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## **Statements regarding Native American Claims to Diablo Lands**

Hello members of the CEC and CPUC,

My name is Ryan Pickering and I am a researcher at UC Berkeley

In my comment, I will be reading three statements of fact for the benefit the public

First Statement:

The 12000 acres surrounding Diablo Canyon Power Plant are the ancestral homelands of yak tityu tityu yak tahini Northern Chumash Tribe. This group, known locally as ytt Tribe, has been honored by the Governor's office to restore one of their ancestral villages near the plant. According to CPUC records, on June 3rd 2021, ytt Tribe applied to purchase Diablo Lands as part of the CPUC's Tribal Lands Transfer Policy. Ytt Tribe has proposed a land stewardship plan in partnership with the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, CalPoly University and the local economic development group called REACH

Second Statement:

New law SB 846 to Extend Diablo Operations states in clause (v)  
"The efforts to transfer lands owned by the operator and Eureka Energy shall not be impeded by the extension of the operation of the Diablo Canyon powerplant."  
As of July 2021, before SB 846 was passed, ytt Tribe was in talks with PGE and the CPUC in an effort to reclaim their ancestral homeland. According to the language of the law, those efforts should be protected.

Third Statement:

There is a nonprofit group called Northern Chumash Tribal Council. As established by a 2017 court case, this group is not a tribal council nor are its members indigenous people to the area. This group is impersonating tribal identity in order to benefit from groups seeking indigenous consent for development in the region.

The CEC and CPUC should be aware of this duplicity and disregard this group's input regarding Diablo Canyon and other local development. The Native American Heritage Commission, who includes this duplicitous group on their .gov website, should be called into question.

Individuals that falsely recognize this duplicitous group as a California tribal group are mistaken, and should reconsider their position in order to avoid further violence and colonization of California indigenous people. Elected officials who have falsely recognized this duplicitous group include State Senator John Laird.

Ytt tribe can be reached for comment on these facts at [info@yttnorthernchumash.org](mailto:info@yttnorthernchumash.org)  
I want to thank the CEC and CPUC for their commitment to truth, social justice and clean energy in California

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