

NATIVE AMERICAN AUTHOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST
WINONA LADUKE TO VISIT LOCAL TRIBE, SPEAK AT CSUSM
Former vice-presidential candidate will tour Pauma reservation and organic farms

November 16, 2009 (San Marcos, CA) -- In recognition of Native American Month, California State University San Marcos and its California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center are pleased to announce that internationally renowned environmental activist and author Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe) will visit the local Pauma Tribe and Tierra Miguel Foundation prior to speaking on environmental justice at CSUSM's The Clarke at 6 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 18, 2009.

LaDuke, an Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe)-enrolled member of the Mississippi Band Anishinaabeg who lives and works on the White Earth Reservations, is a leader in culturally based sustainable development strategies, renewable energy and food systems. The former two-time vice presidential candidate will kick off her visit with a 10 a.m. tour of the award-winning Tierra Miguel Foundation's organic farm, followed by a tour of the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians' nearby reservation, home to organic orchards, organic youth farms, and a new biodiesel project.

Members of the press are invited to tour the grounds with LaDuke and join her for a noon luncheon with the Pauma and CSUSM communities. The luncheon will take place at Pauma's Tribal Hall. LaDuke will also be available for interviews on her global efforts following her evening talk and book signing on the CSUSM campus (please see the attached flyer).

For media inquiries and to schedule an interview with LaDuke, contact Dr. Joely Proudfit, Director of the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center, at 650-255-2860 or jproudfit@naqcom.com.

CSU San Marcos is located at 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos, Calif. The Pauma reservation is located at 1010 Reservation Rd., Pauma Valley, Calif., and the Tierra Miguel Foundation is located at 14910 Pauma Valley Dr., Pauma Valley, Calif.

About Winona LaDuke

Well-known for her vice-presidential candidacy with Ralph Nader for the Green Party, LaDuke is founder of the award-winning White Earth Land Recovery Project -- one of the largest reservation-based, nonprofit organizations in the country, as well as Executive Program Director of the Native-led activist organization Honor the Earth (<http://www.honorearth.org/>). A graduate of both Harvard and Antioch universities, LaDuke has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. She is the author of five books including "Recovering the Sacred," "All our Relations" and "Last Standing Woman." For more information on LaDuke's talk and the White Earth Land Recovery Project, visit <http://nativeharvest.com>.

About the California Indian Cultural and Sovereignty Center

The California Indian Cultural and Sovereignty Center's mission is to foster collaborative research and community service relationships between the faculty, staff and students of CSU San Marcos and members of local Tribal communities. These relationships are for the

purpose of developing and conducting research projects that support the maintenance of sovereignty and culture within those communities. For more information, visit <http://www.csusm.edu/air/cicsc.html>.

About the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians

The Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians is a federally recognized Tribal government located in the Pauma Valley of Southern California. The Pauma Band is one of seven Bands of the Luiseño people located in San Diego and Riverside counties. Pauma produces Hass avocados, Valencia oranges and lemons, and is engaged in the protection and reforestation of their Tribal lands. The Pauma Tribe owns and operates Casino Pauma, providing employment to the Tribal Members and the surrounding communities. Its revenues enhance the Tribal Government's ability to meet the essential needs of the membership. For more information about the Pauma Tribe, visit www.pauma-nsn.gov.

About Tierra Miguel Foundation

Founded in 1999 with a mission to preserve, protect and renew. Tierra Miguel Foundation (TMF) is a 501(C) 3 education program with the mission to inform and educate the value of local sustainable agricultural practices and to demonstrate these practices on an 85-acre working produce farm. The foundation, aided by the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, aims to strengthen the connection between people and the source of their food. For more information, visit <http://www.tierramiguelfarm.org/>.