



# California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

SUSTAINING NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE

OCTOBER 4, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.



# Participation Guidelines



**Share,  
Listen, Learn**



**Respect Different  
Perspectives**



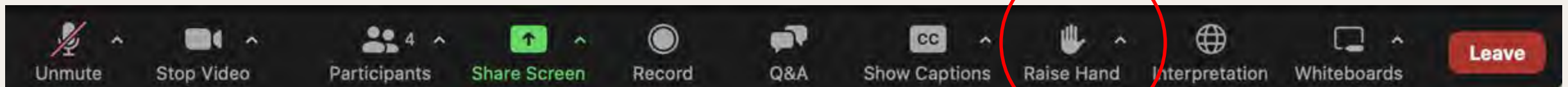
**Stay on Point**

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# Zoom Tips

- All participants are **muted** upon entry.
  - You will be unmuted when it is your time to speak.
  - Please remember to mute yourself after speaking.
- Cameras are optional.
- Use “Raise Hand” feature during public comment periods.



# Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Working Session and Next Steps**
  - Meeting minute approval
  - Staff updates on research requests and working groups
  - Brainstorm next steps for this Subcommittee
  - Brief overview of resources from Redbud Resource Group
  - Summarize discussions and review action Items
  - Confirm meeting schedule and timeframe for work ahead
- **General Public Comment**

# **Approval of July 2, 2024 Minutes**

# **Working Session**

# Staff Update: Research

**Request:** Policy analysis re: existing barriers to sovereignty and mechanisms to facilitate and prioritize sovereignty

**Plan:** Staff research and collaboration with partners to analyze key policy areas:

- Cultural fire
- Ancestral land return
- Protection of Native sites, remains, & artifacts
- Consultation



# Staff Update part 1: Research

**Request:** Summary of ratified treaties

**Plan:** Staff research to provide overview as part of broader historical context for final report

# Staff Update part 2: Research

**Request:** Mapping of ancestral lands and public and private lands

**Plan:** Staff working with existing resources to create interactive map that includes ancestral, public, and private lands, along with other layers

# Staff Update part 3: Working Groups

## Topics/issues mobilized through other subcommittees and working groups:

- **Land Back** working group in Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return subcommittee
- **Public lands** working group in Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return subcommittee
- **Land Use Governance & Sovereignty Subcommittee** working group



# Next Steps & Timeline

## Discussion:

- Do the staff updates on research plans and working groups align with your priorities and goals for this Subcommittee?
- What perspectives would you like to bring into this work?
  - Current suggestions:
    - Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy
    - Sogorea Te' Land Trust

## Deadlines:

- Research update from staff in December
- Subcommittee contributes language to preliminary draft of recommendations shared at February Task Force meeting

# Potential Resource: Redbud Resource Group

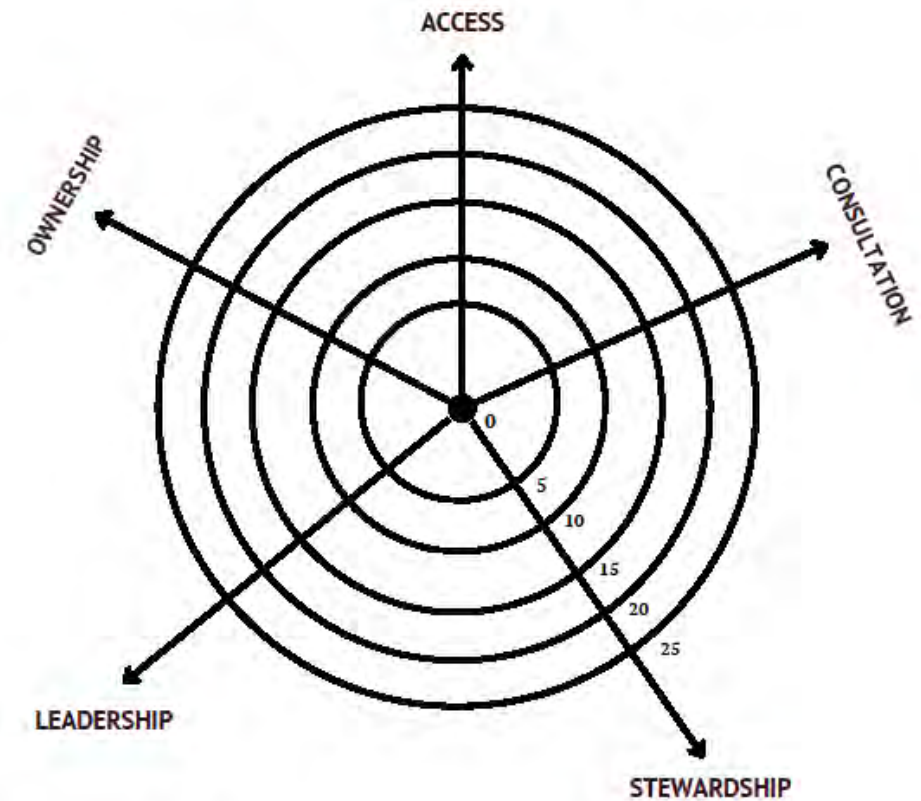


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# Land Back Spider Graph by Redbud Resource Group

## Land Back Spider Graph

Assess the scope of land return initiatives through the lens of Ownership, Leadership, Stewardship, Access and Consultation.



