to the health impacts of COVID-19, as tribal communities suffer higher rates of underlying health conditions that make COVID-19 especially dangerous, including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and respiratory diseases. It is encouraging to hear from our member-tribes that they are taking proactive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to provide essential services to their members and ensure tribal elders and other vulnerable members in their communities have the services they need.

Bo Mazzetti, Chairman stated, "CTCA is ready to help tribal communities unite during this crisis. We have been coordinating calls, sharing information and serving as a resource for all tribes in California."

The CTCA is advocating for federal and state support for tribal governments to ensure that they are able to provide assistance to their tribal citizens during this difficult time and have access to essential federal and state services. CTCA is also supporting funding for Indian health clinics and the development of testing protocols for Indian Country. The CTCA will be sending additional information to member tribes seeking input and support.