Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Introductions:

1. Chris Browder welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He described today’s meeting as “mostly getting started business.” This business included the presentation of the charter and purpose of the council, meeting structure and staff roles, and logistics such as bathroom locations, lunch options, etc.

2. Introductions of council members and CAL FIRE and Native American Heritage Commission staff who were present. Introduced Helge Eng, Deputy Director for Resource Management.

3. Helge Eng welcomed everyone and stated that Director Pimlott could not be here because he was in Arizona on business; otherwise he would have been. He said that this was a timely reconstitution of the council and that he hoped for good attendance. He stated we do not have clear answers for everything that relates to the drought, fire frequency, etc. and that we were looking for new and innovative ideas. He acknowledged the importance of traditional ecological knowledge and the problems created historically by fire suppression.

4. Chief Eng then spoke about the fact that CAL FIRE does not manage much land with the main exception being the state forest system. He mentioned we would be adding to the state forests with the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council presently involved in PG&E land acquisitions. He noted that our primary activities involved the suppression of wild fires and enforcement of forest practice regulations.

5. Chief Eng finished his introduction by noting that Native American culture is alive and well in California and that working together will benefit us both and stating we were looking for ideas to improve our forest management.
6. Matthew Reischman, Assistant Deputy Director of Resource Management welcomed the council and stated this meeting and the NAAC were very important to us to help us improve our activities. He indicated we were looking for direction regarding Native American concerns and that the council is important in helping us protect cultural resources.

7. Chief Eng spoke up and pointed out this was an important group because they have a direct line to the director. He brought up the recent increase in fuel reduction activities throughout the state and that this was a place the council might help improve and increase efficiency.

8. Ann Bierly asked about contact information for meeting participants. Chris Browder said that a mailing list would be sent out to all members.

Opening Business:

1. Chris Browder went over some council-related business matters
   a. Website link to NAAC. This is up on the CAL FIRE website, go to Resource Management link on homepage, then to Archaeology link to find it. Useful information to council members and others, meeting information, minutes, and updates will be posted here (http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/archaeology-advisory_council).
   b. Bagley-Keen Act. He explained that the council meetings are subject to this act, which relates to public meetings and that he had provided each member with a copy they can read to familiarize themselves with. Cautioned members to not discuss NAAC business in any violation of it.
   c. The NAAC charter (item #3 on the agenda today). He stated the council is meant to help CAL FIRE’s mission to protect life, property, and resources—especially protecting resources.
      i. He pointed out there are nine voting members on the council and that six are here today (one more, Tim Hayden arrived short time later). In addition, there are two non-voting agency members.
      ii. A quorum is needed to conduct any official NAAC business and a quorum is more than 50% of the council membership. Since we have six (later seven) we have a quorum today.
      iii. He also clarified that if a voting member was unable to attend, they can designate a substitute.
   d. Chris said the council has a quorum and must select a chairperson and vice-chairperson today.
   e. Also, the council should meet two to four times per year in a public setting subject to the Bagley-Keen Act. Meetings will follow the Sturgis Parliamentary procedures guidelines with formal motions and votes carried by a majority. He noted that confidentiality issues with cultural resources may be problematic under Bagley-Keene, but we will sort that out if and when problems arise.
   f. Meeting agenda will be developed by the chairperson in consultation with the other members of the council and with CAL FIRE staff.
   g. Chief Browder then went over NAAC travel expenses explaining members go through him for reimbursement by providing receipts to him in a timely manner. A short discussion followed concerning details of expense reimbursement.
h. He then briefly reiterated the goals and objectives of the NAAC and that the council was required to provide the director with an annual report at the end of the year.

2. Ann Brierty asked Chris to explain how and when the NAAC began. He explained it was created in 1994 as an advisory committee to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and it acted as such until 1999. In 2002, the Native American Advisory Council was created to assist the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in protecting Native American cultural resources during timber harvests, fuels reduction projects and other activities. This group was active until 2006 when budget issues forced the state to reduce expenses, and the NAAC meetings were curtailed. In the meantime, the NAAC remained dormant until 2017 when it was decided to reconstitute it due to improving fiscal circumstances and in recognition of the importance the council can bring in helping the agency with decision-making and project implementation.

