

# Tribal Consultation Guidelines Update SB 18 and AB 52

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# Question #1: What are the biggest frustrations with Tribal Consultation for your Tribe?



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# Question #2: What aspects of Tribal Consultation has worked well for your Tribe?



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# Agenda

- ✓ Consultation Input Exercise
- Tribal Consultation Guidelines Update
  - What is it, and what is it not?
  - Why Now?
  - Engagement and Consultation
  - Timeline
- Input Exercise #2
- Open Discussion and Next Steps

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# What are the Tribal Consultation Guidelines?



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# Current Tribal Consultation Guidance

## SB 18 (2004)

- Requires local governments to consult with Tribes during General Plan updates
- Applies to land use and sacred sites
- Developed in 2004, LCI required to develop guidance

## AB 52 (2014)

- Requires CEQA lead agencies to consult Tribes
- Formalizes timelines and expectations for consultation
- Requires LCI to update the CEQA Guidelines
- The AB 52 Technical Advisory is optional

## LCI Role

- We are not a regulatory agency
- Develop Guidelines, tools, and support for Tribes and Agencies so they can fulfill their obligations
- Update CEQA Guidelines, as needed
- Align training with legal references and best practices



# Why Update Now?

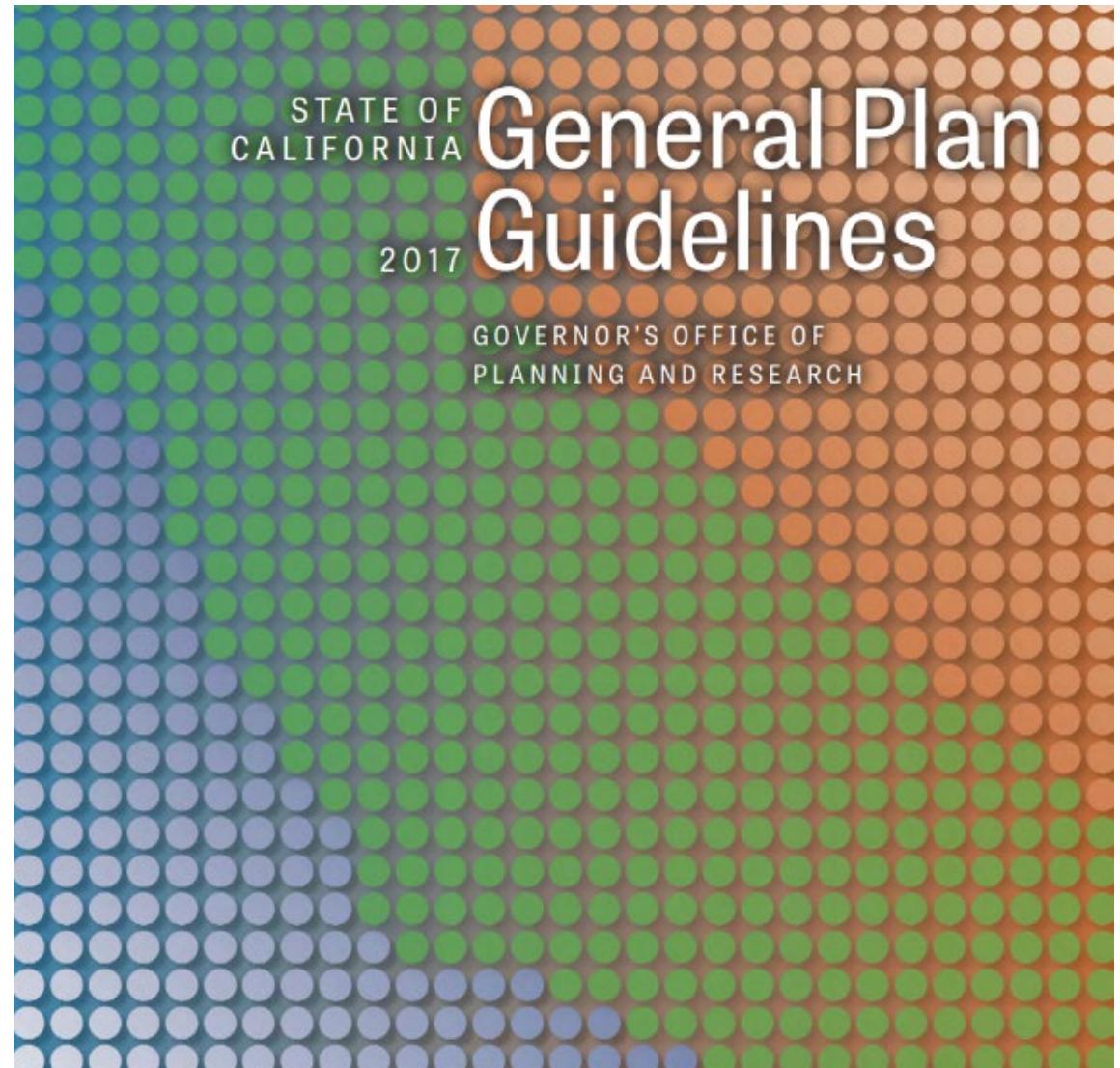


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## Why Now: General Plan Guidelines Update

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- Comprehensive updates to:
  - General Plan Guidelines
  - Planner's Guide to Specific Plans
  - Tribal Consultation Guidelines
- Interactive project website
- Complete by March 2027



# Why Now: Current Tribal Consultation Guidelines are Outdated

- The last publications were released over ten and twenty years ago.
