

Introduction

Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC)

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Native American Environmental Protection Coalition



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Overview of NAEPC

- Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC)
- Formation began in 1994 by tribal leaders and elders from La Jolla, Pauma, Pechanga & San Pasqual.
- Formally organized in 1996 to assist member tribes in establishing their own environmental offices.
- Achieved status as a 501 (c)(3) in 2001
- Member Tribes appoint a representative to the NAEPC Board.
- NAEPC is guided and directed by its member tribes through bi-monthly board meetings
- Federally Recognized Tribes may achieve membership by submitting tribal resolution



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NAEPC PRESIDENT:



- *President John D. Beresford of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians*
- *President Beresford says, "Membership in NAEPC gives tribes access to important resources like information, support from fellow tribes, and assistance from NAEPC staff to provide education and outreach to our communities. Together, we share a passion and belief in the NAEPC organization. NAEPC is an asset to our member tribes and others. In 2010, NAEPC was joined by 5 tribes, and in January, NAEPC welcomed it's newest member and the first of this year. When will your tribe join?"*

NAEPC STAFF:

- *Jill Sherman-Warne—
Executive Director*



- *Christine Foster—Training &
Education Coordinator*



- *Helen Medina—Financial
Manager/Bilingual Translator*



- *Helen Herrera—Administrative
Assistant/UST Inspector*



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23 NAEPC Tribes & Growing

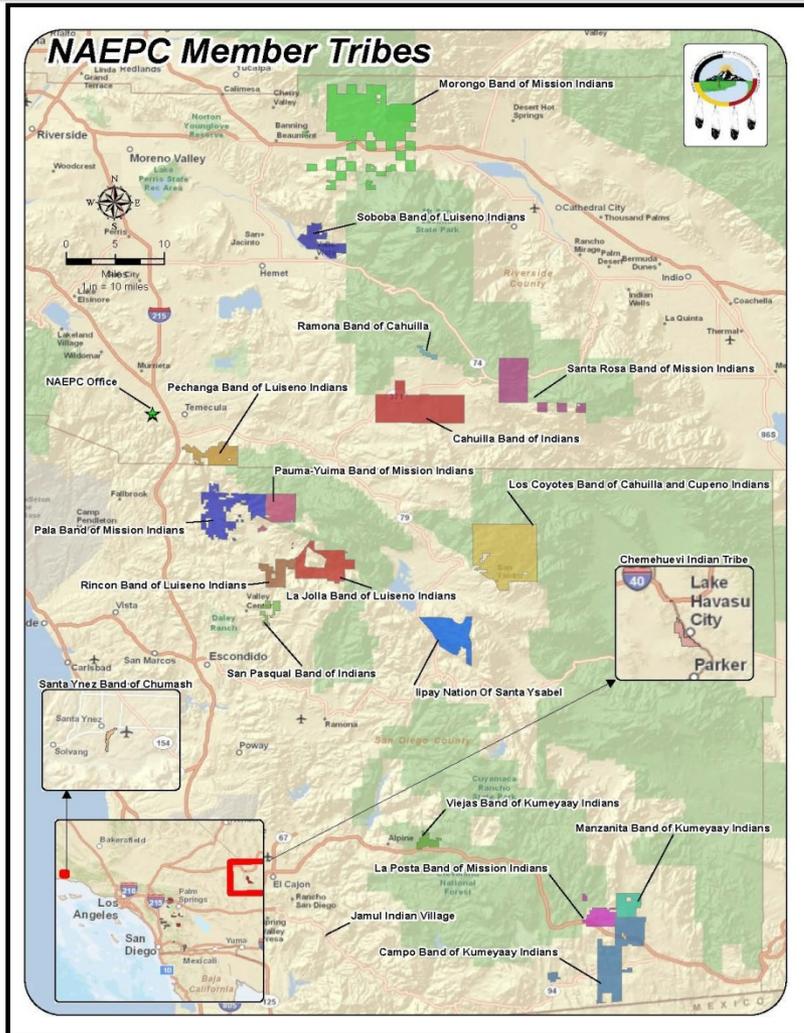
**TODAY, TWENTY-TWO TRIBES
ARE MEMBERS OF NAEPC**

- Cahuilla
- Campo
- Chemehuevi
- Jamul
- La Jolla
- La Posta
- Los Coyotes
- Manzanita
- Moapa (Nevada)
- Morongo
- Pala
- Pauma
- Pechanga
- Ramona
- Rincon
- San Pasqual
- Santa Clara (New Mexico)
- Santa Rosa
- Santa Ynez
- Santa Ysabel
- Soboba
- Sycuan
- Viejas

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What to Know Before you Begin Introduction to NAEPC