3. Ann then asked what the council was doing before the NAAC went dormant. I (Gerrit) was a non-voting agency member of the NAAC at that time and answered that the council was primarily involved with fire issues, especially how Native American’s could become more involved on wildfires. A second area of concern was Native American gathering rights and permits for collecting plant materials in the state forests.

4. Kevin Gaines and Ann Brierty asked if we could provide the current council with copies of the old minutes from past NAAC meetings. Chris Browder promised to provide these to each of the council members.

5. Chris continued with a short history of CAL FIRE’s archaeology program. He noted that it was created by Dan Foster in the 1980s and has now grown into a staff of nine professional archaeologists, with himself acting as program manager. He also serves as the department’s historic preservation officer and as the tribal liaison.

6. Chris then re-iterated the issue with the Bagley-Keene legislation and the NAAC. Because CAL FIRE is a public agency and the NAAC acts as an advisory board to it, all the business the council does is subject to public participation, including timely notification of meetings and provisions required for those persons with special needs if needed for their attendance. He also noted that members must be careful about conducting NAAC business outside of our official meetings, including in email messages and at social gatherings.

7. Chris then went back to the NAAC charter, explaining the council membership included not only the nine representatives of tribal communities, but also two non-voting agency members. One of these is CAL FIRE’s Deputy Director of Resource Management, Helge Eng, although he may appoint a substitute for attending meetings. The other non-voting member is the Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission. Debbie Treadway is acting in this capacity until someone is appointed to that position following the recent retirement of Cynthia Gomez. Chris Browder will act as staff for NAAC business issues and the CAL FIRE archaeologists will serve as subject matter experts.

8. Chris once again went over travel logistics and then briefly discussed the disposition of the meeting minutes. These will be posted on the NAAC weblink in the Archaeology Program link under Resource Management on the public pages of the official CAL FIRE website (http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/archaeology-advisory_council). Posting will occur after approval at the beginning of the next council meeting. Draft copies of the minutes will be
sent out to each meeting participant via e-mail after they are completed. Participants can make changes to the draft of the minutes as needed.

9. Council member Tim Hayden from the Yurok tribe arrived and introduced himself, apologizing for his late arrival. Introductions were made again around the room to identify each of us to Tim.

10. Chris Browder introduced today’s agenda items. These included review of the department’s Native American Tribal Communities Relations Policy, Assembly Bill 52 and recent changes to CEQA concerning Native American cultural resources, a recent consultation memo, CAL FIRE’s Archaeological Review Procedures for CAL FIRE Projects, which is currently under review, and provisions in the 2017 Forest Practice Act and Rulebook. He also spoke of the tribal relations training CAL FIRE has done in the past and how this sort of training might be helpful in clarifying how we communicate with tribes. He said that NAAC advice on this would be helpful and future training would follow whatever decisions were made.

Council Business:

1. The first order of official NAAC business (item #4 on agenda) was to select a chairperson.
   a. Kevin Gaines made a motion to nominate Ed Hadfield chairperson.
      i. Gary Walker seconded the motion.
         A. There were no additional nominations and no discussion.
         B. A vote was taken, six ayes and zero opposed; motion passed.
           i. Ed Hadfield appointed chairman by unanimous vote.

2. Nominations were opened for vice-chairperson.
   a. Robert Smith moved to nominate Gary Walker as vice-chair.
      i. ________seconded.
         A. No additional nominations; no discussion.
         B. Vote taken, six ayes and zero opposed; motion passed.
           i. Gary Walker appointed vice-chairman by unanimous vote.

3. The next order of business was to schedule meeting dates for 2018.
   a. Chairman Hadfield opened up this topic for discussion.
      i. Chief Gaines said we should hold quarterly meetings.
      ii. A short discussion ensued between Robert Smith, Gary Walker, and Chairman Hadfield about moving meeting locations around the state.
      iii. Chief Browder interjected that we should set the location issue aside for now and concentrate on meeting dates. He will research locations and facilities.
         A. After discussion, the dates of April 19, August 16, and November 15 were selected.

