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Order Instituting Informational Proceeding (OIIP) – Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty

June 10, 2025, Tribal Listening Session on Scope and Planned Engagement

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Proposed Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Opening Remarks
- Presentation on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty OIIP (CEC Staff)
- Discussion on the Scope of the Proceeding
- Presentation on Tribal Engagement and Consultation (CEC Staff)
- Discussion on the Planned Engagement and Consultation for this Proceeding
- Closing Remarks and Ways to Stay Engaged



Welcome and Introductions

Tribal Representatives

CEC Representatives



Opening Remarks

Chair David Hochschild



Commissioner Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo





Presentation and Discussion on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty OIIP



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Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (OIIP)

- Forum for public meetings and other engagement
- Information gathering and record for further actions
- Open docket





Benefits of the OIIP

- Increase tribal participation, partnerships and engagement with the CEC
- Receive input on CEC's energy work with California Native American tribes
- Support tribal energy sovereignty pursuant to the Resolution Committing to Support California Tribal Energy Sovereignty
- Record-building



Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty



Source: CEC



What Does Tribal Energy Sovereignty Look Like for Your Tribe?



Further Embedding Tribal Energy Sovereignty in CEC's Work

- Energy Planning
- Energy Policy
- Energy Programs (Funding)
- Energy Projects



Scope

- Tribal consultation
- Tribal energy sovereignty
- Tribal cultural resource considerations regarding clean energy development
- Best practices for tribal energy grants, tribal energy equity indicators, and engaging with tribes on energy projects
- Tribal energy economy including tribal enterprise and workforce development



What Topics Do You Want to See in this OIIP? (Co-Developed 6/10/25*)

- Natural and cultural resources (including habitats and waterways) and access considerations with energy development
- Data sovereignty (Tribal Data Sovereignty Policies and Data Sets)
- Tribal capacity-building at different levels (individual, region, statewide) in areas of technical, economic development, workforce development, etc.
- Tribal-led identification of and engagement on energy topics of interest (rather than agency led)
- Tribal stewardship/co-management
- Transmission
- Rights of way
- Interconnection
- Communication with tribes by outside entities related to energy development
- Tribal benefit agreements
- CEQA/permitting
- Limited waivers
- Coordinating engagement and consolidating information
- OSW plan information
- Grant management, invoicing, and reporting streamlining/reducing administrative burden based on tribal input
- Recognizing limited tribal capacity related to entirety of CEC portfolio
- Tribal and TEK inclusion in state and regional energy planning
- Data center considerations
- Tribal legislative agenda development

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Proposed Deliverables

2 Policies

- Updated Tribal Consultation Policy
- Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy

Best Practices

- Tribal Energy Grants
- Tribal Energy Equity Indicators
- Engaging with Tribes on Energy Projects

Standardized Methodology

- Tribal Cultural Resource Considerations Regarding Clean Energy Development
 - Guidance for use during clean energy planning

Analysis

- Tribal Energy Economic Development Opportunities
 - Tribal Enterprise and Workforce Development



What Deliverables Would Be Helpful to You? (Co-Developed 6/10/25*)

- Pedestrian surveys by *qualified* Native American monitors/THPOs in the field and local archeologists working directly with, and deferring to, tribes
- Uplifted portion of economic analysis related to model projects
- Invitation lists that include relevant entities (regulatory, permitting, etc.) for potential follow ups

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Presentation and Discussion on Planned Engagement



When: 2 Year Timeline

Launch OIIP
March 17, 2025

Engagement

Pre Draft Regionals: July-
December 2025
Post Draft Regionals:
Date TBD

Final Report
Date TBD



OIIP Engagement

- Tribal Energy Summit on March 18
- Virtual listening sessions
- Statewide consultation
- Regional roundtable meetings
- More



Source: CEC



Planned Regions

- San Diego and Riverside County
- Lake County
- North Coast (Crescent City area)
- Eastern Desert (Arizona Border area)
- Southeast of State (Imperial area)
- Central Valley (Tuolumne area)
- East Center of State (Bishop area)
- Lower Center of State (Porterville area)
- Central Coast (Santa Ynez area)
- Northeast (Susanville Area)
- Central North (Corning area)





Discussion Guiding Questions on Planned Engagement and Consultation

- What are your thoughts on the engagement and consultation plan?
 - Are we giving enough space for input into these important discussions?
- Does the timeline seem appropriate?
- Are we missing any regions?
- Is your tribe potentially interested in hosting one of these sessions?



Principles for Respectful Meetings

- California Truth and Healing Council's Principles for Respectful Meetings
 - “Engage in the work of the Council and with others in an open and respectful way.”
 - “Engage in behaviors that will make others feel welcome.”
 - “Take care of your emotional, mental, spiritual and physical well-being.”
 - “Seek support as you need it.”
 - https://tribalaffairs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/06/CTHC-Respectful-Engagement_Final.pdf



Discussion Guiding Questions on Planned Engagement and Consultation Continued

- Would you like to see this proceeding adopt principles for respectful meetings?
- Are you aware of other examples of principles for respectful meetings you would like to share?
- What principles for respectful meetings would you like to see for the public sessions during the OIIP on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty? (next slide)



What Should Be Included in Principles for a Respectful Meeting? (Co-developed 6/10/25*)

- Honest but civil conversations
- Taking care of your spiritual needs
- Being grounded in a sense of place
- Equitable voice amplification
- Deferring to tribal elder speakers first
- Curiosity and questions for deeper connections
- Encourage and consider opportunities for record-building
- Review and affirm accurate reflections for the record
- Agreeing to disagree gives us permission to hear, not listen
- Honor time

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How to Stay Engaged

Docket:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-OIIP-01>

- Availability of Information and Documents:
- <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/tribal-program>
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The screenshot shows the California Energy Commission's Tribal Program webpage. The header includes the navigation path: California Energy Commission > Programs and Topics > All Programs > Tribal Program. The main heading is "Tribal Program". Below it, a paragraph states: "The California Energy Commission's Tribal Program helps the organization conduct effective government-to-government cooperation, collaboration, communication, and other activities with California Native American tribes." To the right, a "CONTACT" box lists Sierra Graves as the Director of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Liaison, with the email tribalaffairs@energy.ca.gov. Below the main text, a section titled "The program has many functions, including:" lists two bullet points: "Ensuring effective consultation between the Energy Commission and tribes to advance the Energy Commission's mission and provide meaningful tribal input into the development of regulations, rules, policies, plans, and activities that may affect them." and "Conducting outreach to tribes on topics such as California offshore wind energy planning, tribal energy". To the right of this list is a "DOCKET INFORMATION" box with a link to "Order Instituting Informational Proceeding on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty (25-OIIP-01)".

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Thank You!

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