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**Notice of Tribal Affairs Regional Roundtable and Consultations:  
CEC Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding  
on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty (25-OIIP-01)**

**February 18-19, 2026**

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pala Casino Spa and Resort  
11154 CA-76  
Pala, CA 92059

*See Attendance and Registration Instructions below. This is an in-person event only.*

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is hosting a series of Regional Roundtables on the CEC's Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (OIIP) on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty (25-OIIP-01). The Regional Roundtables are open to all California Native American tribes. On February 19, in collaboration with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative (TECC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Energy Commission will convene a discussion with California Native American tribes in attendance around energy issues facing California tribes and tribal communities. The public can participate consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The event may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

**Proposed Agenda**

The OIIP, Regional Roundtables, and other corresponding forums will offer space for tribal voices from around the state. The discussions and feedback gathered will inform the OIIP, CEC's Tribal Program, including revisions to CEC's Tribal Consultation Policy, development of a CEC tribal energy sovereignty policy, cultural resource considerations, best practices, and more. The proposed agenda is as follows:

## **February 18, 2026:**

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative (TECC) Convening (to register: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4mXAvk7szx-hF4MI6FjI5YQEsp-HRRifqSc\\_89izeYOGMyA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4mXAvk7szx-hF4MI6FjI5YQEsp-HRRifqSc_89izeYOGMyA/viewform))

The event will focus on priority topics identified by TECC Tribes which include (but may not be limited to):

- New service, service upgrade, and interconnection applications and delays including rights of way/easements for utility infrastructure
- Application of State laws on Tribal lands
- Grid capacity constraints
- Challenges with state-authorized programs

This event will include presentations by TECC, Tribes, agencies, and/or Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) on the priority topics along with solutions-focused discussion regarding challenges, opportunities, and next steps. A detailed agenda will be released as the event nears.

## **February 19, 2026:**

- CPUC Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking
- CEC Tribal OIIP on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty
- One-on-one consultations
  - If your tribe would like to request a time for Government-to-Government consultations, please email [tribalaffairs@energy.ca.gov](mailto:tribalaffairs@energy.ca.gov)

The event will include an opportunity for public comment.

A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the event at:

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

## **Background on CEC OIIP on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty:**

On March 17, 2025, the CEC issued an Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (OIIP) on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty. Chair David Hochschild is the Lead Commissioner, and Commissioner Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo is the Associate Commissioner for the OIIP. The OIIP is in alignment with the March 2, 2023 [CEC Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty](https://www.energy.ca.gov/filebrowser/download/5280) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/filebrowser/download/5280>), which was adopted in

alignment with Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order [N-15-19](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/6.18.19-Executive-Order.pdf) (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/6.18.19-Executive-Order.pdf>), where he issued an apology to California Native American tribes for the violence against tribes committed by the State and established the Truth and Healing Council.

The CEC has implemented the aforementioned resolution through a variety of clean energy plans, programs, policies, and projects across the CEC. The CEC has embraced the values of early, often, and meaningful engagement and consultation with California Native American tribes. In addition, the CEC has implemented significant steps reflecting tribal priorities, most notably by partnering with tribes and investing more than \$130 million in tribally-led clean energy projects and programs.

The CEC's Tribal Program has many functions, including:

- Ensuring effective government-to-government consultation between the CEC and California Native American tribes to advance the CEC's mission and provide meaningful tribal input into the development of regulations, rules, policies, plans, and activities that may affect them.
- Conducting outreach to California Native American tribes on topics such as impacts of California energy planning and projects on tribes and tribal resources, energy funding, and tribal cultural resources assessments.
- Partnering with California Native American tribes on tribal cultural resources assessments, such as climate change assessments related to traditional ecological knowledge and studies on cultural landscapes.
- Engagement, relationship-building, and collaboration between the CEC and California Native American tribes at energy events and other forums.

## **Attendance Instructions**

This event is **in-person only**.

## **Public Comment**

Oral comments will be accepted at the event. Instructions for public comment will be provided at the event. Comments may be limited to two minutes or less and one speaker per organization.

## **Contacts**

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**Availability of Documents:** Documents and presentations for these meetings will be available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-OIIP-01>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Tribal Program. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

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