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***From a Journal reader:***

Dear President Biden:

I am a woman of 86, cast my first Presidential ballot for John F. Kennedy and have been a strong Democrat my entire adult life. Why do I tell you this? Because I want to ask you to take an action that is not only fair but long past due.

Since the unchallenged proof that Mr. Peltier was convicted by falsified evidence, I have waited for a U.S. President to pardon Leonard Peltier. None has had the courage or political will to do so. As you exit a career highlighted by amazing contributions and battles won, one of your last actions could be to free this wrongly imprisoned old man; guilty only of standing up for his own community.

Thanking you, I remain



## Two Poems by William J. Connors

### Real Fear

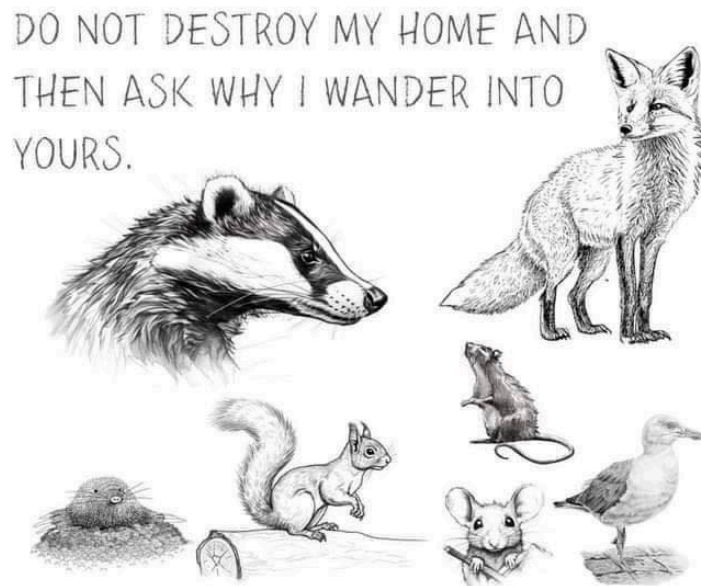
The sound of jingling  
Keys from a distance  
Coming closer to a cell  
With a man waiting  
For judgment to a crime  
He did not commit.  
Is  
The lust for vengeance  
In a system that doesn't  
Care who is to blame.  
For the crime that no one  
Saw. Only his pound of flesh  
They must consume to think  
Themselves whole.  
Under Justice is blind.

### Lonely Steps

The lonely road I walk each morning,  
the lonely steps I count each day,  
reminds me of a life belonging  
to a man, in prison, to stay.  
Each day is like a knife within me,  
cutting and slicing my memories gone by.  
Here before you sits a stranger, all we know and see.  
It is I so much tamer, not the monster, he has died.  
All they see is a criminal, the one they threw away,  
many years ago I figure, I can remember the dreadful day.  
A shot rang out from my hand, a gun I was part of,  
I fell a man, a kindred son, my prison life had just begun.  
I walk this road all in sorrow  
from conditions I have made.  
Once a man with dreams to borrow,  
from the family, I had stayed.

## Heinrich, Risch applaud House committee passage of their legislation to clean up abandoned mines

“U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Jim Risch (R-Idaho) applauded the passage of the House companion to their legislation, the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act, in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The legislation would make it easier for “Good Samaritans,” such as state agencies, local governments, nonprofits, and other groups, to clean up and improve water quality in and around abandoned hardrock mines. Heinrich and Risch hailed the Senate’s unanimous and bipartisan passage of the bill in July. But the bill still needs to pass in the House before it can go to the President to be signed into law. The House companion legislation is being led by U.S. Representatives Celeste Maloy (R-Utah) and Mary Peltola (D-Alaska). ... ” [Read more from YubaNe](#)



## California judges call for continuing education in face of climate-related litigation

“A panel of California judges emphasized the need for their colleagues to keep abreast of the latest developments in environmental law, regulations and science as increasingly more large and complex climate-related lawsuits come before them. “We are trying to keep up with the times,” Third Appellate District Justice Ronald Robie said at a meeting Friday of the California Judicial Council. **“Environmental law, water law and laws related to climate change is a critically and rapidly developing field.”** Given the complexity and the dynamic nature of environmental issues, understanding the applicable law is essential for judges that are tasked with interpreting and applying the law, Robie said in describing the significance of the Judicial Council’s environmental law education program. ... ” [Read more from the Courthouse News Service.](#)



2024	Fri	May 10	Native American Day	<a href="#">State Observance</a>	Wyoming
2024	Sun	Jun 2	Native American Day	<a href="#">State Holiday</a>	Arizona
2024	Sat	Sep 7	Native American Day	<a href="#">State Observance</a>	Delaware
2024	Fri	Sep 27	Native American Day	<a href="#">State Observance</a>	California, Nevada
2024	Mon	Oct 14	Native American Day	<a href="#">State Holiday</a>	South Dakota
2024	Mon	Oct 14	Native American Day	<a href="#">State Observance</a>	Oklahoma



