

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force



LAND ACCESS, ACQUISITION, & ANCESTRAL LAND RETURN SUBCOMMITTEE
JANUARY 28, 2025 | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Participation Guidelines



**Share,
Listen, Learn**



**Respect Different
Perspectives**



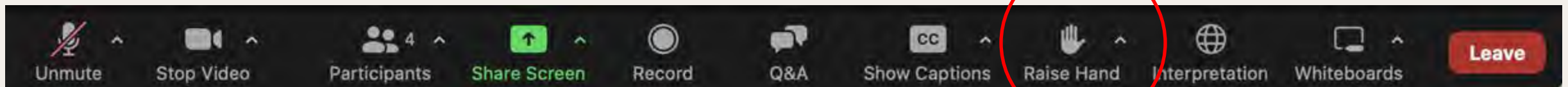
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Zoom Tips

- 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**
- **Approval of Sept 26, 2024 Summary**
- **Guest speaker: Dr. Risling Baldy**
- **Working Session and Next Steps**
 - Staff update
 - Discuss draft recommendations
 - Review action items and confirm next steps
- **General Public Comment**

Roll Call

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Guest Speaker

Cutcha Risling Baldy, Ph.D., Cal Poly - Humboldt

- Associate Professor - Native American Studies
- Program Coordinator - Masters of Social Science in Environment & Community
- Co-Director Rou Dalagurr: Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute
- Author - California #LandBack Special Report
- <http://cutcharislingbaldy.com>

Working Session

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What are your key takeaways? What aspects of what was shared feel most important to carry forward?

1. Language used was easy to understand
2. Understanding what true Land Back means without stipulations
3. Caretaking of lands in Native hands leads to different outcomes than with developers
4. Statistics from presentation as background context for TF's work
5. Restoration of land requires more work than maintaining; \$\$ for planning and restoration
6. Land trusts – associated challenges
7. Consolidation of land ownership in few hands; current conditions are systematic
8. Land Back and land return started in 1493; response to colonialization
9. What can CA do in relationship to federally owned land and land return?

Working Session

What questions do you still have?

1. Tribal land trusts – how they were developed and why? What is their process towards Lack Back? E.g. co management, return
2. Big Sur Conservancy; Esselen Nation?
3. How many land trusts are working with Tribal Nations?
4. What relationship/ opportunities does the State have related to federal land return?
5. What funding currently exists? Set aside funding yearly for Land return
 1. How much \$ would this be?
 2. Identify best mechanism

Working Session

Next steps for Land Back:

1. Land Back working group – add member
 - Synthesize discussion today
 - Select case studies to highlight in Task Force report
 - Context:
 - CNRA Tribal Stewardship Strategy & Tribal Nature Based Solutions
 - Statement of Administrative Policy - Native American Ancestral Lands
 - Tribal Affairs in other state agencies

Working Session

Working Groups:

1. Land Back
2. Public lands
3. Land succession strategy
4. Land markets

Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Review of Action Items and Follow Up Items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
- Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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General Public Comment

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Upcoming Meetings

- **January 29, 10:00 – 12:00 pm** | Land Tenure
- **February 6, 10:00 – 12:00 pm** | SNCR
- **February 12 & 13** | Full Task Force Meeting, Coachella Valley & Virtual

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Thank You!