

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR CSU, CHICO CONSULTATION WITH THE  
MECHOOPDA INDIAN TRIBE OF CHICO RANCHERIA**

**Whereas** California State University, Chico's *Strategic Plan for the Future and Campus Master Plan 2005* call for the recognition and celebration of community values and the University's historic context,

**Whereas** the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria traditional lands encompass the California State University, Chico campus and Agricultural Teaching and Research Center,

**Whereas** the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria was not terminated within the provisions of the Act of August 18, 1958, P.L. 85-671, 72 Stat. 619, as amended August 11, 1964, P.L. 88-419, 78 Stat. 390 (California Rancheria Act), and is a federally recognized Indian Tribe as confirmed by the January 6, 1992 judgement in *Scotts Valley Band of the Pomo Indians of Sugar Bowl Rancheria v. United States of America*, Civil Case C-86-3660-VRW (Scott's Valley Judgement), and duly reorganized under the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, as amended (the Indian Reorganization Act),

**Whereas** the Mechoopda Tribal Council is the duly authorized body of the Tribe, empowered to make tribal policy and carry out tribal business,

**Whereas** the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria is a federally recognized tribe whose members are honored and respected first peoples of this land,

**Whereas** the California State University, Chico and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria seek to consult and work cooperatively to protect, preserve, and manage cultural resources that may be identified on campus lands,

***Whereas*** the California State University, Chico Facilities Maintenance and Services, Supervisor of Grounds & Landscape will notify the Office of Tribal Relations regarding any maintenance, harvesting, stewardship, and removal of campus cultural material as identified by the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria (Appendix A)

***Whereas*** the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria will notify the California State University, Chico, Office of Tribal Relations of any gathering, harvesting, stewardship, and/or removal of culturally identified materials, (Appendix A),

***Whereas*** the California State University, Chico is committed to honoring the sovereignty, respecting the inherent rights of self-governance, and recognizing the deeply held interests of the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria in the lands and operations of the University,

***Whereas*** the California State University, Chico and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria are committed to working with each other on a professional basis, and consulting before taking actions or making decisions that affect the University, the Tribe, or their interests,

***Be it resolved*** that the California State University, Chico, and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria shall agree upon and seek to remove procedural impediments to working directly and effectively with each other, and practice open, candid, respectful, timely, and effective communication in a cooperative process that works toward agreement, before a decision is made or an action is taken affecting the University, the Tribe, or their interests, and,

***Be it also resolved*** that the California State University, Chico, and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria shall consult to assess the impact of plans, projects, programs, and activities of the University on the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, to assure that both parties' rights and concerns are considered and addressed,

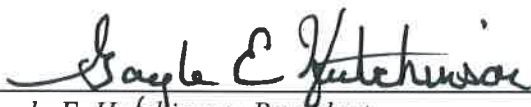
***Be it also resolved*** that the California State University, Chico, and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria shall consult on the development and abide by the terms of a cultural resource plan development completed within twelve months of executing this Memorandum of Agreement whose purpose will be to specify actions to be taken to protect, preserve, and manage cultural resources that may be identified on campus lands, including but not limited to, meaningful consultation around ground disturbance (defined in appendix B),

***Be it also resolved*** that the California State University, Chico, shall direct contractors, management partners, and auxiliaries of the University to follow these guiding principles, and,

***Therefore, Be It Resolved*** by the signatures of the representatives on the dates indicated below that California State University, Chico and the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria do formally endorse and accept this Memorandum of Agreement and agree to review the MOU every five years from the date signed.



***California State University, Chico***

  
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Gayle E. Hutchinson, President  
California State University, Chico

Date: 6/3/2023



***Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria***

  
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Dennis Ramirez, Tribal Chairman  
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

Date: 5/17/2023

