

NAGPRA update

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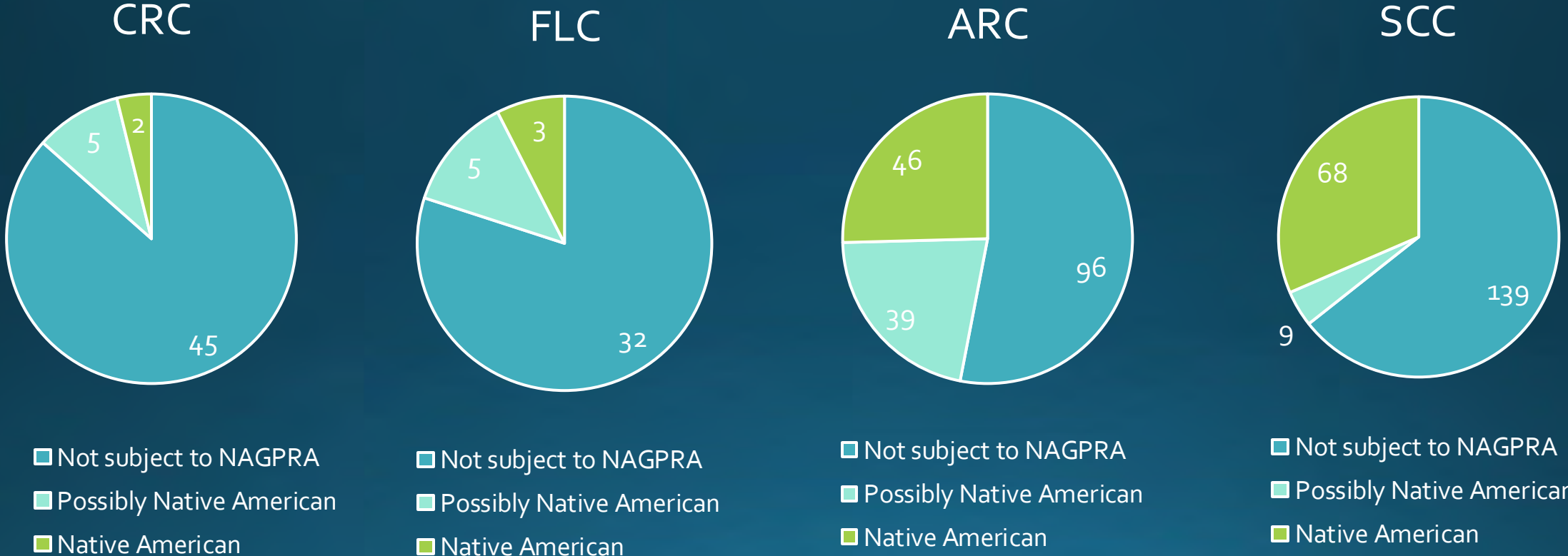
NAGPRA / CaINAGPRA

- Los Rios is subject to federal NAGPRA and CaINAGPRA because we have received state or federal funds in the past which means we are legally designated a 'museum.'
- The Los Rios audit of FLC, CRC, ARC, and SCC uncovered human remains, unassociated funerary objects, and objects of cultural patrimony that were previously unknown to be subject Native American or subject to NAGPRA

Why does Los Rios have remains of Native Americans, funerary objects, and cultural objects?

- Source 1: From the 1930's to the 1950's J.B. Lillard initiated an excavation program throughout much of the Central Valley to train students in archaeology, poor documentation of individuals and cultural objects means information about what was excavated was lost and they became alienated from their origins.
- Source 2: Before the passage of NAGPRA in 1990 several people donated cultural items and some Native American ancestors of unclear origin to SCC because they felt a college would be a better place for stewardship than private ownership.
- No Native American ancestors or objects were collected by current faculty at any Los Rios institution.

Audit of Human Remains at Los Rios



*Possibly Native American remains will be consulted with Sacramento Tribes working group
 **MNI = Minimum number of individuals present. This is based on how many bones are present, where the remains were found, and other information like museum records

There are two major steps towards repatriation

- 1. Completing 'summaries.' Summaries are for cultural items, such as unassociated funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony. Several tribes through consultation have made requests for repatriation and we are working towards that goal.
- 2. Completing 'inventories.' Inventories are for human remains and associated funerary objects. Some inventories have been published in the federal register (which describe the context where individuals are from), and we are working towards complete repatriation of human remains.
- These requirements exist so Native American tribes and lineal descendants can be made aware we may have ancestors and cultural items.

NAGPRA compliance, where are we?

- We are actively consulting with the Sacramento Tribes working group to expedite the repatriation of Native American ancestors and cultural items to their Indigenous nations.
- Los Rios will be compliant with all 'summary' requirements by the end of the year 2024 and continue to work towards consultation and repatriation of cultural items in its control.
- To date we have repatriated 4 Native American Ancestors from ARC and SCC and are finalizing the repatriation of 9 funerary objects. This process will speed up over the next year.
- We have also returned 6 cultural items subject to NAGPRA that were on loan from California State parks.
- We are on track to be fully compliant with NAGPRA requirements by January 2026 and will work towards repatriation within legally defined timelines.