4. Next order of business was to develop an agenda for next meeting.
   a. Chairman Hadfield started by saying we need to check on the protocols for circulating the agenda due to Bagley-Keene, but that he wanted a collaborative effort that would maximize the use of time and make for an efficient agenda.
   b. Discussion followed with agenda topics suggested by various participants.
      i. Robert Smith expressed concern with bulldozers used on fires with no tribal representation.
ii. Bill Tripp described an existing MOU between the Karok, Hoopa, and Yurok tribes and the U.S. Forest Service that is being revised. It concerns the Incident Command structure and integrating Native American involvement.

iii. Chairman Hadfield mentioned the need for outreach to the Incident Command Management Teams and especially his concern for tribal resources that might be located outside of historic territorial boundaries.
   A. Chris Browder said this is an ongoing issue and that the annual Tribal Historic Preservation Officer-State Historic Preservation Officer conference, and the NAAC provide good formats to address this.

iv. Ann Brierty stated we need clear goals and objectives to come from these meetings. She gave examples of training (tribal perspective vs. CAL FIRE perspective; red card training) and confidentiality problems as areas we could work on. She indicated it was important to have an established tribal contact person who knows the resources at risk.
   A. Chief Gaines said that historically the pattern on tribal fires was to contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but the bureau did not know this sort of information because they do not contact the tribes.
   B. He further said this was a collaborative arrangement and that today there are many vacancies in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He thinks we need to develop our own contacts.
   C. Chief Gaines also commented on the sensitive nature of some cultural sites and the need to be able to respond quickly when needed. In order to respond quickly, people must be prepared beforehand.

v. Bill Tripp described the Incident Qualifications and Certification System Cultural Specialist qualification and tribal certification that is in the MOU that tribes have with the U.S. Forest Service in northern California. He also mentioned the “territorial scale” to which this MOU applies.

vi. Chairman Hadfield asked if the council would like to see the MOU. The answer from all was “yes.”

vii. Tim Hayden stated that the Yurok has a similar MOU, which has a tribal designated cultural specialist and that applies to tribal lands both on and off the reservation.

viii. Tim further emphasized the importance of formalizing relationships through these MOUs and the fact that cultural resources includes natural resources of significance to Native Americans, as well as archaeological sites. He said a good goal for this group (the council) would be to determine how other tribes can develop MOUs to address these concerns.

ix. Chairman Hadfield pointed out the council reports to CAL FIRE and should have no territorial concerns.

x. Bill Tripp noted that tribal concerns with wildfires do not need to be formalized into an MOU. An alternative approach is using the existing master mutual aid format. Any fire protection entity can enter into local agreements, regardless of whether or not they are a signatory. He said the master mutual aid system was undergoing template review right now and that signature of a tribe is required, but no tribal
involvement is mandatory. The Master Mutual Aid agreement template involves more than just mutual aid and that new language was being inserted into the new template to correct this.

xi. Chairman Hadfield reminded everyone that the key to Native American involvement was to establish and develop relationships with local CAL FIRE operational units. He also said that CAL FIRE team assignments can create problems because fires know no boundaries, and teams are assigned to go all over the state when the need arises.

xii. Chairman Hadfield then recapped the conversation so far. The primary goal here is to establish a collaborative relationship between tribes and fire agencies in order to address culturally sensitive issues and sensitive areas.

xiii. Ann Brierty again said we need to also revisit the goals of the previous NAAC.

5. Kevin Gaines made a motion to take a 10-minute break; motion was seconded.
   b. Return from break at 10:50 am.

6. Chris Browder, following up on the previous topic, stated that CAL FIRE’s Native American Tribal Communities Relations Policy might be a place we could put some language to enhance cooperation, especially in relation to planning before fires.
   a. Ann said there were some things she would like to see modified in this policy (but provided no specific examples).

