

Regina Cuellar
Chairwoman
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians



Regina Cuellar has served as Chairwoman of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (Tribe) for seven years, and has been on the Tribal Council for 11 years. Her prior experience includes roles in the Tribe's education department and Health & Wellness Center. She earned an associate of science degree in pharmacy technology from San Joaquin Valley College.

Her visionary leadership was honored in Comstock's Magazine in the Women in Leadership feature. In the Sacramento Business Journal's Power 100, she was named as one of the most impactful individuals in sports, tourism and hospitality. Chairwoman was also featured as one of the top 20 pioneers transforming the community in the Sacramento Bee's Latino Change Makers.

Under Chairwoman Cuellar's leadership, the Tribe has flourished. During her tenure, the Tribe doubled its land base in order to pave the way for much-needed housing for Tribal Members. The Tribe has also expanded its economic ventures with construction of a new hotel and the APEX entertainment center at Red Hawk Resort + Casino. The Shingle Springs Health & Wellness Center has expanded its services and locations to serve more patients. The Tribe has also revitalized much of its culture establishing robust educational and cultural programs.

Chairwoman Cuellar has been a transformative leader for both her people and the broader region. With Cuellar's leadership, the Shingle Springs Tribal Court has championed families by establishing the first joint jurisdiction court in the state. This court, in collaboration with the Superior Court of El Dorado County, provides holistic and culturally based case plans. The court extends its expertise by managing children's cases for other tribes.

The Tribe is also the first in the nation to have a designated voter registration site on tribal land. This milestone underscores the Chairwoman's commitment to removing barriers for Native Americans and others in our rural community.

The Tribe further supports the region by giving generously to a wide variety of organizations.

On the state level, Chairwoman Cuellar champions rights for Native People. She was instrumental in establishing the Feather Alert, a statewide emergency advisory system for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People who account for a disproportionate share of these cases. She also championed a bill that established a monument at the Capitol to honor the enduring legacy of California's Native Peoples.

Chairwoman Cuellar serves on the Commission on the State of Hate and the Greater Sacramento Economic Council.