

## Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the California State University, Sacramento has determined that:

- The one cultural item described above is reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and is believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual.
- The 28 cultural items described above have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group or culture itself, rather than property owned by an individual.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the cultural items and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

## Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after July 17, 2023. If competing requests for repatriation are received, California State University, Sacramento must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. California State University, Sacramento is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribe identified in this notice.

**Authority:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.8, 10.10, and 10.14.

Dated: June 6, 2023.

**Melanie O'Brien,**

*Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Notice of Inventory Completion: California State University, Sacramento, Sacramento, CA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), California State University, Sacramento has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice. The human remains were removed from Tuolumne County, CA.

**DATES:** Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after July 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Dianne Hyson, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819, telephone (916) 278-6504, email [dhyson@csus.edu](mailto:dhyson@csus.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of California State University, Sacramento. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by California State University, Sacramento.

### Description

Human remains representing, at minimum, one individual, were removed from Cave Man Cave, in Tuolumne County, CA. The documentation associated with these ancestral remains is limited. Possibly, Louis Payen collected the human remains in the 1960s, during his cave survey work in the vicinity. In 2022, the University of California, Riverside (UC Riverside) informed California State University, Sacramento that human remains from Cave Man Cave were at UC Riverside and were believed to be under the control of California State University, Sacramento. (It is not known who sent these human remains to UC

Riverside or when, but they were likely sent for radiocarbon dating.) In June of 2022, these human remains were returned to California State University, Sacramento. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

### Cultural Affiliation

The human remains in this notice are connected to one or more identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures. There is a relationship of shared group identity between the identifiable earlier groups, tribes, peoples, or cultures and one or more Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. The following types of information were used to reasonably trace the relationship: anthropological, archeological, geographical, historical, and expert opinion.

### Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the California State University, Sacramento has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains in this notice and the Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

### Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after July 17, 2023. If competing requests for repatriation are received, California State University, Sacramento must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request

and not competing requests. California State University, Sacramento is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes identified in this notice.

**Authority:** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, 10.10, and 10.14.

Dated: June 6, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice To Solicit Comments and Hold Public Scoping Meetings on the Development of Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has directed the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to develop post-2026 Colorado River reservoir operational guidelines and strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (referred to as "post-2026 operations"). Several important reservoir and water management decisional documents and agreements that govern operation of Colorado River facilities and management of Colorado River water are currently scheduled to expire at the end of 2026. Through this **Federal Register** notice, Reclamation is formally initiating the process to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the development of post-2026 operations.

**DATES:** This **Federal Register** notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Reclamation requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of specific operational guidelines, strategies, and any other issues that should be considered on or before August 15, 2023.

Reclamation will host three virtual public meetings/webinars to provide summary information and receive oral comments:

- Monday, July 17, 2023, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (MDT)
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (MDT)
- Monday, July 24, 2023, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (MDT)

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments pursuant to this notice to [crbpost2026@usbr.gov](mailto:crbpost2026@usbr.gov) or Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: Post-2026 (Mail Stop 84-55000), P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225.

The registration link for the webinar held on Monday, July 17, 2023, is [https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-hvFoMcRJ-I98k4n7-GvQ](https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-hvFoMcRJ-I98k4n7-GvQ), or the dial in option (audio only) is (602) 753-0140 or (720) 928-9299; Webinar ID: 918 5524 0606.

The registration link for the webinar held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, is [https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sbSwzBJhQ66Z-E65TGXX1g](https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sbSwzBJhQ66Z-E65TGXX1g), or the dial in option (audio only) is (602) 753-0140 or (720) 928-9299; Webinar ID: 963 7946 3234.

The registration link for the webinar held on Monday, July 24, 2023, is [https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_r0ozNRpmRu-hmEpYxe0-Qg](https://swca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r0ozNRpmRu-hmEpYxe0-Qg), or the dial in option (audio only) is (602) 753-0140 or (720) 928-9299; Webinar ID: 949 1587 3150.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amanda Erath, Colorado River Post-2026 Program Coordinator, Bureau of Reclamation, at (303) 445-2766, or by email at [crbpost2026@usbr.gov](mailto:crbpost2026@usbr.gov). Please also visit the project website at <https://www.usbr.gov/ColoradoRiverBasin/Post2026Ops.html>. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that Reclamation intends to prepare an EIS for post-2026 operations and conduct public scoping. Reclamation is issuing this **Federal Register** notice pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA, 43 CFR parts 1500 through 1508; and the Department of the Interior (Department or Interior) NEPA regulations, 43 CFR part 46.

#### Background

The Colorado River Basin has been in a prolonged period of drought and low-

runoff conditions, and despite current projections of 2023 runoff being well above average, the period from 2000 through 2023 is currently estimated as the second driest period in more than a century and one of the driest periods in the last 1,200 years. From 2000 to 2004, Lake Powell and Lake Mead lost nearly half of their combined storage. The onset of this period of acute drought spurred the development of the 2007 Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (2007 Interim Guidelines). Over the past 15 years since the adoption of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, as drought and low-runoff conditions continued, additional responsive actions were needed to complement the 2007 Interim Guidelines (e.g., 2019 Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)). At the end of 2026, a number of reservoir and water management decisional documents and agreements that govern the operation of Colorado River facilities and management of the Colorado River are scheduled to expire. These include the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the DCP, and other important management documents within the United States, as well as Minute 323 between the United States and Mexico pursuant to the United States-Mexico Treaty on Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande (1944 Water Treaty).

Since 2021, the Department has undertaken several actions to protect critical infrastructure in response to declining reservoir elevations and the deepening of drought conditions from 2020 to 2022. As the summer of 2022 ended with near record low elevations in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the Department recognized that, absent a change in hydrologic conditions, water use patterns, or both, Colorado River reservoirs would continue to decline to critically low elevations before the 2007 Interim Guidelines expired. In order to modify guidelines for the operation of Glen Canyon and Hoover Dam for the remainder of the interim period (through 2026) to address these historic drought and low runoff conditions in the Basin, the Department initiated a NEPA process on November 17, 2022, to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Near-term Colorado River Operations. The draft SEIS was released for public review on April 14, 2023. In light of the Lower Basin states' consensus-based system conservation proposal submitted on May 22, 2023, the Department temporarily withdrew the draft SEIS so