7. Chairman Hadfield asked if there were any agenda items from CAL FIRE.
   a. Chris replied “yes” and proceeded to describe the roles of the Native American Heritage Commission and the Governor’s Office of the Tribal Advisor. He noted these groups have regular meetings, and they discussed the need for a tribal relations policy. Within this framework, state agencies are expected to interact with Native Americans in a government-to-government relationship. He also noted the roles of various CAL FIRE staff are spelled out in the department’s Native American Tribal Communities Relations Policy document.
      i. He believes this arrangement could provide guidelines for relationships between tribes and fire operations.
         A. He gave an example of an incident (the Tule Incident) that occurred on Yurok tribal and State Responsibility Area lands in which contaminated water was dropped onto a Native American dance site. Investigation determined this was a fire-side miscommunication. The outcome of this event was that Sacramento Headquarters needs to provide cultural sensitivity training to all CAL FIRE staff.
         B. Tim Hayden noted this type of training should be involved with and compliment tribal staff. He stated the U.S. Forest Service structure allows tribes to assist when issues occur. He added the question is how do tribes best work with CAL FIRE. He added the Yurok have their own emergency services department.
      ii. Chris said CAL FIRE trains internally through our operational units and through our training center. He indicated operational units could make contacts with tribes, and there are many levels of communication this could address.
         A. Chairman Hadfield asked how we would open this conversation?
B. Keven Gaines suggested incident command team meetings or the Tribal Fire Chief’s Association.

C. Ann asked about tribes that do not have fire departments and about non-federally recognized tribes? How do we connect with those tribes?

D. Chairman Hadfield said the appropriate place to open this conversation is at the operational unit level. He said unit chiefs should know who to contact. He added there are 109 recognized tribes in California and that the Tribal Chiefs Association is a statewide organization, and they could play a role.

E. Ann brought up the fact of unmapped or otherwise recorded sites and resources and the confidential nature of this information. She said tribes could provide general direction.

F. Gerrit Fenenga described his experience on the Mill Fire in Tehama County and the circumstance with the location of Ishi’s repatriated brain and tribal concerns over disclosing its location. In this case, six different tribes daily reviewed incident fire maps depicting fire lines, etc. As the incident archaeologist, Fenenga never learned of the exact location of concern, but was assured it was not affected by fire suppression activities.

I. Chief Hadfield observed that fire suppression can work with sensitive issues.

II. Bill Tripp said contact with the archaeological Information Centers is important, but so is intent. He advocated establishing communication and understanding the tribal importance of these. He described the “three-legged-stool” approach involving collaboration, strategic planning, and program alignment. He stated it all comes down to relationships and having a strategy. He indicated his tribe now has trainees out in front of heavy fire equipment operators.

8. Chairman Hadfield asked if there was any further discussion or conversation. With no response, he went back to CAL FIRE’s Native American Tribal Community Relations Policy.

a. Chris Browder explained he thought it could benefit from some revisions and mentioned our current expectations and that these should be realistic. He reminded us we are speaking of changing departmental policy and that any adjustments would have to go through CAL FIRE executive channels to effect changes.

i. Chairman Hadfield brought up training (cultural sensitivity training?) and that our policy will drive this.

ii. Chris Browder said we need statewide training associated with our tribal relations policy in order to get up-to-date.

iii. Bill Tripp followed, expressing a need for new training concerning the new Assembly Bill 52 definitions. He said we need the capability to provide examples and to engage in dialogue.

