



Written Testimony of Josh Cook, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mooretown Rancheria

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Josh Cook serves as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Mooretown Rancheria of Concow Maidu Indians, interfacing with federal, state, and local agencies on land use, energy, forest management, and a range of other issues. He has worked with Mooretown for over two decades, helping to expand the Tribe's forest management and energy enterprises.

Cook previously served as a Chief of Staff and Minority Caucus Chief of Staff in the California legislature, was appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Forest Service Advisory Committee, and served as Vice Chairman Bureau of Land Management Advisory Committee.

Cook is an Associate Professor at the USC Price School of Public Policy. A veteran of nine years with the California State Guard, he also serves as a Chaplain in the Butte County Sheriff's Office, where he has responded to various emergencies, including floods, fires, evacuations, and critical incidents. Josh graduated from Butte College and Charter Oak State College, and holds a Master's degree from California State University, East Bay.

Josh lives in Butte County, California, with his wife Robin; they are proud to have five children and five grandchildren.