- Since then, we've learned from Tribes what true partnership means, grounded in respect and collaboration, and we look forward to building on this foundation together.

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY

AB 52 AND TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES IN  
CEQA



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
**Tribal Consultation  
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SUPPLEMENT TO GENERAL PLAN GUIDELINES

November 14, 2005

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# What do we Hope to Achieve?

- Useable guidance rooted in the law AND best practices for meaningful, early, and often Tribal engagement, emphasizing relationship building.
- Upholding Executive Order B-10-11: meaningful, early and timely consultation
- Centering Native voices in both the TCG and General Plan Guidelines (GPG) updates
- Honoring cultural knowledge, Tribal sovereignty, and lived expertise
- Developing tools and trainings for local jurisdictions and Tribes to better meet these goals

*\*These are not an update to the law and will need to follow the law as currently written at time of publication\**

# Engagement



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# Engagement with Tribes

## ➤ Government to Government (State to Tribe) Consultation:

- First letters sent in September 2026
- Additional letters will be sent with the outline when ready
- Open and available at any time to meet with an interested Tribe

## ➤ Tribal Advisory Group

- Convening a group of Tribal representatives to work with us regularly over the next 1.5 years to provide guidance on the TCG products
- LCI is currently pursuing mechanisms for compensation

## ➤ Tribal Roundtables

- Series of 6 Roundtables facilitated by LCI with help from our Contracting Team
- Meant to be a place of information sharing to help guide the TCG products
- First Roundtable in February