A. He went on to describe problems with root-rot disease on his tribal lands and that trees are not conventionally seen as cultural resources. He re-iterated that cultural resources to tribes involves more than just archaeology, but also other resources.
iv. Tim Hayden agreed stating “natural resources can be cultural resources” and giving bear grass as an example.

b. Chris Browder said tribes may need to help operational units with this and that engaging with them is where you will make progress.

c. Chairman Hadfield mentioned training delivery and said operational unit-level local expertise is needed, versus a state-wide approach.

d. He continued stating that after lunch we could work on some goals of the council and perhaps establishing some working group assignments, to work on terminology for example.

i. Tim Hayden gave some other examples of tribal concerns including conducting culturally sensitive post-fire fire suppression repair, arson prevention, fuels management and the planning and implementation of cultural burning.

ii. Chairman Hadfield noted the Rincon Band already does cultural burning and that that was a sovereign community issue.

iii. Tim said that on trust lands in northern California these are jointly managed. This involves tribes applying for burn permits. He would like to see a better system established.

e. Gary Walker pointed out that CAL FIRE’s fuels modification or management projects use conservation camp staff.

f. Chairman Hadfield said that ceremonial burning was becoming more common due to the aging population and he now sees two to three applications a month.

9. Chairman Hadfield asked if there were any other questions or comments on this topic; none were generated.

10. Chairman Hadfield next brought up the topic of integrating Native American advisement into executive decision making at CAL FIRE.

a. He noted that the California Highway Patrol has a tribal liaison at the executive level, and CAL FIRE could conceivably mirror them since this idea is not foreign to either state agencies or to those in emergency response.

b. He followed that given the importance of the NAAC to CAL FIRE, it should merit having relations at the executive level.

i. Debbie Treadway agreed, saying this gave Native Americans an opportunity to talk with decision makers.

b. Chris Browder reminded the council that the existing Tribal Community Relations Policy lists specific responsibilities for CAL FIRE, and this might be one way to get there.

d. It was suggested that CAL FIRE could establish partnerships with tribes similar to the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Pacific Gas and Electric, etc.

i. Chairman Hadfield asked for clarification-- who establishes these relationships?

A. Chris Browder said CAL FIRE and the Native American Heritage Commission.

e. Tim Hayden repeated his “three-legged stool” analogy and said this is an important piece of it.

11. Chairman Hadfield asked if all the tribes in California knew of the NAAC.

a. Chris Browder responded that announcement and invitation query letters were sent to all of the tribes on our contact list, which amounted to about 140 letters.
b. Chairman Hadfield asked about outreach to the Tribal Chairman’s Association and informed us that Gary Walker (who is on the council) was chairman of that organization.
   i. Chris Browder told the group that he had solicited advice from the Governor’s Office of the Tribal Advisor and that was to use our existing contact list.

c. Chairman Hadfield emphasized the importance of the council being the voice for tribes not represented on the NAAC.
   i. Debbie Treadway asked if CAL FIRE had the capabilities to use “live streaming” or a webinar for our meetings for other parties to engage with us.
   ii. Chairman Hadfield said we should provide a point of contact for other voices.
   iii. Debbie followed, stating it was important to also include non-federally recognized tribes.

12. It was now 12:10 pm. A motion was made to break for lunch; motion seconded.
   a. One hour lunch.

   a. Absent were council members Robert Smith and Tim Hayden. Tim arrived a short time later; Robert Smith did not.

14. The afternoon began with Chief Gaines asking if the NAAC had an official logo, such as could be used on letterhead for official business, etc.
   a. Chris Browder said there is not and that the NAAC is an advisory committee to CAL FIRE and we would use CAL FIRE logo on letterhead on behalf of the council.

15. Chairman Hayfield asked Chris Browder if he had anything else to discuss following the morning’s agenda.
   a. Chris said we should review the goals of the NAAC we have identified so far.
      i. The first of these was for the NAAC to provide suggested edits to the Native American Tribal Communities Relations Policy. He asked that the document be reviewed by the council and suggested edits submitted to him. The CAL FIRE executive staff would then review these and then accepted changes would be made.
         A. Ann Brierty asked how they would be making suggestions for changes.
            I. The answer was that CAL FIRE would send the original document out electronically and members could make changes to these and send them back. Chris would compile the suggestions, the council would review them during upcoming meetings, and eventually, the document would be forwarded through the chain of command to CAL FIRE executive staff for review and approval.
            II. If any issues arise, these will be dealt with as needed.
      ii. The second goal Chris identified was for the NAAC to provide a framework for training related to our Tribal Communities Relations Policy.
         A. He asked: How can CAL FIRE best meet its mission to meet and work effectively with tribes?
            I. Chairman asked if we could use “Survey Monkey” to solicit responses and help drive our goals and objectives?
               A. Debbie Treadway pointed out that different tribes have different needs and this needs to be controlled in any survey.
B. Chairman Hadfield spoke of “original data” collection, with the example of knowing what specific region does your tribe recognize? These kinds of data help establish efficiency.

