



CAHUILLA / AGUA CALIENTE LEADERSHIP TIMELINE

This is the 10th installment in a series celebrating the leadership of the Native people of the Palm Springs region, today known as the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.



Marcus Belardo



Willie Marcus

Moment of Creation

Momtakwit is the first net (chief) in Cahuilla history, and Isil (Coyote) serves as first paxaa (assistant)

Time Immemorial to 1900s

The establishment of leaders is based on traditional clans and lineages

1775

Juan Bautista de Anza travels through Cahuilla traditional territory

1800s

Traditional Tribal leadership structure continues and clans band together

1830s

Chief Cabezón serves in leadership roles

1840s

Juan Antonio serves in leadership roles

1850s

Captain Andreas serves in leadership roles

1852

Cahuillas sign the Treaty of Temecula; it is never ratified by Congress

1863

Manuel Largo serves in leadership roles

Mid-1860s–1870s

Juan Andreas serves in leadership roles

1876 and 1877

Agua Caliente Indian Reservation established

1884

Gervasio Cabezón serves as chief

Late 1800s

United States attempts to impose leadership styles on Cahuilla

1890s–1900s

Pedro Chino serves in leadership roles

1890s–1920s

Alejo Patencio and José Rafael serve in leadership roles

Mid-1890s–1930s

John Joseph Andreas serves in leadership roles

Early to Mid-1900s

Tribal Committee, or Indian Committee, negotiates landholdings with the U.S. government

1905

Marcus Belardo serves as captain

1923

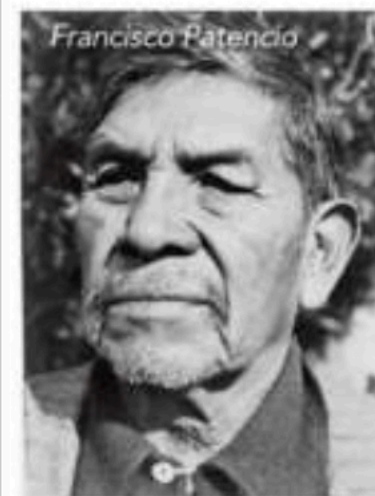
Pedro Chino serves as captain of Cahuilla

1924

U.S. grants citizenship to American Indians

1925

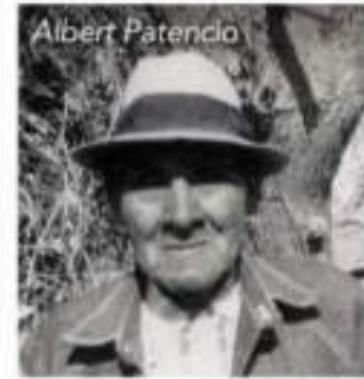
Francisco Patencio serves as net



Francisco Patencio

1934

Albert Patencio serves as captain of the Tribal Committee



1935

Willie Marcus serves as captain of the Tribal Committee

1937

Willie Marcus serves as Tribal spokesman

1938

City of Palm Springs is incorporated

Marcus Pete serves as captain of the Tribal Committee

1939

Willie Marcus serves as chief of the Tribal Council/Committee

Francisco Patencio serves as ceremonial chief



Lee Arenas

1940

Lee Arenas serves as chairman of the Tribal Committee; Willie Marcus serves as chairman of the Tribal Committee

October 1941

Lee Arenas serves as chairman of the Tribal Committee

December 1941–1942

Willie Marcus serves as chairman of the Tribal Committee

1945 and 1949

Romalda Lugo Taylor serves as chairman of the Tribal Committee

1948

Lorene Welmas serves as chairman of the Tribal Committee

November 1949–January 1952

Francisco Segundo serves as chairman of Indian Tribal Council

1955

Tribal Council is established, with five elected members, including a chairman, to oversee government affairs and economic ventures

