OUR WORK:

The Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy (KDLC) is a non-profit land trust located in San Diego. Our ten member tribes—Campo, Ewiiaapaayp, Jamul, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, La Posta, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel, Sycuan, and Viejas—each has a tribally-appointed representative on our Board.

Through acquiring land, managing sites, and creating partnerships, the KDLC preserves land and sacred sites from the ocean to the desert. Our work has included purchasing property, protecting submerged sites along the San Diego coastline, developing and holding conservation easements in partnerships with other non-profits, and developing our own educational programs for tribal youth.

As the KDLC looks toward the future, we plan to develop our partnerships with non-profits and further grow our educational efforts to help both Tribes and the general public understand the importance of our sacred lands.

OUR PARTNERS:

Back Country Land Trust
Bureau of Land Management
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicles
Center for Whole Communities
Colorado Desert District- California State Parks
Endangered Habitat Conservancy
Endangered Habitat League
Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee
Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Committee
InterTribal Cultural Resource Protection Council
Lannan Foundation
Native American Land Conservancy
Native Land Trust Alliance

- Amah Mutsun Land Trust
- InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council
- Maidu Summit Consortium
- Native American Land Conservancy
- Native Conservancy Land Trust

San Diego Urban Corps US Department of Homeland Security US Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Conservation Board To honor, preserve, and protect our sacred lands.

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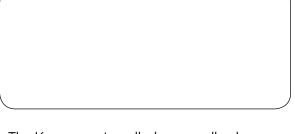
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OUR MISSION:

Renew our ancestral ties to the ocean, the mountains, and the desert through protective land management, cooperative agreements, and educational programs.

The Kumeyaay People

The Kumeyaay have lived in Southern California and Mexico since the beginning of time. Our territory spans from the Pacific Ocean to the Colorado River. Kumeyaay Shamulls (Clans) were known to travel seventy-five miles north and south of the US-Mexico border.



The Kumeyaay travelled seasonally along ancient trails in this vast territory, using the land for food, trading, social gatherings and religious ceremonies. Throughout time, we respected the land and moved across the landscape without disturbing the land. Traces of our past exist today despite the colonization of the Spanish, Mexican, and American governments. The KDLC seeks to express this heritage through protecting and honoring the land and sites that were taken away from our Kumeyaay ancestors.

In 2005, ten Bands of the Kumeyaay Nation joined together to form an organization that would protect sacred sites and lands with valuable ecological habitat in San Diego County. Through a partnership with the Native American Land Conservancy, the KDLC obtained its non-profit status in 2010.

OUR LAND:



Sacred Mountain Ranch

Kuuchamaa Mountain, also known as Tecate Peak, was the first Native American sacred mountain to gain recognition on the National Register of Historic Places solely on the basis of significance to Indigenous peoples. This mountain is named for a powerful Kuseyaay (religious leader) who

used power from the mountain to call for peace and healing among the Kumeyaay and other nations.

Today, the KDLC
owns an area
near the base
the mountain—
our Sacred Mountain Ranch.

of

Sloan Canyon

As part of a longstanding partnership with the Sycuan Band, the KDLC purchased 610 acres adjacent to Sycuan's reservation with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board.

The KDLC is developing plans to manage the property and hold educational programs on this property in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service

Mosler Property

The Kumeyaay territory extended throughout what is now San Diego and western Imperial Counties, including the Cuyamaca Mountains and the town of Julian.

In 2010, the Mosler Family gifted an orchard to the KDLC. The KDLC will use the land for cultural enrichment programs for the Kumeyaay community and educational programs open to the general public.

California State Parks

The KDLC grew its partnership with the Colorado Desert District State Parks and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park after the 2003 Cedar Fire and secured the listing of the Ah-Ha' Kwe-Ah-Mac' village site on the National Register of Historic Places.

This partnership has grown, and the KDLC plays a role in critical cultural management issues in the park and hosts an annual fall acorn gathering on Cuyamaca Rancho State Park lands.