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Summary of 10/29/2024 SB 100 Tribal Working Group Comments and Questions

Meeting Minutes: Estimated 1 hour 30 minutes.

Tribal representatives had the following concerns and recommendations:

- Concerned with energy technologies that are being defined as renewable. For example, the raw materials required for OSW and the impacts to the Salton Sea for lithium mining. The reports do not study or report the impacts on any wildlife, streams, and environment.
- State of California should acknowledge water vapor being a GHG and impacting climate change. State of California needs to study change in oceanic temperatures, water vapor relation and atmospheric rivers.
- Concerned with state of California not acknowledging better consumption practices.
- The impacts of lithium are not being recorded and studied. There is need for better discussion and studies of how lithium mining will affect Tribes and lands that traditionally belong to the Tribes.
- Tribes would like to see proposed locations of transmission lines as they are concerned with the fire risk associated with new transmission lines planned through mountains, coastal communities, beaches, and all areas in California.
- Tribes want to understand “How close to shore does the state of California have jurisdiction of transmission near shore?” Answer provided from CEC staff: State Lands Commission has authority out to 3-miles
- Tribes need to be informed of proposed locations (energy facilities, transmission, etc.) in order to study impacts.
- Tribes need better engagement strategies from CEC staff to receive proper communication to participate in energy planning. Transmission is being planned where the Park Fire is currently burning.
- Tribes want a new threshold on the word consultation, consultation seems to be an empty word and needs to be refined and have a new threshold. Tribal consultation needs to be using Tribal feedback and not just listening and planning.
- Question from Tribes: “Will there be better communication on when permits will be issued when transmission lines are proposed?” Answer provided from CEC staff during TWG: Definition of permitting timeline requirements and processes will be made clear as we develop the guidebook (SB319).
- Tribes suggests other energy technologies should be implemented for SB 100 planning that could avoid reliance on OSW. There are other energy technologies in the research stage that could add diversification.

Comments Collected from SB 100 Tribal Working Group Attendees on 10/29/2024

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