## ➤ Additional engagement, presentations, when available

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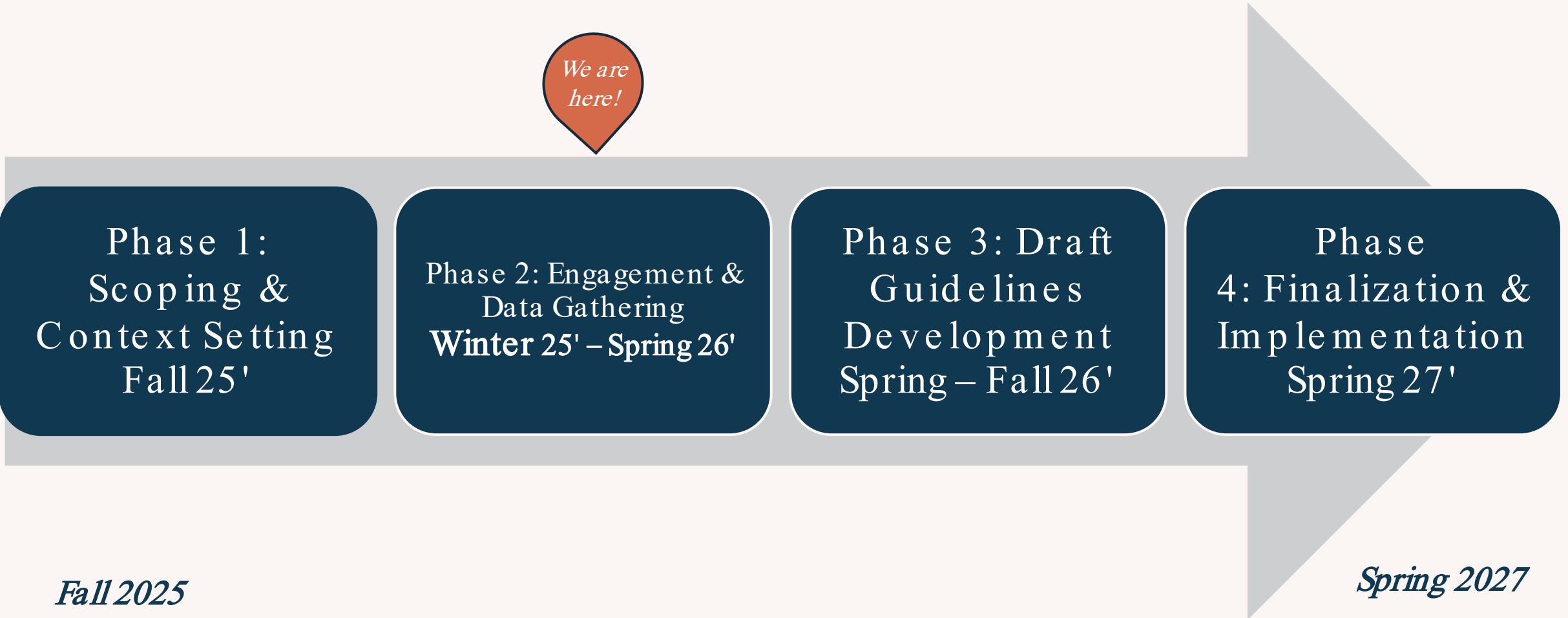


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# Question #3: What is the most important improvement you want to see in the updated Tribal Consultation Guidelines?



# TCG Update Timeline



# Next Steps

- Tribal Government to State Government Consultation - **Contact Us!**
- Tribal Roundtables - **February 2026**
- Tribal Advisory Group - **Contact Us!**

*Other events or places we should be?*



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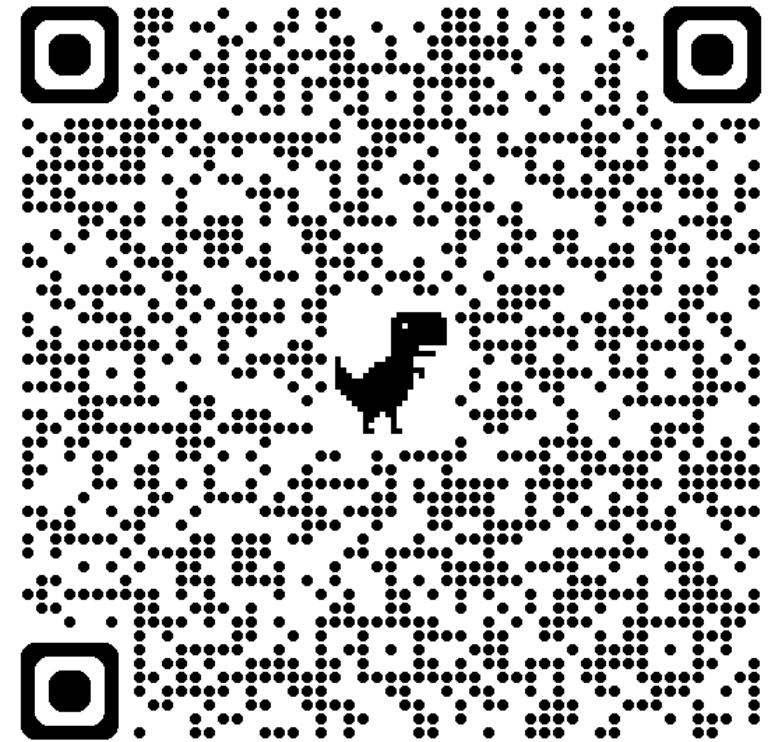
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