

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 Kumeeyaay Nation
- Ewiaapaayp Band of Kumeeyaay Indians
- Inaja-Cosmit Band of Mission Indians
- Jamul Indian Village, A Kumeeyaay Nation
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Band of the Kumeeyaay Nation
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla/Cupeño Indians
- Manzanita Band of the Kumeeyaay Indians
- Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
- Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians
- Rincon Luiseño Band of Indians
- San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Mission Indians of California
- Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians
- Sycuan Band of the Kumeeyaay Nation
- Viejas Band of Kumeeyaay Indians

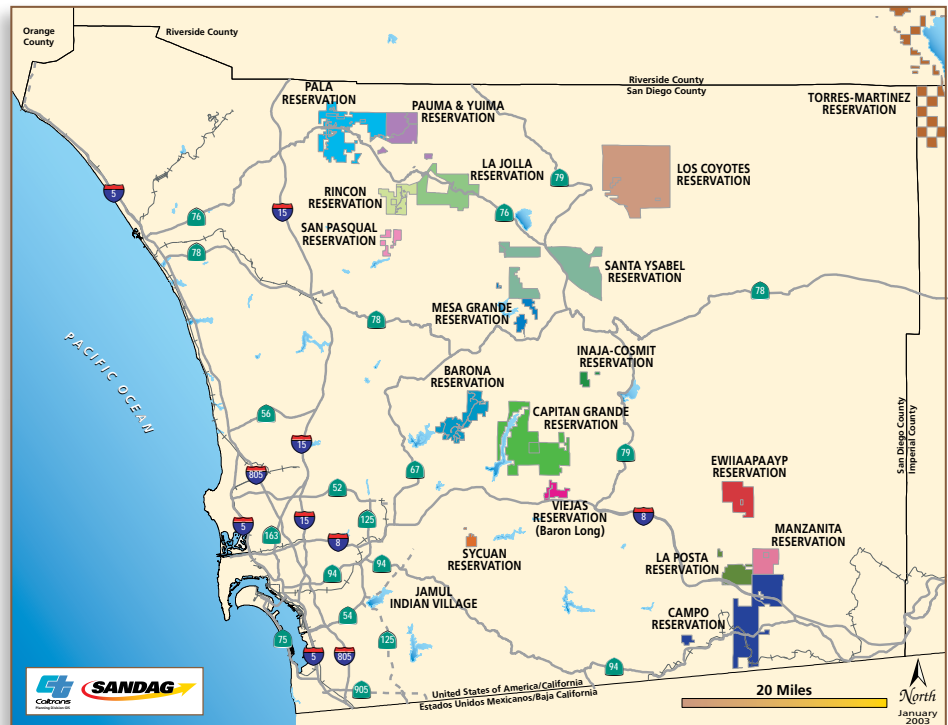
Tribal governments in San Diego County and SANDAG are working together to develop and implement innovative government-to-government strategies to address transportation and other regional planning issues.

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 Kumeeyaay/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.

On January 26, 2007, the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) *(Continued on reverse)*



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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.

RESERVATION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)

Founded in 1998, the RTA is a consortium of Southern California tribal governments that serves as an intertribal transportation agency, providing transportation education, planning, and program administration for member tribes. The RTA serves as SANDAG's partner on all tribal-related transportation planning projects.

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 Reservation Transportation Authority, 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

- » Consultation on 2007 Regional Transportation Plan.
- » Tribal Transit Feasibility Study to assess potential options for future transit service between tribal reservations and urban centers that would be implemented through innovative public-private partnerships.
- » Tribal Transportation Demand Management Outreach Project that will develop a plan for a tribally-owned Transportation Management Association to service the tribal governments in the region in collaboration with SANDAG.
- » Informational presentation series to Policy Advisory Committees on other tribal initiatives in planning.