### *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans are the original inhabitants of the territories that now constitute the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans have made invaluable contributions to the economic and cultural heritage of our nation, and continue to occupy a special place in the history of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver State is home to the Great Basin Native American tribes, the Washoe, Northern Paiute, Southern Paiute, Western Shoshone and Mojave which encompass 28 Tribal Nations, Bands and Colonies, each having unique traditions and identities spanning generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's Tribal Nations continue to promote the diversity and cultural vitality of the Silver State by ensuring that the story of Nevada's Tribal Nations is shared through oral histories, dance, native regalia, and traditional foods; and

**WHEREAS**, the culture, customs, and traditions of Nevada's Tribal Nations represent an integral component of our state's identity, and should be celebrated and preserved for the education and benefit of present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the great State of Nevada wishes to proudly recognize the outstanding contributions of Nevada's Indigenous people, commemorate the achievements of the Tribal Nations community in Nevada and invite all Nevadans to celebrate our state's Native American heritage, culture, and history;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE LOMBARDO, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,** do hereby proclaim September 27, 2024, as

#### NATIVE AMERICAN DAY IN NEVADA



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

By the Governor:  Governor

By  Secretary of State  
Deputy

## Lacey Troka

### 15 REMINDERS FROM THE ELDERS:

1. Get up with the sun to pray. Pray alone.
2. Be tolerant of those who have lost their way. Ignorance, presumption, anger, jealousy and greed come from a lost soul. Pray for them to find guidance.
3. Find yourself, by your own means. Do not let others make your path for you. It is your path, and only yours. Others may walk with you, but no one can make your way (or walk your path) for you.
4. Treat guests in your home with great consideration. Serve them the best food, give them the best bed and treat them with respect and honor.
5. Do not take what is not yours, whether from a person, a community, from the jungle or from a culture. It was not given or won. It is not yours.
6. Respect all the things that are on this earth, be they people, plants and animals.
7. Honor the thoughts, desires and words of all people. Never break them in, or make fun of them, or imitate them rudely. It gives each person the right to their personal expression.
8. Never talk about others in a bad way. The negative energy you put into the universe will multiply when it returns to you.
9. All people make mistakes. And all the mistakes can be forgiven.
10. Bad thoughts cause illness to the mind, body and spirit. Practice optimism.
11. Nature is not FOR us. It is PART of us. She's part of your family in the world.
12. Children are the seeds of our future. Sow love in your hearts and water them with wisdom and life lessons. When they grow up, just give them space to grow up.
13. Avoid hurting the hearts of others. The poison of their suffering will return to you.
14. Be true (transparent ) all the time. Honesty is the test of one's will in this universe.
15. Keep yourself balanced. Your Mental person, your Spiritual person, your Emotional person, and your Physical person: they all have the need to be strong, pure and healthy.

## Amber Torres

Feeling this now more than ever. Truly beautiful and so true. I am thankful and grateful for each and everyone of you. Continue to walk in beauty Blanketed in my ancestors prayers

## Wakeah Jhane Art“Blanketed in My Ancestors Prayers”

The blue that omits from the woman represents that even though she’s no longer physically in this world - Her prayers and her spirit have already been woven to blanket you always in love, keeping your heart warm and safeguarding you forever.

A piece I created over the summer this year - sold to a wonderful collector who cried every time she saw it and didn't want to part with it at Santa Fe Indian Market.



**European Colonialism Conquered Every Country in the World But These Five**  
 This map shows every country that's been colonized or conquered by Europe. It's virtually all of them.

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/map-european-colonialism-conquered-every-country-in-the-world-but-these-five?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab-en-us](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/map-european-colonialism-conquered-every-country-in-the-world-but-these-five?utm_source=pocket-newtab-en-us)





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## **Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper Review Draft Release**

understanding of EJ has evolved, resulting in an expansion of the **issue paper** to include **tribal justice**. At today's Council meeting, the Council will host a discussion regarding the findings and recommendations in the **draft tribal and environmental justice issue paper (issue paper)** released for **public review** on September 3, 2024.

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<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov > pdf > science-program > information-sheets > 2024-08-29-tribal-environmental-justice-paper-issues-information-sheet.pdf>


## **Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper: Current Issues**

Aug 29, 2024 **Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper: Current Issues. Public Review Draft** . Information Sheet. Introduction The Delta Stewardship Council's **public draft Tribal and Environmental Justice issue paper** summarizes Council staff's understanding of current **tribal and environmental justice (EJ) issues** within and around the Sacramento-San ...



