

## **Mark Villaseñor – Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Tribal Vice President**



An active and determined member of his community both culturally and politically, Mark Villaseñor has been an engaged leader and citizen of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, a sovereign tribe of Los Angeles County, for his adult life. He is the descendant of lineages/villages of Ta'apu, Tapo Canyon, Siutcanga, the village at Encino, and Chaguayanga, a village in Santa Clarita Valley. As the current Tribal Vice President for his tribe, Mark collaborates with Federal, State and Local municipalities, as well as other sovereign nations, in efforts to better his tribe. Engaging in civic activities and volunteerism, Villaseñor has been active in City sponsored initiatives. And is currently a Commissioner for the Los Angeles City County Native American Indian Commission, as a Mayoral appointee. In addition to advocating for his tribal community, Villaseñor supports other City residents. He is often called upon by his alma mater, CSU Northridge to support student-initiated programs and provide guest lectures or songs. Additionally, Villaseñor supports programs by other community-based organizations providing services to the broader local community. To better accomplish financial, political, or cultural objectives for his tribal community, he graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration with a focus in Global Supply Chain Management from California State University, Northridge.

## **Angie Hacker – CEO, Principal Consultant**



Angie Hacker (Principal Consultant and CEO) joined Prosper Sustainably in September 2016 and became CEO of Prosper Sustainably LLC in 2019. Angie has 20 years of public, private and non-profit experience serving communities in the areas of sustainability, clean energy, and climate resilience, primarily in California. Prior to becoming CEO and Principal Consultant of Prosper Sustainably, she served as Energy and Sustainability Division Chief for the County of Santa Barbara and oversaw local, state, federal, and ratepayer-funded energy and climate initiatives. In addition to serving tribal and local clients, Angie serves as Statewide Best Practices Coordinator for Local Government Commission's California Climate and Energy Collaborative. Her areas of expertise include identifying needs, designing innovative local and regional solutions, communicating a strategic vision, pursuing policy and regulatory opportunities, obtaining resources, building local capacity, leveraging cross-sector partnerships, and engaging stakeholders. She enjoys managing complex projects and datasets to achieve results within multi-agency, political and bureaucratic environments. She earned a Master of Public Administration from New York University and a Bachelor of Science in Applied Social Psychology from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Angie cares deeply about fostering true community engagement and preserving a healthy planet.

**Josh Simmons – President and Founder, Principal Consultant**



Joshua Simmons (Principal Consultant and President) founded Prosper Sustainably in May 2014. From 2007 to 2014 Josh served as Environmental Director for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. During that time Josh helped the Santa Ynez Chumash become a nationwide leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability. He has also been instructing various courses since 2008 including strategic planning, developing EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs), grant/proposal writing, and environmental code development. Prior to working for the Chumash Josh worked for law firms in Santa Barbara, a waste sorting technology company (Austin AI), the Port of San Diego Environmental and Real Estate Departments, and the Mohegan Tribe's Environmental Department. Josh's education background includes a B.A. in Environmental Science from Assumption College, a J.D. from the University of San Diego, and a Master of Environmental Science & Management from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Josh is also a licensed California Attorney (since 2006). Josh spends his free time with his close friends and family, enjoying himself in nature as much as possible, and pursuing personal growth.

**Shasta Gaughen – Cultural Anthropologist**



Shasta Gaughen is a cultural anthropologist who received her PhD from the University of New Mexico in 2011. She specializes in Native America, political economy, identity, and Indian gaming, among other research interests. Her PhD research focused on the political economy and identity of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, particularly since the opening of the Pala Casino in 2001. She has worked for the Pala Band since 2005, first as the acting director of the tribe's Cupa Cultural Center, and currently as the Environmental Director and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Her work involves managing and protecting Pala's natural and cultural resources. In particular, she leads the fight to prevent the Gregory Canyon Landfill, a dump that would be located on a mountain that is sacred to the people of Pala. Shasta has taught Cultural Anthropology and Human Origins at CSUSM since 2006.