## REDDING RANCHERIA TRIBAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES

**Chapter TP 3-700** 

**Cultural Committee Policy** 

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**SECTION 1: PURPOSE** 

The purpose of this policy is to establish the duties and responsibilities of the Redding Rancheria Cultural Committee.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND AND INTENT

Tribal Council has authorized the establishment of the Redding Rancheria Cultural Committee. This committee is established to assist the Tribal Council in carrying out its responsibilities to provide quality services to the tribal membership and to develop, maintain and protect the assets and interests of the Tribe. The primary role of this committee is to advise the Cultural Resources Program and the Tribal Council on matters pertaining to the culture, history and spiritual traditions of the Wintu, Pit River and Yana people.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS (Reserved)

**SECTION 4: DELEGATED AUTHORITY** 

Tribal Council delegates the authority to the Cultural Committee to make individual purchases of Native American artifacts and related items under the amount of \$2,500. The Committee shall consult with the Cultural Resources manager in determining which items should be purchased.

SECTION 5: AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (Reserved)

SECTION 6: COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Redding Rancheria Cultural Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Cultural Resources Program and the Tribal Council on efforts and initiatives to preserve, restore and promote Tribal culture, history and traditions. The scope of their work includes advising on events and activities that display, teach and promote tribal culture and spiritual traditions; and advising on the purchase, preservation and restoration of cultural assets and sites.

The Cultural Resources Committee advises on the following matters:

- a) Baskets, artifacts and other cultural assets to be purchased by the Tribe.
- Cultural events, activities and field trips for tribal and community members.
- c) The planning and design of tribal cultural facilities, such as sweat lodges, cultural centers and ceremonial grounds.

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d) The design, construction and placement of tribal monuments.

The Cultural Committee shall also undertake any other duties and responsibilities as developed and approved by the Tribal Council.

#### SECTION 7: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Cultural Committee membership is composed of volunteers who are Tribal members, employees and/or community members. There is no specific limit as to the number of members who may serve on the committee. Members may remain on the committee as long as they are willing to participate actively in the business of the committee.

#### **SECTION 8: QUORUM**

A simple majority of committee members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting committee business and voting.

#### **SECTION 9: VACANCIES**

When vacancies occur, the committee will recruit additional volunteers from population of Tribal members, Tribal employees and community members.

#### **SECTION 10: MEETINGS**

Meetings are held on a monthly or "as needed" basis.

#### SECTION 11: ASSIGNMENT OF LEAD STAFF

The Director of Cultural Resources shall operate as lead staff to the Committee and shall carry out those duties as set forth in the Section 12 of the Advisory Committee Authorization and Organization Policy.

#### SECTION 12: COMPENSATION

Committee members are compensated for mileage if they need to travel outside of their city of residence to attend meetings or committee activities.

#### **SECTION 13: SEVERABILITY**

If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this policy to be invalid or illegal under applicable tribal and or federal law, such provision shall be severed from this policy and the remainder of this policy shall remain in full force and effect.

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