

Adam Geisler
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
Tribal Council, Secretary
Long Term Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Vice Chairman, Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation

Mr. Adam Geisler is currently serving his second term as the Tribal Council Secretary for the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians located in San Diego, California. Mr. Geisler is also the Vice Chairman for the Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation and acts as the Long Term Disaster Recovery Coordinator for his Tribe, the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians. In 2007, wildfires destroyed over 92% of the La Jolla Reservation leaving a number of Tribal citizens homeless and community infrastructure inoperable. Mr. Geisler facilitated the recovery and communications between Tribal, Federal, State, and local agencies to rebuild the La Jolla Reservation. Mr. Geisler worked with numerous faith-based and community lead organizations including Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS), Jewish Family Services, The San Diego Foundation, and the Regional Community Response Team (RCRT). Through continued partnership with a variety of agencies, Mr. Geisler and the La Jolla recovery team guided the Tribe through the Federal Disaster Declaration process, the FEMA Individual and Public Assistance process, the rebuilding of over 39 homes lost in the wildfires and subsequent mudslides, facilitated mass food agreements with the American Red Cross, and established the Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation.

In 2008 and 2009, Mr. Geisler was the Director of Housing Management for the All Mission Indian Housing Authority (AMIHA). AMIHA serves as “The Tribally Designated Housing Entity” for 8 Tribes located throughout Southern California. In 2010 Mr. Geisler assisted his Tribe with a third Federally Declared Disaster in one decade; a massive flood that struck the La Jolla Reservation. Mr. Geisler coordinated resources and damage assessments as well as worked with FEMA to execute disaster mitigation strategies and update the Tribes “Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan.”

Mr. Geisler is a founding board member of and is current Vice Chairman for the Inter-Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation that has represented 9 of the 18 Tribes in San Diego County since 2009. The ITLTRF is a non-profit, public benefit corporation with a mission to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination on Tribal lands affected by wildfires and other disasters by sharing information, simplifying resident access to services, and jointly resolving cases with disaster-caused recovery needs.