



# City of Watsonville

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Galt, CA, 95632

Email: [vlopez@amahmutsun.org](mailto:vlopez@amahmutsun.org)

Re: Native American Consultation Request

Subject: Consultation for the proposed **Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan**, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, California 95076

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Re: Native American Consultation Request

Subject: Consultation for the proposed **Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan**, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, California 95076

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Re: Native American Consultation Request

Subject: Consultation for the proposed **Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan**, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, California 95076

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Subject: Consultation for the proposed **Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan**, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, California 95076

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Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the SF Bay Area  
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Re: Native American Consultation Request

Subject: Consultation for the proposed **Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan**, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, California 95076

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Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the SF Bay Area  
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Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation  
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Re: Native American Consultation Request

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Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation  
Christanne Arias, Vice Chairperson  
519 Viejo Gabriel  
Soledad, CA, 93960

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Your tribe's input is important to the City of Watsonville's planning process. We request that you advise us as early as possible if you wish to consult the City on the proposed DWSP. Under AB 52 (PRC § 21080.3.1), you have 30 days and under the provisions of SB 18 (PRC §§ 65352.3 – 65352.4), you have 90 days from the date of receipt of this notice to advise the City if you are interested in further consultation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (831) 768-3077 or [justin.meek@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:justin.meek@cityofwatsonville.org).

Sincerely,

Justin Meek, AICP, Principal Planner  
Community Development Department

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miSmin Tuuhis [Good Day]

Kan rakat Kanyon Sayers-Roods. I am writing this on behalf of the Indian Canyon Band of Costanoan Ohlone People as requested, responding to your letter

As this project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) overlaps or is near the management boundary of a potentially eligible cultural site, I am interested in consulting and voicing our concerns. With some instances like this, usually we recommend that a Native American Monitor and an Archaeologist be present on-site at all times during any/all ground disturbing activities. The presence of a Native monitor and archaeologist will help the project minimize potential effects on the cultural site and mitigate inadvertent issues.

Kanyon Konsulting, LLC has numerous Native Monitors available for projects such as this, if applicable, we recommend a Cultural Sensitivity Training at the beginning of each project. This service is offered to aid those involved in the project to become more familiar with the indigenous history of the peoples of this land that is being worked on.

Kanyon Konsulting is a strong proponent of honoring truth in history, when it comes to impacting Cultural Resources and potential ancestral remains, we need to recognise the history of the territory we are impacting. We have seen that projects like these tend to come into an area to consult/mitigate and move on shortly after - barely acknowledging the Cultural Representatives of the territory they steward and are responsible for. Because of these possibilities, we highly recommend that you receive a specialized consultation provided by our company as the project commences, bringing in considerations about the Indigenous peoples and environment of this territory that you work, have settled upon and benefit from.

As previously stated, our goal is to Honor Truth in History. And as such we want to ensure that there is an effort from the project organizer to take strategic steps in ways that #HonorTruthinHistory. This will make all involved aware of the history of the Indigenous communities whom we acknowledge as the first stewards and land managers of these territories.

Potential Approaches to Indigenous Cultural Awareness/History:

- Signs or messages to the audience or community of the territory being developed. (ex. A commerable plaque, page on the website, mural, display, or an Educational/Cultural Center with information about the history/ecology/resources of the land)
- Commitment to consultation with the Native Peoples of the territory in regards to presenting and messaging about the Indigenous history/community of the land (Land Acknowledgement on website, written material about the space/org/building/business/etc, Cultural display of cultural resources/botanical knowledge or Culture sharing of Traditional Ecological Knowledge - Indigenous Science and Technology)
- Advocation of supporting indigenous lead movements and efforts. (informing one's audience and/or community about local present Indigenous community)

We look forward to working with you.  
Tumsan-ak kannis [Thank You]  
Kanyon Sayers-Roods  
Consultant / Tribal Monitor [ICMBCO]  
Kanyon Konsulting, LLC



# City of Watsonville

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May 3, 2023

Via Electronic Mail  
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Indian Canyon Band of Costanoan Ohlone People  
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San Jose, CA 95122

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Re: Summary of Consultation for the Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan Project in the City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, California

Dear Ms. Sayers-Roods,

The City appreciates the opportunity to consult with the Indian Canyon Band of Costanoan Ohlone People regarding potential concerns and contributions to the Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan (DWSP) project in the City of Watsonville. The purpose of this letter is to summarize and conclude the City's consultation under SB 18, and notify the Tribe of the City's intention to recommend City decision makers consider adoption of the DWSP later this year, tentatively late summer.

In summary, on November 16, 2022, The City received a response via email from Kanyon Sayers-Roods, representing the Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan, requesting consultation on the project. Consultation was conducted under SB 18 nexus. Following receipt of the Tribe's request for consultation, the City initiated the consultation process, which include a virtual meeting on December 19, 2022. During the meeting the Tribe requested that the City please consider several topics, including:

- Public outreach and community engagement about the rich and diverse history of the tribe, currently and since pre-contact times;
- Arts initiatives with public infrastructure plans to give the vibrancy of "Truth and History" that can present and showcase layered history;
- Assure Native people have access to native plant and gathering spaces, ideally during harvest times;
- Fostering community knowledge about traditional gathering areas and traditional land maintenance;
- Give City and Public Parks maintenance staff a cultural sensitivity and competency training; and
- A strong management plan for unanticipated discoveries of cultural tribal, and tribal cultural resources.

The Tribe also indicated that tribal cultural resources could be discovered as a result of the project. The City of Watsonville has considered the above list of items the Tribe provided and acknowledges that Tribal Cultural Resources could be encountered during construction of the development envisioned in the Specific Plan. Therefore, the City has developed the following mitigation measure for inclusion in the CEQA document prepared for the Specific Plan:

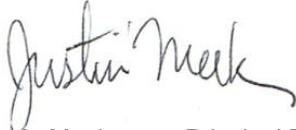
***Mitigation Measure TCR-1: Suspension of Work in the Area of Potential Tribal Cultural Resources***

*In the event that potential tribal cultural resources, such as archaeological resources of Native American origin or tribal traditional tangible spaces or artifacts (historic-era and pre-contact era), are identified during implementation of a development project within the DWSP plan area, onsite project activities within 50 feet of the find shall be temporarily suspended or redirected until either an archaeologist has evaluated the nature and significance of the find (if archaeological) as a pre-contact or Native American-*

*associated resource and an appropriate local Native American representative is consulted, or an appropriate local Native American representative is consulted regarding the significance of the resource (if not archaeological). If the City of Watsonville, in consultation with local Native Americans, determines that the resource is a tribal cultural resource and thus significant under CEQA, a mitigation plan shall be prepared and implemented for the specific development project in accordance with state guidelines and in consultation with local Native American group(s). The plan shall include avoidance of the resource or, if avoidance of the resource is infeasible, the plan shall outline the appropriate treatment of the resource in coordination with the appropriate local Native American tribal representative and, if applicable, a qualified archaeologist. Examples of appropriate mitigation for tribal cultural resources include, but are not limited to, protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource, protecting traditional use of the resource, protecting the confidentiality of the resource or providing Tribal cultural sensitivity training about the resource to applicable City staff if it will be managed, appropriate public outreach regarding the resource, or heritage recovery (recovering items of tribal cultural heritage according to established tribal customs).*

Therefore, pursuant to Government Code 65352.3 and 65352.4, the City respectfully concludes consultation with the Indian Canyon Band of Costanoan Ohlone People under SB 18 for this project.

Respectfully,



Justin Meek, AICP, Principal Planner  
Community Development Department

cc: Cody Campagne, Native American Heritage Commission