

September 30, 2025

REQUEST FOR COMMENT

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Re: **Name Proposal Received: dukMé?em wá?a**
Contact: cacgn@resources.ca.gov

RESPONSE REQUESTED BY: November 7th, 2025

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

The California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN), a committee within the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), has received a name proposal from the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN) with the following name, dukMé?em wá?a (458-6383), within the geographic region specific to your jurisdiction.

Background

CACGN is a committee that provides recommendation to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN) regarding geographic names to be used on maps or any other publications published by federal agencies. The BGN is a federal body charged with maintaining uniform geographic name usage throughout the federal government. It considers proposals, suggestions and concerns associated with geographic names, and forwards those located in California to the CACGN for an initial review and recommendation.

Name Proposal

The stream is located West of Stony Ridge Lake and flows Northwest then Northeast into Lake Tahoe (39.0551853, -120.113243) in El Dorado County. The proposed name “dukMé?em wá?a” was submitted by the California Department of Parks & Recreation in collaboration with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California to the BGN for their consideration of the stream which is currently named General Creek. The CACGN seeks input from the El Dorado Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of support or objection of the proposed name.

Given public agencies’ unique relationships with members of their communities, CACGN looks to public agencies to lead engagement efforts with potentially affected community members and to provide recommendations that best reflect the values of their communities. While CACGN conducts its own tribal consultations on naming proposals, we acknowledge public agencies’ unique relationships with California Native American tribes and encourages public agencies to also conduct their own tribal consultation.

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We respectfully request comments be received by **November 7th, 2025**. CRNA staff anticipates bringing this case to CACGN on December 12, 2025. Once CACGN votes to recommend approval or disapproval of the name proposal, CACGN's recommendation will be sent to the BGN for a final decision.

We look forward to coordinating with your El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, local communities, and California Native American tribes in making a recommendation on this proposal.

Thank you for considering this notice, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AM'.

Araceli Moreno

CACGN Manager

California Natural Resources Agency