II. Discussion ensued regarding how to address tribal coverage areas.
   • Tim Hayden brought up CAL FIRE’s statewide organization with 2 Regions and 21 Units.
   • Chris Browder and Chairman Hadfield discussed geographic designators, as well as using counties or the regional divisions used by the Office of Emergency Services.
   • **Chairman Hadfield said it was important to use factual data and suggested this as an agenda item for the next meeting.**
     o Debbie described various mapping formats used by the Native American Heritage Commission and that she could provide some assistance obtaining maps depicting tribal distributions in California.

16. Tim Haden went back to re-capping the morning’s goals.
   a. He mentioned developing a framework to protect cultural resources during fire suppression activities, including both:
      i. Pre-fire planning
      ii. Fire suppression operations.
   b. Next, he said we need to examine how to promote agreements between CAL FIRE and tribes.
   c. Another goal he described was updating the California Master Fire Agreement to reflect CAL FIRE’s Tribal Community Relations Policy.
      i. Chairman Hadfield said we need to track down the current status of this.
      ii. Chief Matthew Reischman said we can get a status report.
         A. Chairman Hadfield asked who authors this report?
         B. Chief Reischman indicated it was done by a committee pursuant to the “Stafford Act” and that it includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Department of Water Resources, etc.
      iii. Chris Browder noted that our tribal liaison was underused and tended to be more reactive than proactive. He thinks the NAAC could use this position to proactively.
   d. Tim said he would like to expand the use of fire for ecological management.
      i. Chris commented on a comparison of “we do this” tribes versus “we want to do this” tribes.
      ii. Chairman Hadfield said the Rincon Band uses their own traditional practices, but applies modern safety measures.
         A. He suggested developing a “best practice” procedure and emphasized the importance of establishing a “comfort level” that the tribe is comfortable with when conducting these burns. He then briefly mentioned ceremonial mortuary burning as an example.
      iii. Tim spoke of “landscape level” management and the need to promote support and cooperation for this. He thought it would be helpful if the council could articulate
this. He observed that within the California Master Fire Agreement framework, little things can make a big difference. For example, he cited the use of the word “among” versus “between” in agreement documents. These issues can filter throughout the system and cause unexpected consequences.

iv. Chief Gaines said that we need a general policy for ceremonial and other cultural burning.
   A. Bill Tripp said that notification takes place for his tribe’s annual renewal ceremony fires.

v. Chairman Hadfield stated the issue of sovereignty is paramount and might have some implications.

e. Tim next suggested we might want to revisit our policies for post-fire rehabilitation on both tribal and non-tribal lands. He mentioned concern over fisheries, forests, greenhouse gases, the decommissioning of roads and other problems. He also mentioned the lack of resources for post-fire repair.
   i. Ann Brierty said that it was important to address this. She asked who do you go to?
   ii. She next described problems with leaving archaeological site damage open.

f. Tim brought up the problems being generated by cannabis cultivation.

17. Chairman Hadfield said we should be able to provide a “best practices” approach as we identify issues. He then outlined the scenario of 1) preparation followed by 2) planning, followed by 3) response and then 4) recovery as a model format.

