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Cabinet Team

Issue Areas

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Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Stacey O'Brien

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K-12 Education; Data Privacy; Longitudinal Data System

Rhys Williams

*Senior Advisor on Emergency
Preparedness and Management*
Assistant – Matthew Tabarangao

Emergency Management; Homeland Security; Firearms;
Forestry and Fire Protection; Military and National Guard;
COVID-19 Emergency Response

Lande Ajose

Senior Policy Advisor for Higher Education
Assistant – Stacey O'Brien

Higher Education; Future of Work

Kris Applegate

Special Advisor on Public Safety

Corrections; Board of Parole Hearings; Board of State and
Community Corrections; Corrections and Public Safety
Appointments

Wayne Bilowit

Law Enforcement Liaison

Local Law Enforcement; Cannabis Enforcement

Jamie Callahan

Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Andrea Escobar

Climate; Economic Development; International Affairs;
Travel and Tourism; Elections and Redistricting; California
Volunteers; Film Commission

Annie Carney

*Deputy Director for Civic Engagements
and Strategic Partnerships*

Civic Engagement; Outreach and Education Campaigns
(LISTOS, EITC, COVID-19, Vaccines)

Gina Da Silva

Senior Policy Advisor for Immigration
Assistant – Andrea Escobar

Immigration; Civil Rights; Immigrant Integration

Jessica Devencenzi

Deputy Legislative/Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Anthony Pham

Victims Services; Courts; Department of Justice; Policing and
Local Law Enforcement; Peace Officer Standards and
Training; Juvenile Justice; Department of Fair Employment
and Housing; Penal Code Revision Committee, Reparations
Task Force

Richard Figueroa

Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Andrea Escobar

Health and Human Services; Health Insurance; Public Health;
CalVET; Aging; COVID-19; Vaccines

Samuel Himel
Special Advisor for Federal Economic Policy and Fiscal Issues

Federal Fiscal Policy; Federal Policy Analysis (Economy, Budget, COVID-19 Relief); US Treasury; Department of Commerce; HUD; OMB; USTR; SBA

Christine Hironaka
Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Andrea Escobar

Environmental Protection; Air; Water; Pesticides and Toxics; Recycling; Natural Resources; Conservation; Fish and Wildlife; Parks & Recreation

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Senior Advisor on Social Innovation

Philanthropy; Innovative Public Private Partnerships

Katie Wheeler Mathews
Senior Advisor on Federal Affairs

Washington DC Office Director; NGA; WGA; DGA; Appropriations; FEMA; Defense; Homeland Security; Immigration; HHS; USDOL; DOJ; Department of Education; State Department; USDOT

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Chief Deputy Tribal Advisor and Special Counsel
Assistant – Michael Park

Tribal Affairs

Giannina Perez
Senior Policy Advisor for Early Childhood and Child Poverty
Assistant – Stacey O'Brien

Early Childhood Development; Preschool; Childcare; Child Poverty

James Ralph
Senior Advisor for Federal Energy and Climate Change Policy

Federal Energy and Climate Policy; DOE; USEPA; DOI; FERC; FPPC; USDA; US Climate Alliance

Alice Reynolds
Senior Policy Advisor for Energy
Assistant – Andrea Escobar

Energy and Utilities; Scoping Plan; OPR; Wildfire Insurance; CEA Wildfire Fund; Transportation Network Companies; Telecom; Broadband

Jacque Roberts
Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Stacey O'Brien

Government Operations; CalHR; Revenue and Taxation; Pensions/CalPERS/CalSTRS; Information Technology; State Contracting; Consumer Services; Boards and Commissions; ABC; Gambling; Fairs; Horseracing; Lottery; Labor and Workforce Development

Maricela Rodriguez
Director of Civic Engagement and Strategic Partnerships
Assistant – Andrea Escobar

Civic Engagement; Lead for Outreach and Education Campaigns

Joe Shea
Assistant Deputy Cabinet Secretary

State Lands Commission; Assists with CalEPA and CNRA

Christina Snider
Tribal Advisor
Assistant – Michael Park

Tribal Affairs

Mark Tollefson
Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Assistant – Stacey O'Brien

Housing; Homelessness; Transportation; Infrastructure; CHP; High Speed Rail; DMV; Autonomous Vehicles

Kayla Ungar
Assistant Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Agriculture; Arts Council; Commission on the Status of Women and Girls; Assists with International Affairs and Federal Veteran Affairs

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