

SANDAG AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

FACT SHEET

TRIBAL NATIONS

The U.S. Constitution and treaties recognize Native American Tribes as separate and independent political communities within the territorial boundaries of the United States.

FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS IN SAN DIEGO

- Barona Band of Mission Indians
- Campo Band of Mission Indians
- Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- ipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
- Inaja-Cosmit Band of Mission Indians
- Jamul Indian Village of California
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla/Cupeño Indians
- Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Indians
- Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
- Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians
- Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

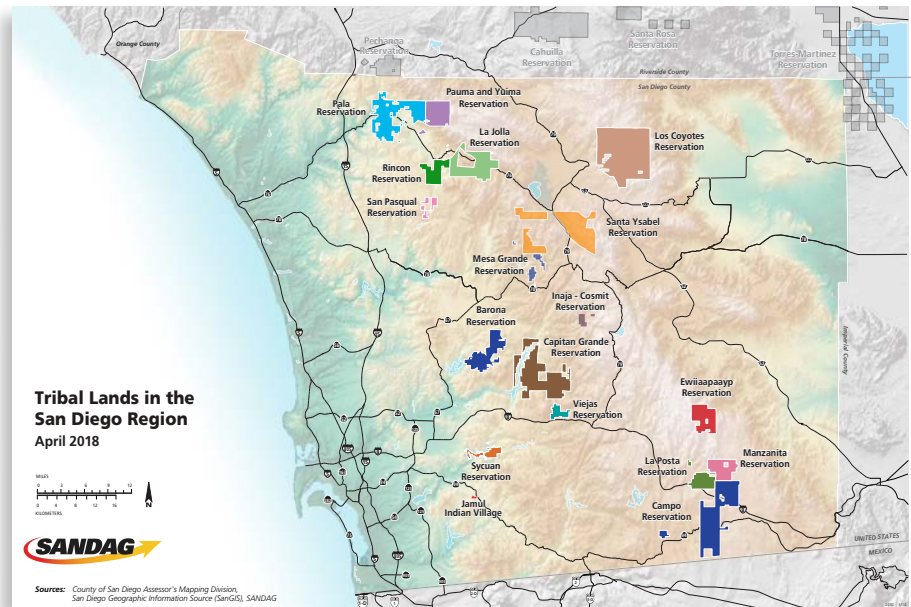
Tribal governments in San Diego County and SANDAG are working together to develop and implement innovative government-to-government strategies to address transportation and other regional planning issues.

There are 17 federally-recognized tribal nations within San Diego County – the most in any county in the United States. The 17 sovereign domestic nations in San Diego are from four cultural/ethnic groups: the Kumeyaay/Diegueño, the Luiseño, the Cupeño, and the Cahuilla. Native American reservations currently make up approximately four percent of the region’s land base. All of the reservations are located within the unincorporated eastern portion of the county.

The current government-to-government relationship is a federal/tribal relationship. For the most part, government-to-government relations between tribes and regional planning agencies, local governments, and counties is voluntary. SANDAG is committed to engaging tribal governments in the regional transportation planning process.

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SCTCA Chairman Robert Smith and former SANDAG Chair Mary Sessom signing the 2007 MOU.



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Transportation access for tribes and rural populations has improved thanks to their collaboration with NCTD, Caltrans, the County of San Diego, and SANDAG.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SCTCA)

The SCTCA is a multi-service, non-profit corporation established in 1972 by a consortium of 19 federally-recognized Indian tribes in Southern California. Its mission is to protect, establish, and exercise the inherited and preserved sovereign rights of tribal governments. As an intertribal council, the SCTCA serves as a forum for a wide variety of issues for tribal governments in the region.

On January 26, 2007, the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) and SANDAG signed a Memorandum of Understanding incorporating the SCTCA as an advisory member on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Policy Advisory Committees (Transportation, Regional Planning, Public Safety, and Borders). Tribal leaders are now part of the regional decision-making process at a policy level, offering a tribal perspective to complex regional issues.

Borders Committee

The SANDAG Borders Committee advises the Board of Directors on policy issues related to transboundary planning from three perspectives: interregional, binational, and tribal. Through periodic Tribal Summits, the Committee facilitates consultation between

local jurisdictions and tribal governments. This government-to-government dialogue, establishes priority actions for the Borders Committee to pursue in partnership with the SCTCA.

The Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues

This working group serves as a forum for all of the region's tribal governments to discuss and coordinate transportation issues with various regional public planning agencies, including SANDAG, Caltrans, the County of San Diego, the Metropolitan Transit System, and the North County Transit District. This working group, in collaboration with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, reviews current activities and plans being implemented by SANDAG and the tribal governments in an effort to coordinate programs, address issues of concern, and ensure that the needs and issues of tribal governments are incorporated into the transportation planning process at the regional level.

Activities Underway

- » Collaborating on the development of San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan.
- » Collaborating with the SCTCA to develop an Intraregional Tribal Transportation Strategy through a Caltrans Strategic Partnership Planning Grant.
- » Facilitating interagency exchange of information, training, and data collection for improved transportation planning and grant writing.
- » Informational presentation series to Policy Advisory Committees on other tribal initiatives in planning.



2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit