



GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS - KIZH NATION Historically known as  
The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles Basin

## Matthew Teutimez Biography

Matthew Teutimez is the son of John Teutimez Jr., Elder of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation of which he is also an enrolled member. Matthew serves as the Tribal Biologist and Director of Resources for the Tribe, specializing in ethnobotanical and cultural uses of native flora and fauna. He has been designated by his Tribe to possess and share Kizh-Gabrieleño cultural knowledge and practices taught to him by Chief Ernie P. Teutimez-Salas along with multiple Elders of the Kizh-Gabrieleño Tribe.

Matthew received both his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biology from California State University, Long Beach and is a visiting scholar at the University of Southern California, working on an interdisciplinary and multi-university project to map and describe the landscape history of the Los Angeles Basin. He is a member of several committees and workgroups including the California Environmental Protection Agency's (CalEPA) Tribal Advisory Committee; CALEPA's Community Science Model Workgroup; the City of Los Angeles' Tree Ambassador Program; and Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment's Biodiversity Workgroup.

Matthew is also the founder and executive director of an indigenous non-profit known as the Laboratory for Indigenous Knowledge Systems, which was created to integrate and apply indigenous methods and knowledge into environmental stewardship, food, medicine, and land management projects.

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