Senate Bill 18, signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in September 2004, requires cities and counties to notify and consult with California Native American Tribes about proposed local land use planning decisions for the purpose of protecting traditional tribal cultural places (“sacred sites”).

Starting on March 1, 2005, cities and counties must send their general plan proposals to those California Native American Tribes that are on the Native American Heritage Commission’s (NAHC) contact list and have traditional lands located within the city or county’s jurisdiction. After March 1, 2005, cities and counties must also conduct consultations with these tribes prior to adopting or amending their general plans.

To help local officials meet these new obligations, SB 18 requires the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to amend its General Plan Guidelines to include advice to local government on how to consult with California Native American Tribes. The statutory deadline to develop the guidelines is March 1, 2005.

Public Workshop Overview
To assist in the development of tribal consultation guidelines, OPR invites you to attend a public workshop on Friday, February 25, 2005. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about OPR’s draft guidelines and also allow for public input on the draft guidelines.

A draft of the guidelines will be posted to the OPR website by February 22, 2005. You are encouraged to review the draft guidelines prior to attending the workshop. The guidelines and other materials related to SB 18 implementation can be viewed at: http://www.opr.ca.gov/SB182004.html.

Public Comment
There are several ways to submit feedback on the draft guidelines. Comments may be provided during the upcoming public workshop. Comments can also be sent to Terry Roberts, OPR State Clearinghouse Director, via e-mail: terry.roberts@opr.ca.gov or mail: P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812.

All comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, February 28, 2005.

Questions? For further information, please contact Terry Roberts via phone: 916-445-0613 or e-mail: terry.roberts@opr.ca.gov. You may also contact Stephanie Dougherty, OPR Staff Assistant, via phone: 916-323-9033 or e-mail: stephanie.dougherty@opr.ca.gov.
Public Workshop Location
The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has graciously offered the use of their conference room for the public workshop. The CSAC Conference Center is located at 1020 11th Street, between K Street & J Street. The entrance to the center is located between the Pyramid Restaurant patio and Smith Gallery, across from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament construction trailers. The conference room is on the second floor.

Driving Directions
From Sacramento Airport:
Take I-5 South towards Sacramento.
Take the Downtown/J Street exit and continue straight on J Street.
Turn right on 12th Street.
Travel 2 blocks and turn right on L Street.
Turn right on 10th street.
There is a parking garage at 10th and L Street.

From the Bay Area:
Take I-80 East to I-5 North.
Take the J Street exit toward Downtown.
Turn a slight right onto J Street and continue straight on J Street.
Turn right on 12th Street.
Travel 2 blocks and turn right on L Street.
Turn right on 10th street.
There is a parking garage at 10th and L Street.

From the South:
Take I-5 North towards Sacramento.
Take the J Street exit toward Downtown.
Turn a slight right onto J Street and continue straight on J Street.
Turn right on 12th Street.
Travel 2 blocks and turn right on L Street.
Turn right on 10th street.
There is a parking garage at 10th and L Street.

Parking
The K Street Mall is a pedestrian-oriented common space. Parking is available at the garage at 10th and L Street or other parking structures noted on the map.