NAEPC SERVICE AREA

- The service areas expands over 1000+ miles.
- The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash is the most Northern.
- Campo Band of Kumeyaay Nation is the most Southern
- Chemehuevi Tribe is the furthest East.
- Moapa is our first Nevada Tribe
- Santa Clara is our first New Mexico Tribe

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Tribal Lands of NAEPC

Combined, the 23 NAEPC member tribes represent a total tribal land base of over 287,648 acres in four counties. Approximate breakdown is:



- 113,000 acres in San Diego County, CA
- 72,000 acres in Riverside County, CA
- 31,000 acres in San Bernardino County, CA
- 200 acres in Santa Barbara County, CA
- 72,000 acres in Clark County, NV
- 53,000 acres in Santa Clara, NM

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Vision and Mission of NAEPC

VISION:

- *Our vision is to become a recognized leader for environmental stewardship by creating and promoting resilient partnerships while embracing tribal traditions and culture for present and future generations.*

MISSION:

- *With respect for Tribal Sovereignty, NAEPC is dedicated to providing technical assistance, environmental education, professional training, information networking and intertribal coordination, as directed by the Member Tribes.*



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Programs of NAEPC



PROGRAMS

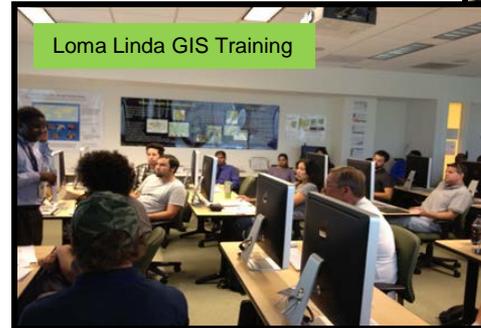
- *Environmental Education for all Ages*
- *Professional Training for Staff*
- *Information Networking between tribes*
- *Advocate for environmental justice*
- *Partnerships/Collaborations*
- *Disseminate information to Member Tribes*
- *US Mexico Border Issues*
- *Website*
- *Underground Storage Tank (UST) Inspector*



Earth Day Outreach



40 hr Hazwoper Training



Loma Linda GIS Training



Bioassessment Training



Cal EPA Preventing Environmental Crimes Training

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NAEPC Partnerships

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS:

- *NAEPC has created collaborative relationships with many partners for the purposes of accessing technical information and training to NAEPC tribes at little to no cost.*
 - *Examples of training include: 40hr Hazwoper, CPR & First Aid, Grant Writing, Bio-Assessment, GIS/GPS, Healthy Homes, Mold Awareness, Native Plants, Indoor Air Quality, Refrigerant Removal, Underground Storage Tanks Compliance, Ham Radio Training, and Preventing Environmental Crimes.*
- *Environmental Protection Agency*
 - *San Diego Foundation*
 - *Loma Linda University*
 - *Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)*
 - *Environmental Finance Center (EFCg)*
 - *California Indian Manpower Consortia (CIMC)*
 - *Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)*
 - *Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)*
 - *American Lung Association*
 - *San Diego Zoo Institution for Conservation Research*
 - *Tribal Environmental Health Collaborative*
 - *California Environmental Protection Agency (CALEPA)*
 - *University of California San Diego*



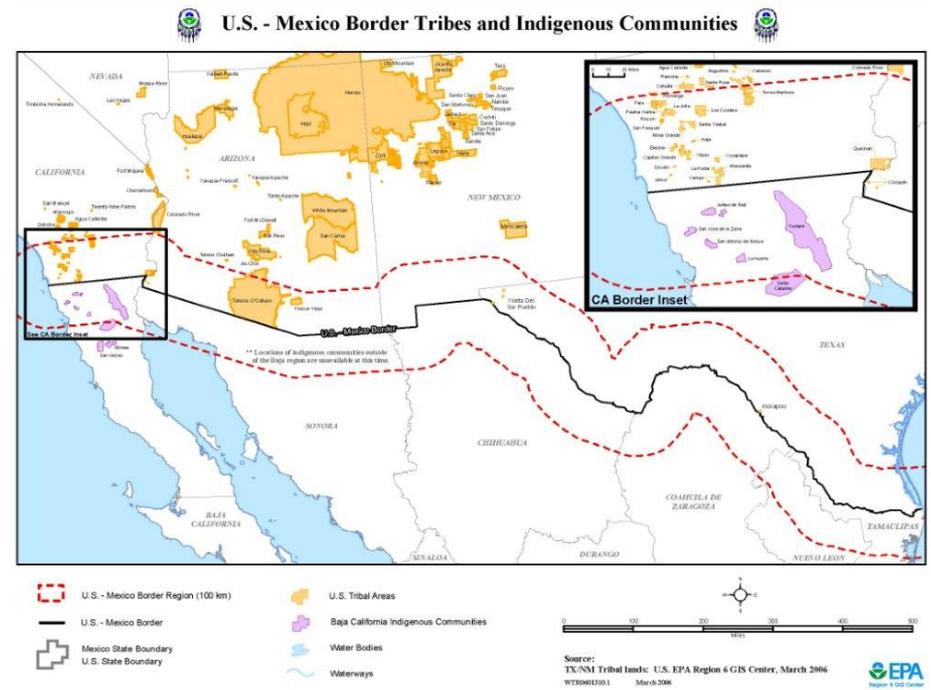
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NAEPC & US MEXICO BORDER

