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SUSCOL INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL
Preserving Native American Culture for Future Generations



Staying on the Path with Charlie Toledo...

The summer months are upon us. Hope everyone is enjoying the great weather and garden harvest. Family and friend time is very precious. Hopefully everyone has made time for camping, hiking and swimming in this beautiful region of California. **Congratulations to all the 2025 Graduates across Indian Country!**

At Suskol House, we had a busy winter with workforce training around forest management with weekly pile burns and other land management projects. We started using mycelium blocks for soil remediation and erosion control. Mycelium blocks are a byproduct of mushroom production, so another added benefit is wild, edible mushrooms growing! Great thanks to our great team of volunteers.

We were able to collaborate with Pomo led Hybrid Indigenous Stewardship (H.I.S.). Tom and Rachel Campbell of H.I.S. assisted our workforce, forest management, project. The use of fire, pruning and thinning of trees and brushes to mitigate healthy, fire-resistant forests and waterways. We look forward to more collaborations with them and their team using indigenous management practices.

Prayers, as always, for those who have lost loved ones this past season. Our dear friend and past Suscol Board member, Hilario Mata/Apache elder, passed away this past month. He was a great asset to Suskol House, building out the pads for water tanks and the beautiful stone steps into the ceremonial arbor. The structures are still in solid use decades after he built them. He worked monthly with his wife Margarita with Tom and Cheryl Mc Mahon. He will be missed and remembered. Heaven is getting pretty crowded now as so many elders and loved ones cross over.

Walk in beauty until our paths cross again.



Suscol Intertribal Council's primary mission is the preservation of Native American traditions & culture. To further this goal is the development of a Native American land project in Chiles-Pope Valley, California. "Suskol House" is a sustainable, eco-friendly, 23 acre open space. The organization is dedicated to the preservation and protection of Native American sacred sites and the human rights of all indigenous people by networking with other NGOs around the world.



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“Everybody needs to be a part of something bigger than themselves”

In order to complete the manifestation of The Suscol House Project we need your help.

We purchased the land in 1998 with grants that covered 50% the total cost of the property. The other 50% was from the generous donors who committed to make monthly payments, bought event tickets and art, and gifted the Suscol Council with items that could be resold.

The collaboration of many allowed us to pay off the property in 4 years.

We are at the end phase of construction so we need the continued generosity of donors. We depend on monthly donations, volunteer time, and support for our events. Help us hold the picture of beauty and unity. The Suscol House project has been established for the benefit of the public good in the state of California, as well as for the Native People to have a safe place to hold ceremony and gatherings, something that we had not been able to do for 200 years. Suscol House is being replicated and is an active state prototype for forest, water and soil remediation and management. this is a chance for you to be a part of a state, national and global model.

Join us to be a part of this legacy.

Donate now!!





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SAVE THE DATE

29th Annual Art Auction
November 8, 2025

HAND MADE FLUTE

RAIN STICK



RATTLE DRUM

LARGE 30" HAND HELD, HAND PAINTED DRUM



SMALL BLUE
GLASS ACORN
DISH

TINY DRUM



BEADED ACORN
NECKLACE AND EARRINGS



HAND WOVEN GRASS COIL BASKET





UNIQUE LAND OPPORTUNITY

Two Kelseyville parcels of raw land above the shores of Clear Lake were donated to help raise money for Suscol House construction. These parcels, located above the shores of beautiful Clearlake in Lake County, are for sale for **\$11,000 each or best offer.**

Clearlake is one the oldest freshwater lakes in North America! These two parcels are located at the Base of Mt. Konocti, a most ancient mountain. So close one can feel the heartbeat of this sacred mountain.

Beautiful quarter of acre Buckingham Park lot with lake views. Soils test on file and electricity/water at the road. Combine the 2 parcels for a half-acre building site. Enjoy the clubhouse, beach, picnic area and boat launch.



View on Zillow [8452 Soda Bay Rd, Kelseyville-CA-95451](#)

View on Zillow [8444 Soda Bay Rd Kelseyville-CA-95451](#)

Listing Provided by:
Stacey Mattina DRE #01179551
707-349-4663,
Konocti Realty





Hybrid Indigenous Stewardship Fire Crew



Big Time NV College



**THANK
YOU
Suscol
volunteers**



Salmon puppet for White Barn Puppet Parade



Tuxpanitas NVC Big Time

Earth Day 2025





Virtual Class Schedule

Meditations led by Charlie Toledo, Join us on ZOOM for meditations classes Tuesday mornings at 9am. Contact email, suscol@suscol.net if you are interested.