### Assessment Scale:

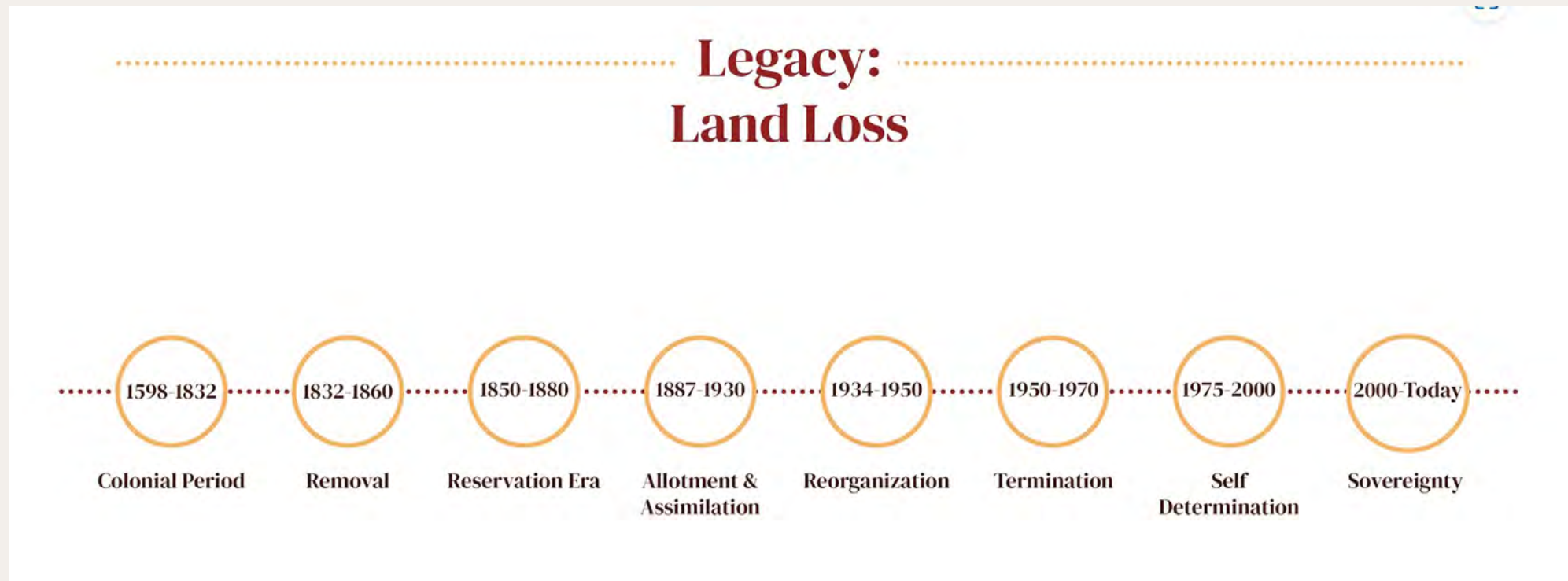
- 25- Excellent
- 20- Very good
- 15- Good
- 10- Limited
- 5- Extremely limited
- 0- Non existent

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Land Back Spider Graph is to evaluate the various approaches to the land return process. Assessing each category of the graph helps highlight the strengths and areas of growth of various land return initiatives.



# Policy Timelines by Redbud Resource Group



# Land Easement Resources by Redbud Resource Group



## **GBLA Resource: How Easements Empower Native Communities**

Native communities across the country are working hard to safeguard Indigenous lifeways while also protecting the planet's biodiversity. And yet, with little access to land, Native communities must use all the tools they can to increase their landbases, and with that, their ability to rekindle cultural stewardship practices needed to mitigate climate change, improve community health, and more.

[Land Easement Resource | Redbud  
\(redbudresourcegroup.org\)](https://redbudresourcegroup.org)

# Discussion

How might the Redbud Resource Group's educational tools and resources be valuable to this Subcommittee and the Task Force?



# Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
- Report-back to Task Force on November 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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# Upcoming Meetings

- **Community Outreach Subcommittee** | Oct. 7, 12am – 2pm, Virtual
- **Regular Task Force Meeting** | Nov. 13/14, Salinas & Virtual
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**Thank You!**