U.S. EPA MEXICO BORDER TRIBES & NAEPC

- In 2004, EPA selected NAEPC to serve as the Tribal Liaison between California Border Tribes and EPA.
- Today, NAEPC provides dissemination to all 26 U.S. Border Tribes, which are located in California, Arizona, and Texas.
- As the California Border Liaison, NAEPC shares a responsibility to coordinate and communicate with the Arizona Border Tribal Liaison and all of the 26 Border Tribes through emails, phone calls and border tribal caucus meetings.
- 14 of NAEPC's Tribes are Border Tribes



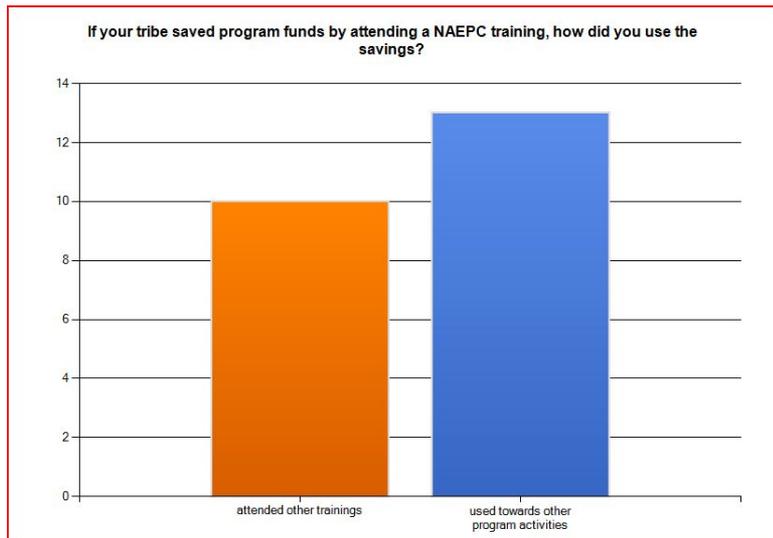
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NAEPC Makes a Difference



LAST YEAR, 43 TRAINING AND OUTREACH EVENTS



- Staff traveled 14,000 miles
- 30 tribes & 4 Tribal Organizations
- Average \$12,000 savings per tribe
- Tribes report using savings to attend other training & to reinvest in program activities.

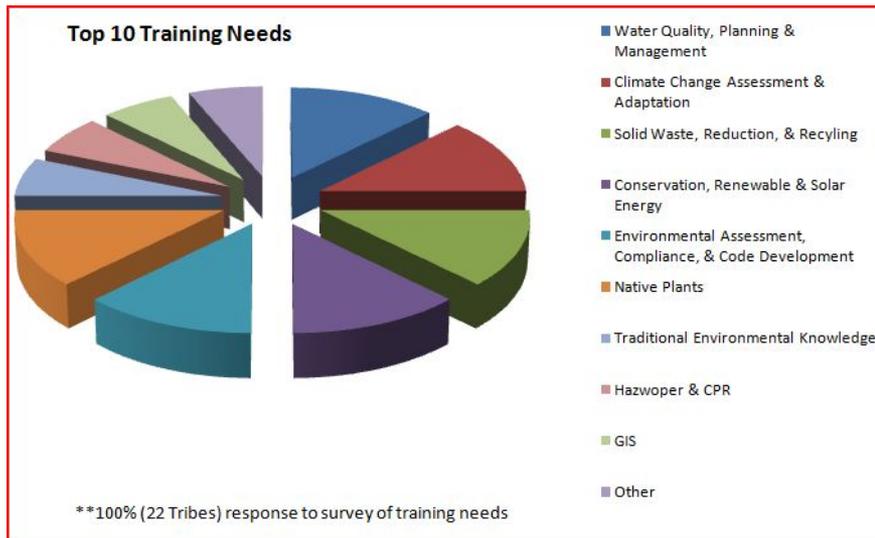
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Tribal Training Priorities



TRIBES IDENTIFIED THESE 10 PRIORITIES



- Water
- Climate Change
- Solid Waste & Recycling
- Renewable Energy
- Environmental Assessment
- Native Plants
- Traditional Environmental Knowledge
- Hazwoper & CPR
- GIS
- Other

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NAEPC Closing Remarks

Questions?

