



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between Cal Poly Humboldt
and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the
Trinidad Rancheria**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated April 1, 2024, sets forth the terms between California State Polytechnic University Humboldt (Cal Poly Humboldt) and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) to establish a MOU for open lines of communication and collaboration.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a formal partnership that supports Trinidad Rancheria as a sovereign, self-governing Nation in exercising its inherent rights to protect and manage the natural habitat and resources within its jurisdiction. This partnership will set the framework for Cal Poly Humboldt to support the Trinidad Rancheria's planning and development goals related to sustainability of resources and community wellbeing. Trinidad Rancheria and Cal Poly Humboldt (the parties) hereby agree to develop a partnership in support of strengthening the educational innovations, experiential career opportunities, and scientific research capabilities of the Trinidad Rancheria and broader Tribal community. It is agreed upon that there will be ongoing discussions between the two parties to strengthen mutual respect and collaboration.

This MOU is strictly for internal use of each of the parties and shall not be construed to provide a right or cause of action or by any person or entity, and in no way restricts either of the parties from participating in any activity with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

Further, this MOU is neither a fiscal, nor funds obligation, document. Nothing in this MOU authorizes or is intended to obligate the parties to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services, or supplies, or transfer or receive anything of value. The parties to this MOU will review the program one year prior to the expiration to ascertain whether MOU will be renewed or if revisions are necessary.

II. Terms and Conditions

Term

This MOU shall be effective for five years from the date of signing.

Termination

This MOU can be terminated by either party at any time by providing notice in writing to the other party.

Amendment

This MOU may not be amended unless agreed upon by all parties.

Notice

All notices, requests, demands, amendments, modifications, bills, or payments under this MOU shall be in writing.



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Notice to Cal Poly Humboldt: Cal Poly Humboldt
1 Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521

Notice to Trinidad Rancheria: Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the
Trinidad Rancheria
P.O. Box 630
Trinidad, CA 95570

The partnership between Cal Poly Humboldt and the Trinidad Rancheria is made for the purposes set forth below and entered into as of the date of the last Party signature below.

WHEREAS Cal Poly Humboldt recognizes that their campus and educational facilities are located on the ancestral homelands of Northern California's Native Nations, which include the Trinidad Rancheria ancestral lands; and,

WHEREAS the Trinidad Rancheria desires to collaborate meaningfully with Cal Poly Humboldt to strengthen and formalize an educational partnership which will set the framework for supporting the Trinidad Rancheria's planning and development goals; and,

WHEREAS the Trinidad Rancheria has completed an extensive strategic planning process that led to the development of the Trinidad Rancheria Marine and Climate Resiliency Program; and,

WHEREAS the Trinidad Rancheria and Cal Poly Humboldt agree that strengthening the educational innovations, experiential career opportunities, and scientific research capabilities is vital for future growth and development of the Tribe's Marine Program; and,

WHEREAS this Memorandum of Understanding will formalize the ongoing communication and collaboration between the Trinidad Rancheria and Cal Poly Humboldt and provide the vehicle for establishing project-specific goals and objectives as agreed-upon.

THEREFORE, By the consideration set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties agree as follows:



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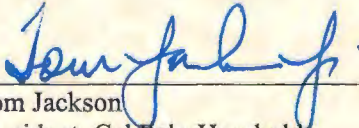
Participating Joint Agreement

Participating Parties will regularly meet for consultation to develop and implement the following:

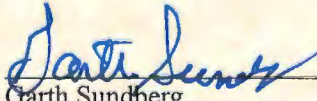
- A. Promote and preserve Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)
- B. Partner to protect vulnerable marine ecosystems, including species of ecological and cultural significance, and foster community-wide well-being
- C. Strengthen communication between Parties for reciprocal research and innovation
- D. Support the Indigenous Marine Stewardship Area
- E. Build Tribal workforce trained for marine and climate resiliency careers
- F. Support the development of the Tribe's Marine and Climate Resiliency Programs, and further expansion of the Natural Resources Department
- G. Develop Addendums that specify projects to be completed under this MOU

Responsibilities of Cal Poly Humboldt

- A. Strengthen the structure for faculty and students seeking to partner with Tribes
- B. Honor Tribe's data sovereignty
- C. Coordinate and support on-going collaborative efforts between the Tribes, Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab, and TEK Institute
- D. Establish responsible communication and research methods based on reciprocity and respect, including collaboration and research through the Telonicher Marine Lab.
- E. Support Tribe with resources and capacity-building to provide assistance with projects
- F. Provide outreach to and opportunities for Tribal high school students to engage in skills-building
- G. Establish consistent meetings and communication with Tribe
- H. Contribute scientific recommendations, facilities, materials, supplies, educational research, and technical expertise through partnerships
- I. Coordinate educational and experiential career opportunities for Tribal youth to learn and participate in relevant cultural activities and/or scientific research
- J. Utilize and strengthen resources of ITEPP (Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program) and INRSEP (Indian Natural Resources, Science and Engineering Program) in support of Native student success, specifically in STEM
- K. Support Native students and alumni of all majors.



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President, Cal Poly Humboldt



Garth Sundberg
Chairman, Cher-Ae Heights
Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria