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YOCHA DEHE  
WINTUN NATION



### **Native Voice, Native Vision: Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians Honor Their Ancestral Roots with Name Change**

**BROOKS, Calif.** — The Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians have legally changed their name to Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Yocha Dehe—pronounced “YO-cha DEE-hee”—is the Tribe’s ancestral name meaning “home by the spring water” in their native Patwin language, a reflection of the actual place their ancestors lived.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the federal government labeled the Tribe the Rumsey Band, solely because they had a village site close to the town of Rumsey. Today, in their traditional dialect, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation moves forward with a name that has cultural meaning and significance to their people.

The name change marks an important time for the people of Yocha Dehe. It connects the Tribe to their heritage and expresses hope for the future. It will also help the Tribe to tell their story to visitors, neighbors, business and government partners.

“California tribes are here today, not just as a surviving people, but here fully participating in our lives, in our cultures, in our traditional lifeways,” said Tribal Chairman Marshall McKay.

As the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the Tribe is following their vision and voice to claim their own story and shape their future.

For more information, visit the Tribe’s new website at [www.yochadehe.org](http://www.yochadehe.org).

*Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent, self-governed nation that supports our people and the community by strengthening our culture, stewarding our land and creating economic independence for future generations.*

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