<https://www.justice.gov > otj > media > 1352401 > dl?inline>

## **U.S. Department of Justice**

Indian/Alaska Native communities. A framing **paper** outlining **issues** for discussion and a **draft Tribal Environmental Justice** policy accompany this letter. Additionally, in accordance with E.O. 14096 the Department has been working on an EJ Strategic Plan, an overview of the **draft** Plan accompanies this letter. Share feedback about this site  <https://mye>



# Draft Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper

The Delta Stewardship Council has released the [public review draft](#) of its Tribal and Environmental Justice issue paper: *Tribal and Environmental Justice Issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: History and Current Perspectives*. The draft presents the Council's understanding of tribal and environmental justice issues in and around the Delta and recommends actions to better address those issues within the scope of the Council's mission, authority, and influence.

**The 60-day public comment period opens today, September 3, 2024.**

A public discussion will be held during the Council's **September 26, 2024**, meeting in Stockton, CA. Ideas generated during the September 26 discussion and comments emailed to [environmentaljustice@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:environmentaljustice@deltacouncil.ca.gov) or mailed to the following address by **November 4, 2024, at 5:00 PM**, will be considered for the final issue paper.

Delta Stewardship Council  
ATTN: Amanda Bohl  
715 P Street, 15-300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

More details, including information sheets, are available on the Council's [environmental justice web page](#).

Please note that tribal consultation requests will be mailed and emailed to tribes. If a tribe is interested in initiating consultation with the Council on the draft, they are encouraged to email the Council's Tribal Liaison at [tribal.liaison@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:tribal.liaison@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

Lea el [resumen ejecutivo](#) y la [hoja informativa del proyecto](#) en español.

[READ THE DRAFT PAPER](#)

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## President Andrew Johnson's Third State of the State Address

December 03, 1867

*This is an extremely long address, laying out his thoughts on "Reconstruction" which revolve around "honoring" the original Constitution, fiscal policy, hints of the gold-silver fights to come. However, no attention is paid to Article I, Section 8 and so "business as usual" in the West continued. It is a most absorbing read with many comments about corruption, etc., that could be lifted to the pages of 2024.*

*However,*

"The comprehensive report of the Secretary of the Interior furnishes interesting information in reference to the important branches of the public service connected with his Department. The menacing attitude of some of the warlike bands of Indians inhabiting the district of country between the Arkansas and Platte rivers and portions of Dakota Territory required the presence of

a large military force in that region. Instigated by real or imaginary grievances, the Indians occasionally committed acts of barbarous violence upon emigrants and our frontier settlements; but a general Indian war has been providentially averted. The commissioners under the act of 20th July, 1867, were invested with full power to adjust existing difficulties, negotiate treaties with the disaffected bands, and select for them reservations remote from the traveled routes between the Mississippi and the Pacific. They entered without delay upon the execution of their trust, but have not yet made any official report of their proceedings. It is of vital importance that our distant Territories should be exempt from Indian outbreaks, and that the construction of the Pacific Railroad, an object of national importance, should not be interrupted by hostile tribes. These objects, as well as the material interests and the moral and intellectual improvement of the Indians, can be most effectually secured by concentrating them upon portions of country set apart for their exclusive use and located at points remote from our highways and encroaching white settlements.”

“Since the commencement of the second session of the Thirty-ninth Congress 510 miles of road have been constructed on the main line and branches of the Pacific Railway. The line from Omaha is rapidly approaching the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, while the terminus of the last section of constructed road in California, accepted by the Government on the 24th day of October last, was but 11 miles distant from the summit of the Sierra Nevada. The remarkable energy evinced by the companies offers the strongest assurance that the completion of the road from Sacramento to Omaha will not be long deferred.’

“During the last fiscal year 7,041,114 acres of public land were disposed of, and the cash receipts from sales and fees exceeded by one-half million dollars the sum realized from those sources during the preceding year. The amount paid to pensioners, including expenses of disbursements, was \$18,619,956, and 36,482 names were added to the rolls. The entire number of pensioners on the 30th of June last was 155,474. Eleven thousand six hundred. and fifty-five patents and designs were issued during the year ending September 30, 1867, and at that date the balance in the Treasury to the credit of the patent fund was \$286,607.”

.....

“It will hardly be necessary to call the attention of Congress to the subject of providing for the payment to Russia of the sum stipulated in the treaty for the cession of Alaska. Possession having been formally delivered to our commissioner, the territory remains for the present in care of a military force, awaiting such civil organization as shall be directed by Congress.”

