**Native Voices on Traditional Ecological Knowledge and**

**How It Informs Advocacy**

**November 14, 2023**

**Panelist Links**

Secretary Speaker Series: <https://resources.ca.gov/About-Us/Secretary-Speaker-Series>

Secretary Wade Crowfoot: <https://resources.ca.gov/About-Us/Who-We-Are/Secretary-for-Natural-Resources>

Native American Heritage Month –<https://resources.ca.gov/nativeamericanheritagemonth>

**Ron Montez Sr., Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians**

<https://www.bvrancheria.com/>

Ronald Montez Sr., tribal elder of the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians has been working as a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at Big Valley Rancheria for 5 years. He also carries the responsibility of preserving the tribes’ language, ceremonies, history and culture.

Op-ed: Saving This Fish Means Saving Our Tribe’s Future by Ron Montez, Sr. and Jeanine Pfeifer- <https://civileats.com/2023/06/28/op-ed-saving-this-fish-means-saving-our-tribes-future/>

Los Angeles Times Clear Lake Hitch - <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2022-12-06/a-minnow-sacred-to-some-native-americans-nears-extinction>

**Amanda O’Connell, Council Member Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation**

Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation: <https://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/>

Bio: <https://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/213/Amanda-OConnell>

Amanda O’Connell previously worked for the Nation as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) coordinator. In this role, Amanda worked daily on the protection of our sacred lands and natural resources as well as the return of our ancestors and cultural items from museums. Near and dear to Amanda’s heart are public health and wellness, economic diversification, re-establishment of tribal hunting/gathering/fishing rights, protection of cultural/natural resources and creating more opportunities for tribal youth. Along with being a steward of our cultural landscapes Amanda practices various art forms including traditional basket weaving, regalia and jewelry making, graphic design and painting.

Nvn-nvst-'aa~-ta (Department of Natural Resources) -

<https://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/172/NVN-NVST-AA-TA-DEPARTMENT-OF-NATURAL-RES>

**Diania L. Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers' Association, San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians**

California Indian Basketweavers' Association - <https://ciba.org/>

**Bio:** Diania is a member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. She has served multiple terms on the Board, being first elected in 2001 and has served as CIBA’s Treasurer for over 15 years. Diania works with several San Diego county-based tribes and schools, teaching basketweaving history and workshops. She currently represents CIBA as a member of the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC), a group which consists of tribal representatives from across the United States who are concerned about pesticides and its uses in Indian Country.

<https://ciba.org/meet-the-2023-board/>

Pesticides and Basketweavers - <https://ciba.org/ciba-policy-statement-on-pesticides/>

[Tribal Pesticide Program Council - Tribal Pesticide Program Council (tppcwebsite.org)](https://tppcwebsite.org/)

[Our Work - Tribal Pesticide Program Council (tppcwebsite.org)](https://tppcwebsite.org/our-work/)

[TPPC\_Status\_of\_Pesticides\_in\_Indian\_Country\_Report\_FINAL\_101720MIN\_Secured.pdf (SECURED) (tppcwebsite.org)](https://tppcwebsite.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/TPPC_Status_of_Pesticides_in_Indian_Country_Report_FINAL_101720MIN_Secured.pdf)

**Geneva E. B. Thompson, Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs, CNRA**

<https://resources.ca.gov/About-Us/Who-We-Are/Deputy-Secretary-for-Tribal-Affairs>