18. Matthew Reischman explained the California Master Fire Agreement and that CAL FIRE focuses on damage from fire suppression (not from the fire itself), and that the federal land managing agencies follow our lead.
   a. He said that because of differences in ownership, this is where we might have an opportunity to define tribal interests.
   b. Chairman Hayfield said that on fee lands (= private property) within tribal lands basic fire services are provided.
      i. There are lots of local agreements made with local entities and the tribes could explore this.
      ii. He then said to approach this at the operational unit level to compensate for regional variation.
   c. Tim commented on the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ approach.
      i. He said the Bureau of Indian Affairs and CAL FIRE have cooperative agreements, but the tribes are not participants.
         A. There is room for improvement and the NAAC could make recommendations.
   d. Chris Browder cited CAL FIRE’s Native American Tribal Community Relations Policy, which states under Objectives on page #2, second paragraph that where appropriate there should be tribal involvement. It also states in the third paragraph that we should “…work with tribes to resolve impediments.”
      i. He then briefly went over the history of CAL FIRE’s Archaeology Program and its involvement with developing the NAAC and its charter, as well as our Native American Tribal Community Relations Policy. He spoke of Dan Foster’s original contributions, followed by those of Chris Zimny, and then himself.
ii. Matt Reischman noted that the policy is geared toward CAL FIRE projects more than it is toward wild fire suppression.
   A. Chris countered that the policy objectives clearly expand beyond wild fires.

19. Chairman Hadfield made a motion to take a 5-minute break; motion seconded and passed.
   a. Break

20. Chairman Hadfield called the meeting back to order.

21. Chairman Hadfield indicated we needed to summarize our agenda items and all resulting action items.
   a. Chris Browder listed off eight different items:
      i. He would send out the council roster (mailing list) to all members.
      ii. He would provide expense information to the council members.
      iii. He would provide historical notes and minutes from previous NAAC meetings.
      iv. He would research locations around the state for the next meeting.
      v. He would investigate possible outreach mechanisms for tribes to inform them of NAAC activities. He said all contact in this regard would go through him.
      vi. He offered to investigate the best way to divide the state geographically in a manner that will be most efficient and effective. This likely would be developed in consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission.
      vii. He will work on developing a survey instrument for tribes around the state to assess tribal needs. He asked that the NAAC constituents send them their ideas and questions to help this process.
      viii. He will send out an electronic version of CAL FIRE’s Native American Tribal Communities Relations document to each council member.
   b. Overall, the goal here is to determine how CAL FIRE can serve the Native American community better.
      i. Chairman Hadfield said that better education through training would be helpful.

22. Tim Hayden said he would like to see a paragraph (= mission statement) describing the NAAC and its objectives relative to its goals.
   a. He also noted his experience with returns on community polls, which are usually very low. He cited a survey done by his tribe where out of 500 inquiries, a total of seven responses were received.
   b. Debbie Treadway commented there was a lot of variation between tribes, some of whom have staff while some do not.
      i. She suggested using a webinar for outreach as this was an open public meeting.

23. Debbie offered to search for maps showing cultural use areas, saying she would provide these to help the NAAC with its regional organization.

24. Debbie (or was it Tim) offered to obtain examples of MOUs tribes have with other agencies for the NAAC to review.
   a. Some may be in draft form.

25. Chris Browder stated that one of the primary goals we need to focus on is the revision of our Native American Tribal Community Relations Policy because this was elemental to other issues of concern to the NAAC.
a. **He will send out an electronic version of the document to each council member.** He would like comments back by April 1\textsuperscript{st} in order to be prepared for the next NAAC meeting scheduled for April 19\textsuperscript{th}.

26. Another goal to work on is developing a framework for protecting cultural resources on wildfires and during post-fire repair within the context of Native American concerns, notably sensitivity and confidentiality, but also natural habitat reconstruction.

27. Chairman Hadfield said all of this was “good for the order” and asked for any final comments.
   a. Tim Hayden expressed his appreciation for CAL FIRE’s efforts and the NAAC.
   b. Chairman Ed Hadfield echoed his comments.
   c. Ann Brierty also thanked CAL FIRE and said it was good for the state to get precedents set in policy to achieve best practices. She appreciates we are allowing for a tribal perspective and that this is a reversal from the past.

28. Chief Kevin Gaines made a motion to close meeting; Tim seconded; meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.