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/third-annual-message-10>

## **President Andrew Johnson’s Fourth “ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS”**

Given 9 December 1868

*Again, a fascinating read includes a fiscal and population history of the country, war debt since the Revolution, foreign affairs and much attention on the specie and depreicate paper of the US*

“Treaties with various Indian tribes have been concluded, and will be submitted to the Senate for its constitutional action. I cordially sanction the stipulations which provide for reserving lands for the various tribes, where they may be encouraged to abandon their nomadic habits and

engage in agricultural and industrial pursuits. This policy, inaugurated many years since, has met with signal success whenever it has been pursued in good faith and with becoming liberality by the United States. The necessity for extending it as far as practicable in our relations with the aboriginal population is greater now than at any preceding period. Whilst we furnish subsistence and instruction to the Indians and guarantee the undisturbed enjoyment of their treaty rights, we should habitually insist upon the faithful observance of their agreement to remain within their respective reservations. This is the only mode by which collisions with other tribes and with the whites can be avoided and the safety of our frontier settlements secured.

The companies constructing the railway from Omaha to Sacramento have been most energetically engaged in prosecuting the work, and it is believed that the line will be completed before the expiration of the next fiscal year. The 6 per cent bonds issued to these companies amounted on the 5th instant to \$44,337,000, and additional work had been performed to the extent of \$3,200,000.

The Secretary of the Interior in August last invited my attention to the report of a Government director of the Union Pacific Railroad Company who had been specially instructed to examine the location, construction, and equipment of their road. I submitted for the opinion of the Attorney-General certain questions in regard to the authority of the Executive which arose upon this report and those which had from time to time been presented by the commissioners appointed to inspect each successive section of the work. After carefully considering the law of the case, he affirmed the right of the Executive to order, if necessary, a thorough revision of the entire road. Commissioners were thereupon appointed to examine this and other lines, and have recently submitted a statement of their investigations, of which the report of the Secretary of the Interior furnishes specific information.

.....”The acquisition of Alaska was made with the view of extending national jurisdiction and republican principles in the American hemisphere. Believing that a further step could be taken in the same direction, I last year entered into a treaty with the King of Denmark for the purchase of the islands of St. Thomas and St. John, on the best terms then attainable, and with the express consent of the people of those islands. This treaty still remains under consideration in the Senate. A new convention has been entered into with Denmark, enlarging the time fixed for final ratification of the original treaty.”

“Comprehensive national policy would seem to sanction the acquisition and incorporation into our Federal Union of the several adjacent continental and insular communities as speedily as it can be done peacefully, lawfully, and without any violation of national justice, faith, or honor. Foreign possession or control of those communities has hitherto hindered the growth and impaired the influence of the United States. Chronic revolution and anarchy there would be equally injurious. Each one of them, when firmly established as an independent republic, or when incorporated into the United States, would be a new source of strength and power. Conforming my Administration to these principles, I have on no occasion lent support or toleration to unlawful expeditions set on foot upon the plea of republican propagandism or of national extension or aggrandizement. The necessity, however, of repressing such unlawful movements clearly indicates the duty which rests upon us of adapting our legislative action to the

new circumstances of a decline of European monarchical power and influence and the increase of American republican ideas, interests, and sympathies.”

“It can not be long before it will become necessary for this Government to lend some effective aid to the solution of the political and social problems which are continually kept before the world by the two Republics of the island of St. Domingo, and which are now disclosing themselves more distinctly than heretofore in the island of Cuba. The subject is commended to your consideration with all the more earnestness because I am satisfied that the time has arrived when even so direct a proceeding as a proposition for an annexation of the two Republics of the island of St. Domingo would not only receive the consent of the people interested, but would also give satisfaction to all other foreign nations.”

“I am aware that upon the question of further extending our possessions it is apprehended by some that our political system can not successfully be applied to an area more extended than our continent; but the conviction is rapidly gaining ground in the American mind that with the increased facilities for intercommunication between all portions of the earth the principles of free government, as embraced in our Constitution, if faithfully maintained and carried out, would prove of sufficient strength and breadth to comprehend within their sphere and influence the civilized nations of the world.”

“The attention of the Senate and of Congress is again respectfully invited to the treaty for the establishment of commercial reciprocity with the Hawaiian Kingdom entered into last year, and already ratified by that Government. The attitude of the United States toward these islands is not very different from that in which they stand toward the West Indies. It is known and felt by the Hawaiian Government and people that their Government and institutions are feeble and precarious; that the United States, being so near a neighbor, would be unwilling to see the islands pass under foreign control. Their prosperity is continually disturbed by expectations and alarms of unfriendly political proceedings, as well from the United States as from other foreign powers. A reciprocity treaty, while it could not materially diminish the revenues of the United States, would be a guaranty of the good will and forbearance of all nations until the people of the islands shall of themselves, at no distant day, voluntarily apply for admission into the Union.”

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Andrew\\_Johnson's\\_Fourth\\_State\\_of\\_the\\_Union\\_Address](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Andrew_Johnson's_Fourth_State_of_the_Union_Address)

***Interesting to not the Johnson did not deliver this address in person. It was transmitted to the Congress by his son.***



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