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SUSCOL INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL
Preserving Native American Culture for Future Generations



Staying on the Path with Charlie Toledo...

Hope this missive finds you well. Prayers as always for our many loved ones who have slipped away into infinity. Also, congratulations to all the successful graduates and wedding Celebrations that have occurred. In my family we celebrated three beautiful wedding ceremonies in three months. Grief, joy and continuity all braided together.

At Suskol House, we celebrated a beautiful Summer Solstice ceremony with Venus, dancing in the skies as the sun set on longest day of the year. We had wonderful potluck and storytelling sessions. Let us know if you want to be included in these earth-based ceremonies.

This past year we focused on community outreach. Building Cultural partnerships to increase visibility of thirty-three years of promotion of Native American resiliency and rich cultural heritage. The use of social media and a strong presence at community events has enriched our work and public support.

Our continued focus are on water issues and TBU Tribal beneficial uses. Public education and advocacy uses of biochar, Bokashi, mycelium for soil, water and forest remediations and management. Our proposal was accepted at **"Restore American Estuaries" National Conference in San Francisco**. We submitted under Alternative Presentations a demonstration and training for Bokashi Making for a 90 minute slot under "Coastal Restoration and Resiliency through Nature based Approaches." **Restore America's Estuaries National Summit 9/22-25, 2026 in San Francisco**. Organizers are trying to spread this opportunity widely so please cross-post with your networks.

We are finally reaching the end phase of construction of Suskol Main House! This has been a lengthy project as we set goals that allowed us to be debt free as we complete construction. This is the final opportunity to be a foundation donor. We need 50 more donors to donate \$1000 to complete the last \$50,000 goal!!! All donations of any size are welcomed. Don't miss out to be recognized into perpetuity as a legacy part of this amazing Suskol House.

Walk in beauty until our paths meet again.

Suscol Intertribal Council's primary mission for the past three decades has been and continues to be the preservation of Native American traditions & culture. "Suskol House" is a sustainable, eco-friendly, 23 acre open space. The organization is dedicated to public education and advocacy on behalf of the tribes of California and indigenous peoples around the world locally, regionally and globally.



Diablitos cultural
dancers from
Oaxaca at VOICES
Napa Youth
program's open
house



Big Time at Napa Valley College sponsored by
Napa Indian Education

Nuhua Tribe from Central Mexico at Napa
Valley College Big time



**THANK
YOU
Suscol volunteers
for all your help with
maintenance and loving care.
Every square inch is touched
by loving hands**



Tule pole -
a new Art installation
donated by
NVC professor
Joshua Murillo



Podcaster Anita Casalina with Pod editor Cody Flowers will produce an overview perspective on the Suskol House Land Project. This is a big kickoff for the final phase of fundraising for construction of Suskol House

Community Outreach



Earth Day 2026 with Napa County Supervisor Anne Cottreel and Senator Mike Thompson



American Canyon Wetlands Education Center ground breaking with Mike Thompson and other community leaders. Charlie and Sal did the blessing and land acknowledgement for the community center



Charlie Toledo and Sal Garcia presented the opening blessing at the Jarvis Conservatory for the Thought and Culture Event with the Sewam American Indian Dance Company



Make a Wish and
watch the Suskol
Houses grow!!!!
Donate and be a part of
a legacy property!!





Manzanita Family Camp

We are excited to bring back the Native American family camp with a new name and new energy!

We can't wait to share the kids adventures in the next news letter!

**To sign up and for more information contact: Director@suscolcouncil.org
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 Suscolcouncil.org
or mail a check to
PO Box 5386, Napa CA 94581**



Lefty the Lizard

Native American Historical Trauma & Traditional Healing Project

We are pleased to announce that the upcoming **Cohort #23** of the Historical Trauma & Traditional Healing Workshop series will begin in **July 23 - November 11, 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 fourth Wednesday of every month. Pre-registration and payment is required.

Cohort #24 will start January 27, 2027 to May 26, 2027.

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 #24 at:
Director@suscolcouncil.org or by calling
(707) 256-3561



Suskol House is a project by the Suskol Intertribal Council, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Native American culture and traditions. Located on a 20-acre site in Napa Valley's Chiles-Pope Valley, Suskol House serves as

- A Gathering Place: A sacred site for Native and Indigenous people to come together for ceremonies, cultural events, and community activities.
- A Sustainable Model: A prototype for environmentally conscious land management, utilizing sustainable building practices, and showcasing indigenous knowledge on forest, water, and land stewardship.
- An Educational Hub: A space for workforce training, skill development, and education on traditional indigenous practices, focusing on forest management, water conservation, and environmental remediation.
- A Community Resource: A platform for sharing Native American traditions, oral stories, and cultural preservation, promoting understanding and respect between communities.

The project features a main house for resident land stewards and short-term interns, surrounded by a beautifully managed forest, with a focus on:

- Forest Management: Selective thinning, pruning, and invasive species removal to promote healthy forests and reduce wildfire risks.
- Water Conservation: Implementing sustainable water practices, such as rainwater collection and efficient irrigation systems.
- Cultural Preservation: Protecting and preserving Native American cultural heritage through education, ceremony, and community engagement.

Suskol House is an ongoing project, with ongoing efforts to complete its construction and expand its programs, relying on donations and community support to fulfill its mission.

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.

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



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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!