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Summary of 9/23/2025 SB 100 Tribal Working Group Comments and Questions

Meeting Minutes: 1 hour

Tribal representatives had the following concerns and recommendations

- Tribes want to better understand what the state is looking for from Tribes. Will the state disperse money?
- Concerns with land designations and compatibility with energy development. For example, tribal lands are either Trust lands or Tribal ancestral lands, how are these compatible with renewable energy development and reaching SB 100 goals?
- Northern California Tribes do not have reliable energy infrastructure.
- Opportunities presented at the June 25, 2025, meeting was written for state agencies, Tribes want opportunities that represent Tribal perspectives.
- Tribes recommend agencies ask individual Tribes what their energy goals, opportunities, and challenges are. Each tribe has different needs, resources, and goals.
- Concern with energy development on trust lands or tribal ancestral lands because cultural resources are present and create complications and implications with renewable energy development.
- Tribes do not have resources or capital to start their own utility, training, or workforce.
- In order to achieve 100% clean energy Tribes would need their own utility on their lands.
- Some Tribes are not a land-based population or have limited tribal land which creates a challenge for energy development.
- When voting on energy goals as a Tribe there are challenges such as education and voting amongst membership.
- Tribes would benefit from having their own Tribal electric utility. Tribes generate electricity, pay for wholesale electricity, and able to invest back into Tribe.
- Comments Collected from SB 100 Tribal Working Group Attendees on 9/23/2025
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