

Middletown Rancheria Community RISE Project

Lead Organization: Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California

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Sector: Working Lands and Blue Economy



Project Description

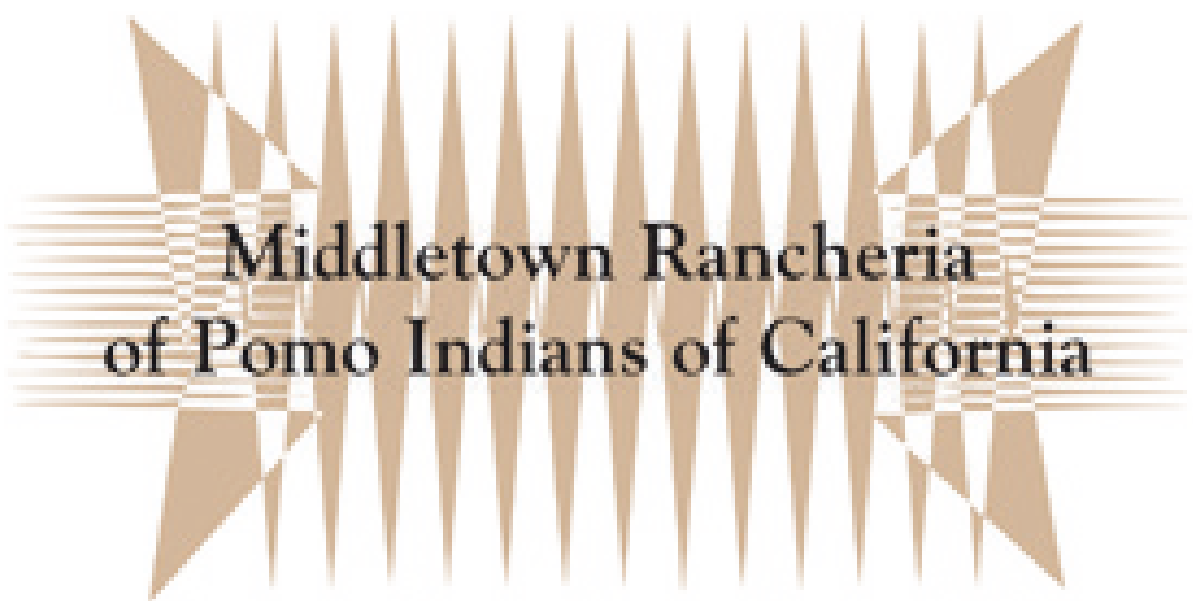
The goal of this project is strengthening Tribal self-determination through housing, energy, culture, and land stewardship. The project strengthens Tribal self-determination through a comprehensive Master Plan for long-term, Tribal-led development—integrating housing, energy, climate justice, cultural resiliency, youth programs, entrepreneurship, and land stewardship. Key priorities include the Barnes Street Housing Project to address post-fire housing needs; hydropower, geothermal, and renewable energy development; water system evaluation; a Tribal museum and a linguistic preservation program supported by Tribal Elder and Youth Culture Keepers; and a Youth Tribal Council guiding apprenticeships and mentoring programs.

Intended Outcomes

- Provide training and work experience to youth and adults.
- Train Tribal members in fuel reduction to help prevent wildfires.
- Host an EcoCultural Fuels Management training for non-Tribal agencies who engage in forestry and fuel reduction work.
- Provide drone training for Tribal members for land mapping.

Progress Update: Challenges & Achievements to Date

In June, 16 interns began their 8-week paid Youth Environmental Internship, gaining hands-on stewardship experience in activities ranging from maintaining the Tribal Community Garden and removing invasive scotch broom to seasonal creek and pond maintenance, CPR training, and an introduction to the Tribal Historic Preservation Department. Middletown also hosted a Cultural Resources Identification Training for Tribal members and staff, led by two archaeologists. The training aimed to deepen participants' understanding of different types of cultural resources, associated timelines, and how to identify them in the field.



Ways to Engage and Support the Project

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