

Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area

Mákkín Mak Muwékma. Wolwóolum 'Akkoy Mak-Warep, Manne Mak Hiswi!
We Are Muwékma Ohlone. Welcome To Our Land, Where We Are Born!



'Akkoy Mak-Warep – Welcome To Our Ancestral and Historical Homeland that includes the entire East, South and West San Francisco Bay Area as well as Stanford University. This region included the ethnohistoric territory of the Puichon Ohlone-speaking people at the time of Spain's *entrada* into Alta California in 1769. Our ancestral Puichon Ohlone cousins were missionized into both missions Dolores (San Francisco) and Santa Clara.

The present-day **Muwékma Ohlone Tribe** is comprised of all known surviving Native American lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region who trace their ancestry through the Missions San Jose, Santa Clara, and Dolores and the historic federally recognized **Verona Band of Alameda County**.

In 1906, BIA Agent for California Charles Kelsey identified the Muwékma Tribal community as the **Verona Band of Alameda County** residing in Pleasanton, Niles, and the surrounding towns located near *Misyoontak San José* (Mission San Jose). Noted anthropologists interviewed Jose Guzman and Angela Colos, the last fluent speakers of the Indian languages spoken by our People, during the 20th century. These Tribal *Miččiyima* (Elders) still employed the linguistic term *Muwékma* which means “**The People**” in our Chocheño and Tamien Ohlone *noonokma* (languages).

During WWI, six Muwékma men enlisted and served overseas in the U.S. Armed Forces. During WWII, almost all of the Muwékma men served overseas in all of the branches of the Armed Forces, as well in later conflicts from Korea, Vietnam to Iraq. *Mákkín Taššu Native American Táareyima 'áyye 'Áytamak Hayáanakšekma* ~ We Honor all Native American Men and Women Veterans.

In 1989, the Muwékma Tribal Council began to petition the U.S. Government for Federal Acknowledgment. On May 24, 1996 the BIA made a determination that the enrolled **550 members** of the Muwékma Ohlone Tribe were the legal successors of the Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County. After many years of submitting several linear feet of evidence, our Tribe is currently waiting for its reaffirmation once again as a Federally Recognized Tribe by the BIA. *Aho!*

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