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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Redding Rancheria Cultural Resources program is to preserve, protect and revitalize culture, spirituality, and history of the Yana, Pit River and Wintu people.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND AND INTENT

The Tribal Council of the Redding Rancheria is committed to protect, preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the Yana, Pit River and Wintu people. The Tribal Council has historically committed resources toward the protection of tribal cultural resources to begin to reverse the long term damage to tribal cultural sites and objects and to build and maintain a sense of pride among Indians of the Northern California area. Prior to recognition, members of the Rancheria worked to protect the cultural and historical sites and objects of the Redding Rancheria through community networks of interested individuals. Elders Redding Rancheria and Native American community members have protected some of the Tribe's important sites over the past several years and provided advice and guidance to the Tribal Council in cultural matters.

The Community Services program began to experience increasing demands from Tribal Members and the Native American community for support in traditional methods of health, parenting and family relationships. To meet this demand the program staff began offering support to individuals and families interested in traditional values, medicine and practices.

Over the years, several cultural program services emerged in the organization. It is the desire of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council to consolidate these various services and activities into a single department whose primary responsibility will be the protection, development and care of the Yana, Pit River and Wintu culture, history and spiritual sites. With the creation of national authorities designed to support the protection of tribal cultural and religious sites and practices, the Tribal Council has authorized the Redding Rancheria Cultural Resources Program to implement the provisions of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) as well as any relevant California statues designed to support cultural resources.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS (Reserved)

SECTION 4: DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hereby delegated all administrative authority to carry out the day-to-day operations of the program, in accordance with this policy. Such authority shall include but not be limited to:

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- (a) Recommending to the Tribal Council such policy decisions necessary to assure the efficient and effective administration of the program in accordance with its stated purpose.
- (b) Recommending to the Tribal Council such actions related to program services as are appropriate, for which authority has not been delegated within this policy.
- (c) Making provisions for disbursement of program funds in accordance with this policy.
- (d) Coordinating with, obtaining assistance of and providing administrative direction to third parties engaged by the Redding Rancheria to assist in the administration of the program, including, but not limited to legal counsel, accountants, advisors and consultants.
- (e) Implementing such operating procedures as are required to assure effective day-to-day activities and services in the administration of the program, and publishing information for use by eligible members on how to apply for and use the program.
- (f) Adopting and amending appropriate forms for application and other documents required for the proper administration of the program.
- (g) Acting as program administrator and delegating to other officers and employees, in writing, the authority to act and sign on behalf of the CEO for this purpose in order to carry out the program.
- (h) Establishing appropriate training and/or technical assistance programs to assure that eligible members can maximize the benefits of the program.
- (i) Providing for reports to the Tribal Council as to the status of the program, eligible participants and other information required by the Tribal Council.
- (j) Recommending appropriations for the program in accordance with plans adopted by the Tribal Council and/or the membership.
- (k) Initiating collection and legal proceedings as necessary to protect the Tribe's interests with regard to program funds for which the recipient is in material breach of the program.

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SECTION 5: AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Tribal Council of the Redding Rancheria has authorized the establishment of the Cultural Resources Program for the protection, preservation and development of the Pit River, Wintu, Yana peoples' culture, history and spiritual traditions.

The purpose of the Redding Rancheria Cultural Resources Program is to oversee efforts and initiatives to preserve, restore and promote Tribal culture, history and traditions. Included in these efforts are events and activities that showcase, teach and promote tribal culture and spiritual traditions and the purchase, preservation and restoration of cultural assets and sites. Major activities include:

- a) Oversight and care of baskets, artifacts and other cultural assets owned by the Tribe.
- b) Planning and hosting cultural events, activities and field trips for tribal and community members.
- c) Planning and design of tribal cultural facilities, such as sweat lodges, cultural centers and ceremonial grounds.
- d) Design, construction and placement of tribal monuments.
- e) Repatriation of California Indian remains as directed by Tribal Council.
- f) Coordination with tribal and outside agencies for mitigation of development in historical gravesites and sacred sites.
- g) Being involved with designing tribal buildings for appropriate cultural depictions.

SECTION 6: CULTURAL RESOURCE STIPENDS

Tribal Council has authorized, subject to the availability of appropriations, stipends and/or gifts that will be awarded to a tribal elder or other teacher of native spiritual and cultural traditions in return for sharing their knowledge. Expenses authorized for payment or reimbursement shall be as provided for within the annual tribal budget, and shall include a stipend or a custom gift in the equivalent amount purchased by the Cultural Resources Department.

SECTION 7: EAGLE FEATHER CARE AND OVERSIGHT

As a federally recognized tribe, The Redding Rancheria has an inherent right to obtain and be in possession of an eagle, eagle feathers or any part of the eagle. When the

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Tribe obtains an eagle through donation from an outside source, the Cultural Resources Department will assume possession of and be the caretakers of the eagle.

The Cultural Committee, in cooperation with the Cultural Resources Department, will have the discretion to recommend to Tribal Council that eagle feathers be presented or given as gifts to persons being honored by the Tribe who can legally possess them. The Cultural Committee will also recommend approval or denial of requests for eagle feathers that the Tribe receives. The Tribal Council has the ultimate authority to determine the disposition of eagle feathers.

Legislative History:

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