

HOW TO DELIVER THE COUNTYWIDE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Honoring and respecting the land and its people is not just in the language of the Countywide Land Acknowledgment.

The way the acknowledgment is verbally delivered matters. If your department is planning to verbally deliver the Countywide Land Acknowledgment at a meeting or event, take the following steps.

Determine the acknowledgment's place in the agenda.

The land acknowledgment should be prominently placed, ideally the very first item on the agenda.



Determine who will deliver the acknowledgment.

It should be verbally delivered by the highest ranking staff member from the host organization or agency who is present at the meeting or event.



Prepare for the acknowledgment and learn the purpose, intention, and responsibilities.

Delivering the land acknowledgment should be motivated by genuine respect and support for Native Peoples and local Tribes.



Practice your pronunciation.

Review the [audio guide](#) to make sure you know how to pronounce each tribal name and Native American word correctly. The more times you read the land acknowledgment, the more comfortable you'll become at pronouncing the names.



Identify next steps.

Follow the land acknowledgment with a call to action or educational offering. How is your organization or agency uplifting Native Peoples and local Tribes?

