



JOHN S. McCAIN III

# NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

## ABOUT US

The John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (NCECR) is a program of the Udall Foundation, which is an independent, nonpartisan Federal agency of the Executive Branch. NCECR provides **collaboration, consensus-building, and conflict resolution services** on a range of environmental, natural and cultural resources, Tribal, and public lands issues involving the Federal Government.

## OUR SERVICES

- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Tribal Consultation
- Training
- Project/Situation Assessment
- Convening
- Collaborative Process Design
- Science-based Decision Making Support

## WE SPECIALIZE IN...

- Complex, multiparty environmental challenges at a national and regional level
- Issues that require substantive, technical, or process expertise (e.g., NEPA, transportation infrastructure projects, endangered species, cultural resources)
- Issues involving multiple levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal) and the public
- Interagency and interdepartmental collaborations
- Collaborative efforts involving Tribes and Native people, including Government-to-Government Consultation between Tribes and Federal agencies

## BENEFITS

-  **BETTER OUTCOMES**  
More durable solutions
-  **EFFICIENCY**  
Cost savings, timely process, minimizes litigation
-  **IMPROVED GOVERNANCE**  
Increased capacity to serve citizens

# TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation and infrastructure projects face the ever-present challenge of adapting to our rapidly changing world and expanding human communities. These service areas require building sustainable partnerships among ecological, biological, geotechnical, cultural, legal, political, and financial sectors. Environmental collaboration and conflict resolution (ECCR) is a critical tool to address multiparty challenges in the service areas of transportation and infrastructure development. The necessity of public dialogues and interdisciplinary team building frequently calls for ECCR expertise. NCECR has experience implementing ECCR approaches on a variety of issues that require substantive, technical, and process expertise.

## CALTRANS LAST CHANCE GRADE HUFFMAN STAKEHOLDERS GROUP MEETINGS



**BACKGROUND:** CalTrans needed a third-party, neutral facilitator to convene 21 different stakeholder groups to discuss the diverse perspectives in Congressman Jared Huffman's 2nd District regarding the selection of an alternative route for California's Highway 101 Last Chance Grade section.

**OUTCOME:** NCECR convened stakeholders to promote a respectful meeting environment that welcomed diverse stakeholders from the Federal and State Government, Tribes, NGOs, and other interested public and private organizations. The group is working to reach consensus on alternate route recommendations.

## INDIANA BAT AND NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT



**BACKGROUND:** Ohio Department of Transportation, FHWA, and USFWS formed an interagency team to establish strategies to protect the Federally endangered Indiana bat and the Federally threatened northern long-eared bat while streamlining the consultation process under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

**OUTCOME:** NCECR assessed the situation and convened a two-tiered facilitated process among technical staff and leadership within the three agencies. The process helped the agencies understand each other's interests and resulted in a comprehensive agreement that expedited roadway development and enhanced species protections.

## INDOT AND FHWA SECTION 106 TRIBAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP AND MOU



**BACKGROUND:** FHWA, Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), and several Tribes with cultural and ancestral ties to Indiana sought NCECR's guidance to improve those relationships and to enhance consultation practices under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**OUTCOME:** NCECR initially conducted an assessment, convened and facilitated a planning team, and developed a workshop that resulted in a sub-group of leaders who committed to work on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). NCECR and the MOU Development Sub-Group engaged with Tribes to develop the MOU and distribute for signatures.

## INTERSTATE 11 TIER 1 EIS CORRIDOR STUDY PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA



**BACKGROUND:** NCECR assisted the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in deciding how to address community concerns surrounding the I-11 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Corridor Study.

**OUTCOME:** NCECR led the design, facilitation, and documentation of two sets of intensive stakeholder engagement meetings and prepared a report, which assisted FHWA and ADOT in deciding on a final alternative as part of the EIS process.