



**Donna Begay
Biography
NAVA Tech**

Donna Begay – tribal affiliation: Tubatulabal (Piñon Gathers), Yokut,

Paiute, and Navajo (Edge Water Clan “Tebaha” and Born for the Red that Runs in the Water “Tachehi”).

Employment History

- Tribal Consultant – Jackson Rancheria Casino – CIO, Confederate Tribes of Colville, Shinnecock Nation – Gaming Authority, Bishop Paiutes
- California Conservation Corps (youth development program) as CIO
- CA State Department of Water Resources – Systems Admin
- American Indian Substance Abuse Program – Youth Counselor/ Fiscal
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Indian Health Services
- Sierra Community College – Faculty

Education

- B.S. Accounting and MIS, CSUS
- M.S. Computer Science – University of Phoenix
- Project Management - U.C. Davis
- Ph.D. (“in-progress”) Leadership and Organizational Behavior – Univ. of Phoenix. Dissertation -“Impact of Indian Gaming on California Tribal Leadership”.

Life Long Learning Through Experience and Advocacy:

- Legislative Advocate for 25 years, supporting Indian Health and Education, Sacred Lands Bill, and develop improved government-to-government working relationships.
- National Council on Urban Indian Health in Washington, D.C.
- Chairperson of the State’s Chief Information Officers Strategic Planning for Information Technology
- Assisted UCLA with the design of California Health and Information System (CHIS)
- Tribal Consultant with DCI America, NIGA, TribalNet, NAFOA, AFOA and Kern County of Governments (i.e., Leadership and Educational workshops for Tribal governments).

Donna Miranda-Begay is Tribal Chairwoman for Tubatulabals of Kern Valley

Donna Begay, CEO

NAVA Tech

P.O. Box 1643

Lake Isabella, Ca 93240

(916) 599-6860 drbegay@aol.com

www.navatech.org

Native American and Woman Owned Business

NAVA Tech

Native American Virtual Advancement with Technology

Tribal Consultant Services

- Strategic Action Planning
- Organizational Assessment
- IT Solutions, MICS, & IT Gaming
- Speaker, Educator and Presenter
- Legislative Advocate
- Grant Writer and Researcher
- Disaster Recovery Planning
- Leadership and Governance
- Conflict Resolution



Tubatulabal Feather Basket

www.navatech.org

Strategic Planning – Using strategic planning process, organizational change model, and project management; design and develop Tribal, organization, or IT strategic and tactical action plan.

Public Speaker and Presenter – Native American cultural, education, and motivational speaker. A variety of audiences: Elders circle, Native youth, tribal communities, community wellness circles, and organizations.



Legislative Support and Advocate services – Provide strategy for working with and educating legislative representatives at federal, state and local levels. Conduct legislative analysis for proposed laws, policies, and propositions.

Grant Writer and Researcher – Provide research, budget, and project management timeline for grant opportunities for Tribes, communities and organizations: Health, Housing, Education, Technology, Environment, and Cultural/Language Preservation.

IT Solutions, MICS, and IT Gaming – Provide strategic planning for Tribal Administration, Tribal Gaming Authority, Native American Communities and Organizations. Internet, Web based solutions, infrastructure, security, minimum internal control standards (MICS), and operational recovery.

Disaster Recovery Planning – Based on IT Best Practices, Technology Standards, and required MICS; evaluate and recommend proactive disaster recover planning and activities.

Leadership and Governance - Strategic guidance on methods and process to improve Nation Building, Tribal governance, and economic development. Workshops, meeting reviews, policy and process evaluation, HR assessments, workload analysis, wage analysis, and survey designs.



Conflict Resolution – targets a variety of levels for conflict resolution. Using “Systems Thinking”, self-development, communication skills, and Team interaction process; identify and assess challenges, obstacles, and solutions for managing conflict.

Advocate and Community Projects:

- Re-design of California Web Page
- IT Strategic Plan for California
- IT Strategic Plan for National Council on Urban Indian Health
- Advocate for improved Health Care for Native Americans – UCLA Health Information Survey, UC Irvine Native American Health Project and California Healthy Families
- Federal Recognition Process and Administrative Native American (ANA) Grant writing (economic development, culture preservation “Save Clover Valley”, and environment)



(left to right) Donna Begay, U.S. Senator Ben Night-Horse Campbell, Tracy Tripp – Lone Miwoks, Arvada Nelson – U.S. Indian Health Services, and Mary Youngblood – Grammy Awarded Artist (Washington, D.C. – Spring 2000).