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**Angela Mooney D'Arcy (Juaneno / Acjachemen)** has been working with Native Nations, Indigenous people, grassroots and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and government agencies to protect Indigenous sacred lands, waters, and cultures for over fifteen years. She is the Executive Director and Founder of Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples, a Los Angeles-based community organization dedicated to building the capacity of Tribes and Indigenous people on cultural, social, and environmental justice issues. She is co-founder and co-director of the United Coalition to Protect Panhe, a grassroots alliance of Acjachemen people dedicated to the protection of the sacred site Panhe. She worked with University of California, Irvine Sustainability Initiative as the Tribal Community Engagement Coordinator to build relationships between tribal communities and university faculty, staff, administration, and students. Angela also authored the Environmental Justice chapter of the report *Native Voices Rising: A Case for Funding Native-led Change*, which was sponsored by Native Americans in Philanthropy and Common Counsel Foundation. She serves as Board Secretary for the Blas Aguilar Adobe Foundation which oversees the Blas Aguilar Adobe Museum & Acjachemen Cultural Center in San Juan Capistrano. She is a recipient of the New Voices Fellowship, a national Ford Foundation-funded program dedicated to cultivating the next generation of social justice leaders, the Earthjustice Sutherland Fellowship, awarded each year to a young lawyer to continue their work in environmental public-interest law, and is a member of the 2012 Circle of Leadership Academy sponsored by Native Americans in Philanthropy and the Center for Leadership Innovation. She received her B.A. from Brown University and her J.D. with a concentration in Critical Race Studies and focus on federal Indian law from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.