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**MEETING**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, June 27, 2022**  
**1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. EDT**

Join ZoomGov Meeting  
<https://achp.zoomgov.com/j/1618405183?pwd=bVg4blVGUC93WkhpaXBzWThkTUUp0UT09>

Meeting ID: 161 840 5183  
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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**UPDATE ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES**  
**March—June 2022**  
**Office of Native American Affairs**

***Environmental Justice Summit.*** In May, Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) Senior Program Analyst Jamie Lee Marks participated in the Department of the Interior’s Environmental Justice Summit. The Summit provided training on existing and new tools to analyze environmental justice, highlight best management practices, and provide a forum for employees to provide input into future environmental justice activities. Ms. Marks was invited to participate in the panel “Enhancing Consultation: Best Practices, Meaningful Engagement, and Supporting Better Informed Federal Decision-Making” alongside Ka’i’ini Kaloi (Director, DOI Office of Native Hawaiian Relations), Jeanette Koelsch (Superintendent, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve & Shared Beringian Heritage Program), and Maija Katak Lukin (NPS Alaska Native Tribal Relations Program Manager). The session focused on tribal consultation, and participants shared lessons learned while helping their respective agencies improve relationships, consultation, and engagement with Indian tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and the Native Hawaiian Community. Ms. Marks also shared information about ONAA including major initiatives and ACHP resources and e-learning opportunities.

***State and Tribal Government Working Group.*** ONAA Director Ira Matt recently participated in the Department of Energy’s (DOE) annual State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. STGWG convenes DOE senior leadership and representatives from states and Indian tribes that host or are otherwise affected by DOE sites or facilities, to foster relationships and improve communications. Mr. Matt participated on a joint panel with DOE leadership and tribal representatives to discuss the intersection of sacred sites management with Section 106. Tribal representatives shared examples of conflict and opportunity, while DOE and ACHP staff further identified DOE’s responsibilities as it pertains to the protection of and sustained access to sacred sites by Indian tribes and their members.

***CalTHPO-SHPO Summit.*** Acting Executive Director Reid Nelson and Mr. Matt had the opportunity to participate on a virtual panel at the annual CalTHPO-SHPO Summit hosted by the Yurok Tribe. This panel included Valerie Grussing (Executive Director, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers) and Shasta Gaughen (THPO, Pala Band of Mission Indians) and provided a series of updates on key issues identified by participants. ACHP personnel spoke to current initiatives including climate change and traditional knowledge, shared staff and leadership updates, and provided updates on the ACHP’s Equity Action Plan. The panel discussion provided the ACHP with a platform to share information and coordinate with Indian tribes throughout California in an effort to inform future decision-making efforts.

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