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Summit on Tribal Energy Enterprise and Workforce Development

April 23–24, 2026

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation | Cache Creek Casino

Times provided below are approximates.

Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
Thursday, April 23: Agency Presentations (Event Center 1)		
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	California Energy Commission
9:30 – 10:15 AM	CEC OIIP – Tribal Energy Enterprise and Workforce Development	California Energy Commission
10:15 – 10:30 AM	<i>Break</i>	
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Tribal Engagement and FERC Order 1920	California Independent System Operator
11:15 – 12:00 PM	California Strategic Growth Council: Grant Programs and Initiatives	Strategic Growth Council
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 – 1:45 PM	CPUC Tribal Land Transfer and Consultation Policy	California Public Utilities Commission
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Partnerships for Resilient Utility Corridors to Reduce Wildfire Risk	Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
2:30 – 2:45 PM	<i>Break</i>	
2:45 – 3:30 PM	DWR Statewide Energy Office - Energy Procurement	Department of Water Resources
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	
Friday, April 24: CEC Summit (Yolo Ballroom 2 & 3)		
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	California Energy Commission
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Energy Initiatives	Adam Hart (Cache Creek Casino)
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Energy and Economic Development in Indian Country	Pilar Thomas <i>Moderator: Kelsey Freeman (CEC)</i>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	<i>Break</i>	

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10:45 – 11:30 AM	Building Partnerships for a Clean Energy Economy	<p>Josh Simmons (Tribal Energy Climate Collaborative)</p> <p>Tracy Stanhoff (American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Chair David Hochschild (CEC)</i></p>
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Clean Energy as a Tool for Economic Development	<p>Ken Ahmann (Colusa Indian Energy)</p> <p>Nicole Reiter (Indian Energy)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Commissioner Matt Baker (CPUC)</i></p>
12:15 – 1:15 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:15 – 2:00 PM	Building an Effective Workforce Development Program	<p>Dylan Aubrey (Tribal Workforce Trade Association)</p> <p>Elizabeth Perez (GC Green)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Commissioner Noemí Gallardo (CEC)</i></p>
2:00 – 2:15 PM	<i>Break</i>	
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Tribal Utility Authorities and Energy Infrastructure Ownership	<p>Jason Carrisoza and Max Spivak (Morongo Band of Mission Indians)</p> <p>Pi-Ta Pitt (Pechanga Western Electric)</p> <p>Kate Ellis (San Manuel Utility Authority)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Commissioner Darcie Houck (CPUC)</i></p>
3:00 – 3:50 PM	Case Study: TERAS Project	<p>Chairman Joe James (Yurok Tribe)</p> <p>Raymond McQuillen (Yurok Tribe)</p> <p>Matthew Marshall (Blue Lake Rancheria)</p> <p>Tyson Dempewolf (Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Peter Alstone (Schatz Energy Research Center)</i></p> <p>CEC Video introduced by Jim Landrith</p>
3:50 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation; California Energy Commission