1955–1958

Vyola J. Ortnier serves as Tribal Chairman

1959–1965

Eileen Miguel serves as Tribal Chairman

March 22–Aug. 2, 1966

Edmund Peter Siva serves as Tribal Chairman



Edmund Peter Siva

1966–1967

Dora Joyce Prieto serves as Tribal Chairman



Dora Joyce Prieto

1968–1969

Joseph Patrick Patencio serves as Tribal Chairman

1970–1971

Larry N. Olinger serves as Tribal Chairman



Larry N. Olinger

1972–1981

Ray L. Patencio serves as Tribal Chairman



Ray L. Patencio

1982–1983

Barbara M. Gonzales Lyons serves as Tribal Chairman



Barbara M. Gonzales Lyons

1984–2012

Richard M. Milanovich serves as Tribal Chairman



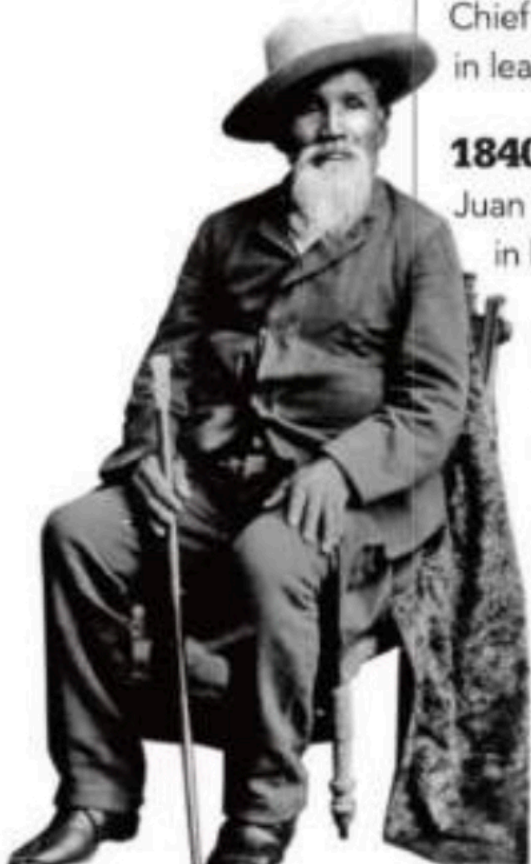
Richard M. Milanovich

2012–present

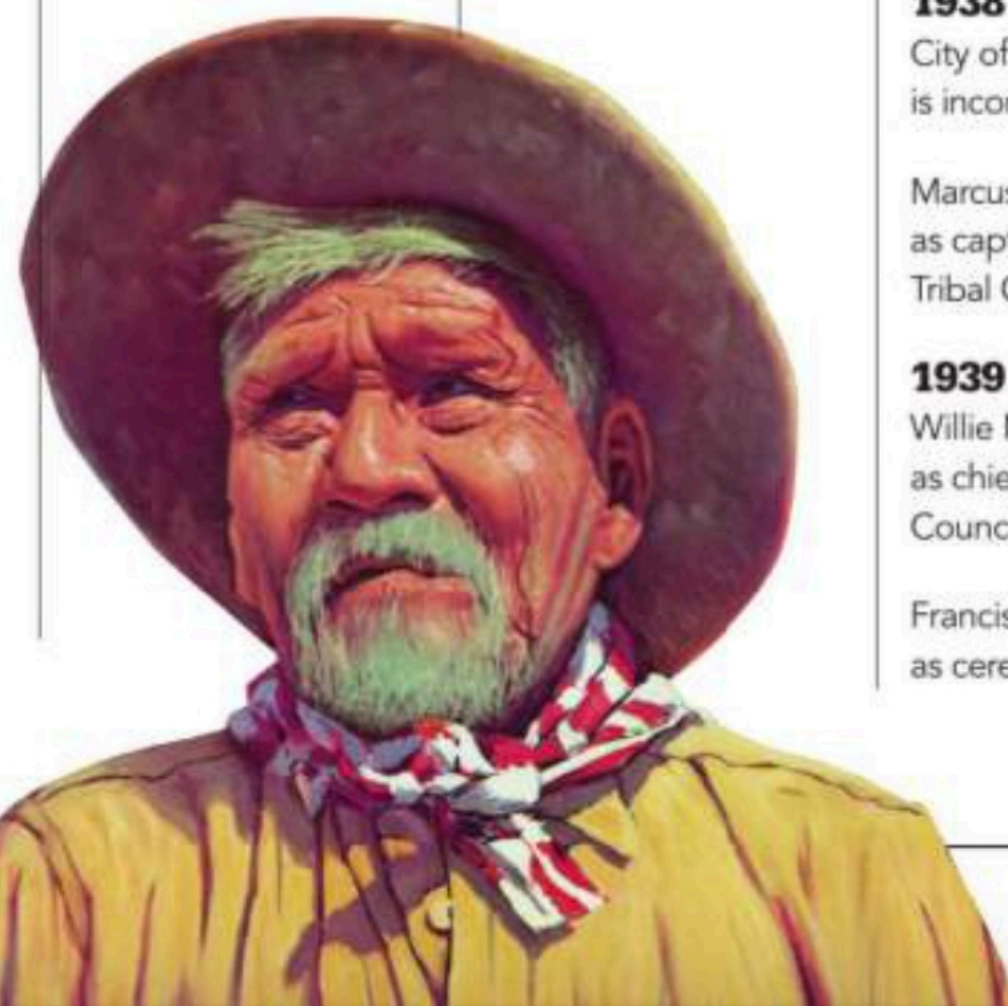
Jeff L. Grubbe serves as Tribal Chairman



Jeff L. Grubbe



Chief Cabezón



Pedro Chino

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