To sign up and for more information contact: suscol@suscol.net or call (707) 256-3561

Many Hands, Many Hearts

We need your donation of any amount to continue our vital cultural preservation initiatives, educational programs, and community empowerment efforts, making a meaningful impact on the lives of Indigenous peoples traditions.

**Donate on line at www.Suscolcouncil.org
or mail a check to
PO Box 5386, Napa CA 94581**



Native American Historical Trauma & Traditional Healing Project

We are pleased to announce that the upcoming Cohort #21 of the Historical Trauma & Traditional Healing Workshop series will begin in January 2026. We encourage you to join a Cohort and refer your friends, family, and colleagues. A healing element is included after every presentation. The workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand more about the history and tribes of this region. Via Zoom the third Wed. of every month. Pre-registration and payment is required.

Workshop #1

Topic: "Overview of Native Americans in this region"

Workshop #2

Topic: "Pre-Colonial History of California Natives"

Workshop #3

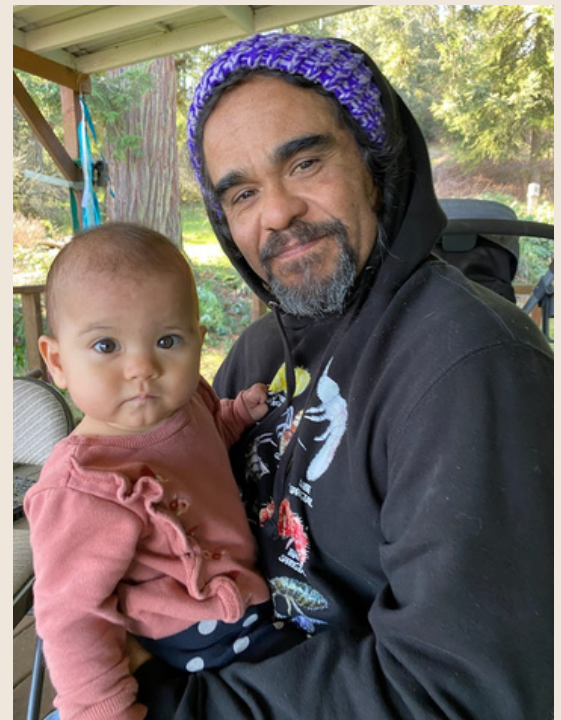
Topic: "Colonial History of California Natives"

Workshop #4

Topic: "Post-Colonial History of California Natives"

Workshop #5

Topic: "Thrival and Tribal Resiliency"



Contact us to register for Cohort #21 at:
Suscol@suscol.net or by calling
(707) 256-3561

In Remembrance Hilario Mata 1937-2025



I met Hilario through the Suscol Council Board. His quiet yet strong demeanor was a calm force. He always had a quick witted comment that would make everyone laugh.

He seemed to be everywhere at once, a strong warrior. He built the stone pads for the water tanks and the beautiful stairs going into the arbor. I will never walk those stairs to ceremony without thinking of him.

Rie Casale

Important Contacts During Challenging Times * YOU ARE NOT ALONE

System Navigator Frank Santos (707) 259-8160

He and his team will help people navigate through the Napa County Mental Health System to figure out the best avenue to refer folks to.

Napa County 911 ERT

Emergency Response Team - a trained therapist goes out on every call with the police.

Crisis Services: (707) 253-4711

The Crisis Stabilization Unit is open 24 hours a day.

Adult Mental Health Services / Departamento de Servicios de Salud

Mental: (707) 253-4306

Options for the Medication Clinic, Adult Therapy Services, Adult Case Management Services and Older Adult Full Service Partnership Services, CONREP Services, Mental Health Court, and System Navigators.

Children's Mental Health Services / Servicios para niños: (707) 259-8167

Options for the Medication Clinic, Children's Therapy and Case Management Services, Children and Transitional Youth Full Service Partnership Services, and System Navigators.

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The Suskol House

Suscol Intertribal Council is dedicated to preserving Native American culture for future generations. An integral part of that goal is the construction of the Suskol House, a place of gathering and ceremony for Native and Indigenous people based in sustainable land and water use. The Suskol House property is entirely off-grid and has low impact building development plan. The land was purchased in 1998 in Chiles-Pope Valley, north of Napa. The ultimate goal is to complete construction on the Suskol House and a large shelter for gatherings and ceremony. To complete this decades-long project, funding from the public is crucial. To become a donor, please send a check to:

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P.O. Box 5386, Napa, CA 94581

Or go to our website suscolcouncil.org and hit the
DONATE button!