



Invitation to CACGN and CSAC AB 2022 Implementation Webinar: Replacing “Sq_” Names from California Geographic Features and Places.

On September 23, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 2022 (Ramos 2022) requiring the term “squaw” (herein “sq_”) to be removed from all geographic features and place names in the state, commencing on January 1, 2025.¹ The term “sq_” is a racist and derogatory term that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial, and sexist slur, particularly for indigenous women.

WHEN: **MAY 24, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

WHERE: RSVP for the Zoom Webinar at: https://ca-water.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WGYRfNsoTZO6arOr3sMSgw

WHO: **All Public Agencies**, including any state agency, local governing body, and any other political subdivision of the state are required to comply with **AB 2022**.

What: **Webinar** discussing the new law and steps towards implementation and renaming California geographic features and places containing the “sq_” term.

WHY: All Public Agencies are required to identify and submit to the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) all geographic features and places names within its jurisdiction containing the “sq_” term by **July 01, 2023**.

- Please utilize this survey link to submit all geographic features and place names containing the term “sq_” at <https://tinyurl.com/SqNameSurvey> by **July 01, 2023**.

COMMENT: We are asking **All Public Agencies** to participate in the following:

- Email CACGN at cacgn@resources.ca.gov your public agency’s best point of contact for future communications on the implementation of AB 2022.
- Submit your public comments on the draft CACGN Procedures regarding AB 2022 implementation and tribal consultation policy by **June 1, 2023** to CACGN at cacgn@resources.ca.gov. The draft materials will be available soon and can be found on CACGN’s website at <https://cacgn.ca.gov/>.

Please refer all questions to cacgn@resources.ca.gov

¹ “Geographic Feature” means any location or publicly owned structure in this state, including, but not limited to, navigable waters of the state, geographic features, parks, state or local roads, bridges, and publicly owned buildings. “Place” means any natural geographic feature or street, alley, or other road within the jurisdiction of the state or political subdivision of the state.