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Summit on Tribal Energy Enterprise and Workforce Development

April 23, 2026

Welcome and Opening Remarks



California Energy Commission (CEC)

Informational Proceeding on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty





History of Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty





Components of Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty

Goals

- **support** tribal self-determination, self-government, and **energy sovereignty**;
- **enhance tribal consultation** and participation in decision-making related to clean energy planning and development in California;
- **improve the protection of sacred sites**, cultural resources, and access to ancestral lands;
- **increase tribal access** to federal and state energy funding opportunities;
- **provide opportunities** for economic diversification, career development; and investment in renewable energy for California tribes;



Components of Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty

Actions

- enter into memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with interested California tribes to establish **frameworks for collaboration** on key energy policy and planning initiatives;
- develop **capacity building** and technical assistance resources to support clean energy transitions, advance the development of tribal energy enterprises, and increase access to clean energy programs;
- increase **tribal set-asides** within State programs and funding opportunities;
- partner with California tribes to pursue **federal funding** opportunities;
- prioritize **community benefits** within programs, policies, and planning initiatives;
- enhance **land-use considerations** in clean energy planning for the protection of tribal cultural resources;
- increase cultural awareness and **knowledge of tribal priorities** among Commission staff to better inform the development of programs, policies, and planning initiatives.



Components of Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty

Actions Related to Land

- provide assistance to facilitate California tribal government access to existing **information concerning land that may be of interest** to California tribes, including the environmental condition of the land;
- encourage and support opportunities for entities with whom the Commission conducts business with or otherwise regulates or interacts, including, but not limited to, publicly owned utilities, to provide California tribes **access, use, and co-management of lands** and to work cooperatively with California tribes that are interested in acquiring lands in excess of State needs; and
- encourage and support local agencies, as defined by Government Code section 54221(a), with whom the Commission interacts, to **transfer ownership of surplus lands** with which California tribes have a cultural connection or are within a California tribe's ancestral land.



Where we are today...

State Funding Eligibility Expanded

- Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA)

Capacity Funds

- California Clean Energy Policy and Planning Program (CCEPP)
- Offshore Wind Capacity Fund

Tribal Set-Asides

- Tribal Specific Equitable Building Decarbonization Program (Tribal EBD)

Removing Funding Barriers

- Tribal Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Planning, and Workforce Training and Development

Tribal Engagement in Planning

- Offshore Wind
- SB 100

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

Advancing in Tribal Energy Sovereignty State Partnership Frameworks





Advancing in Tribal Energy Sovereignty State Partnership Frameworks

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Advancing in Tribal Energy Sovereignty State Partnership Frameworks

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Discussion



Morning Break







California ISO

Tribal Engagement on Infrastructure Development

Danielle Osborn Mills

Director, Infrastructure Policy Development

April 23, 2026

California Independent System Operator (CAISO)

- The CAISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation that manages the flow of electricity across high-voltage power lines that make up 80 percent of California's and a small part of Nevada's grid
- CAISO is not a governmental entity
- CAISO does not own generation or transmission assets
- Based in Folsom, CA



CAISO Regulation and Oversight

- FERC is an independent federal agency that regulates the interstate transmission of natural gas, oil, and electricity
- Changes to CAISO's tariff are subject to FERC approval
- NERC is a non-profit organization that develops reliability standards for the electric grid, subject to FERC approval and oversight, and enforces reliability standards



NERC

NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY CORPORATION

CAISO Balancing Authority (BA)

- A *balancing authority* is responsible for maintaining the balance between electric supply and demand within a geographic area, which is known as the balancing authority area
- The CAISO as a balancing authority:
 - Serves 80% of California and a small portion of Nevada
 - Manages the delivery of energy on the transmission system to load serving entities on the distribution system
 - Load serving entities include investor-owned and publicly-owned utilities, community choice aggregators, and energy service providers



CAISO Responsibilities

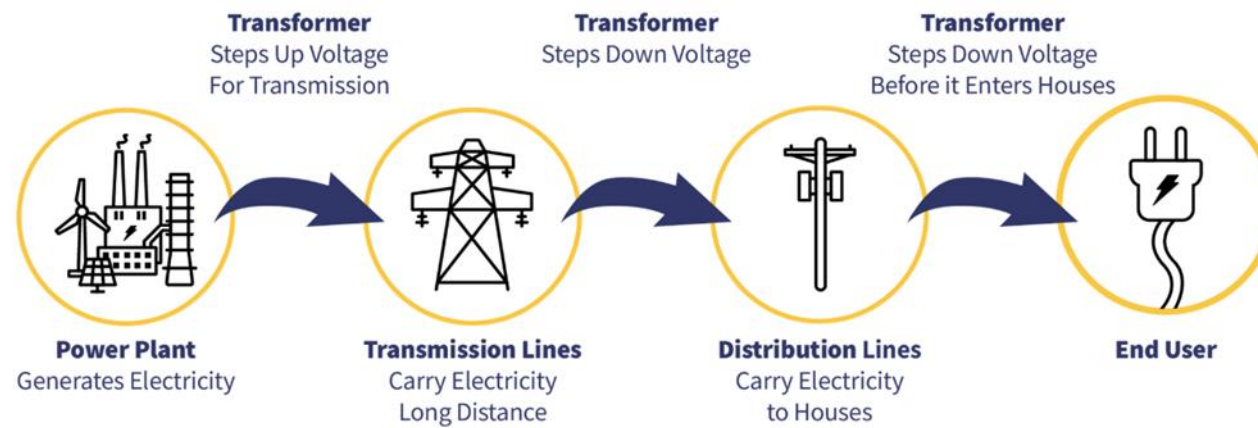
Within its balancing authority area, the CAISO:

- Maintains reliability across the grid
- Manages flow of energy across high voltage transmission
- Oversees the transmission planning process
- Operates a market for wholesale electricity



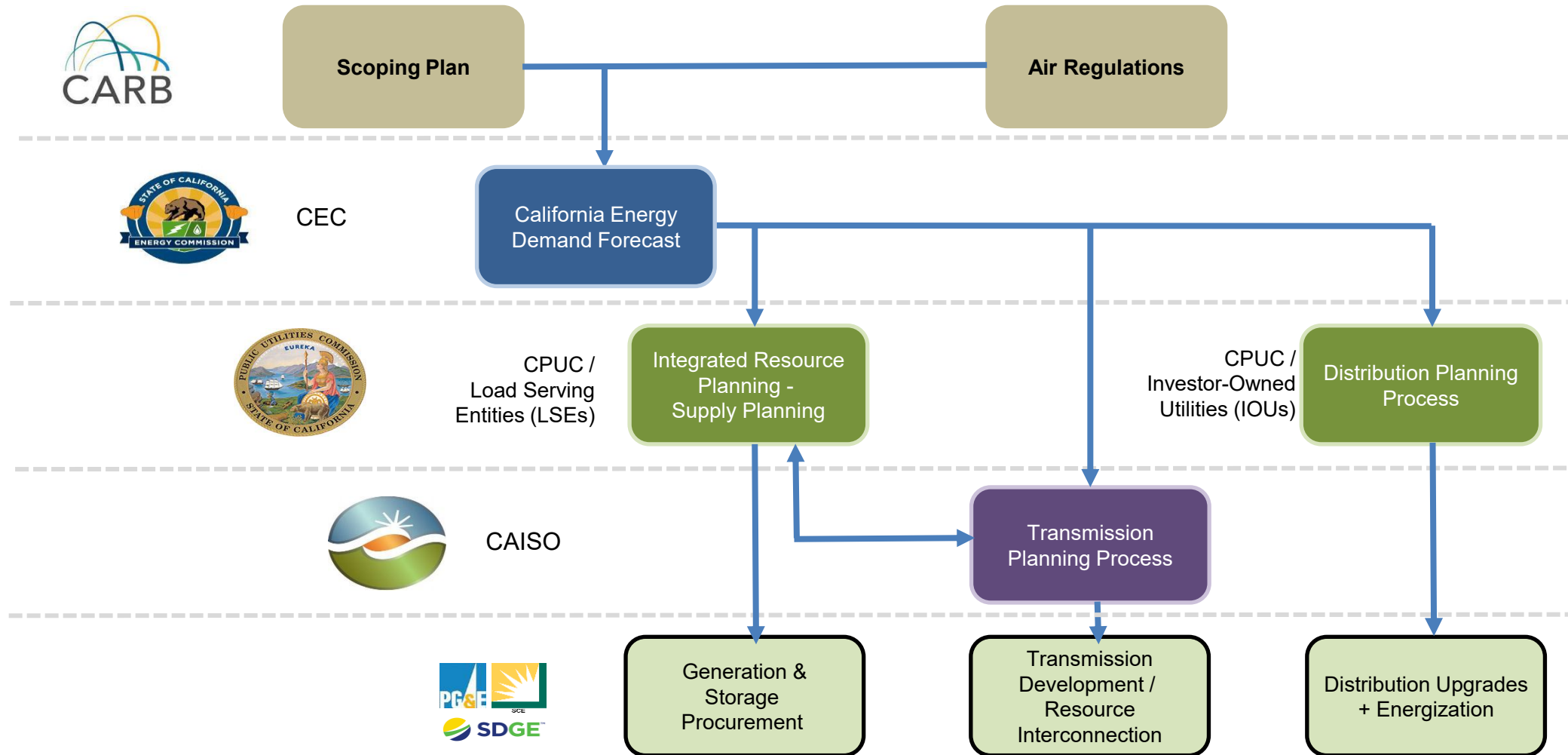
Transmission vs. Distribution

- A key difference between transmission and distribution is voltage, or how strongly electricity is pushed through power lines.
- Distribution uses lower-voltage lines to deliver electricity to homes, businesses, and local communities.
- Transmission, also called the bulk power system, uses high-voltage lines to move electricity long distances between power plants and communities.



Source: FERC

California Statewide Energy Planning Process – High Level Overview



CAISO and Participating Transmission Owners (PTOs): Roles and Responsibilities

CAISO

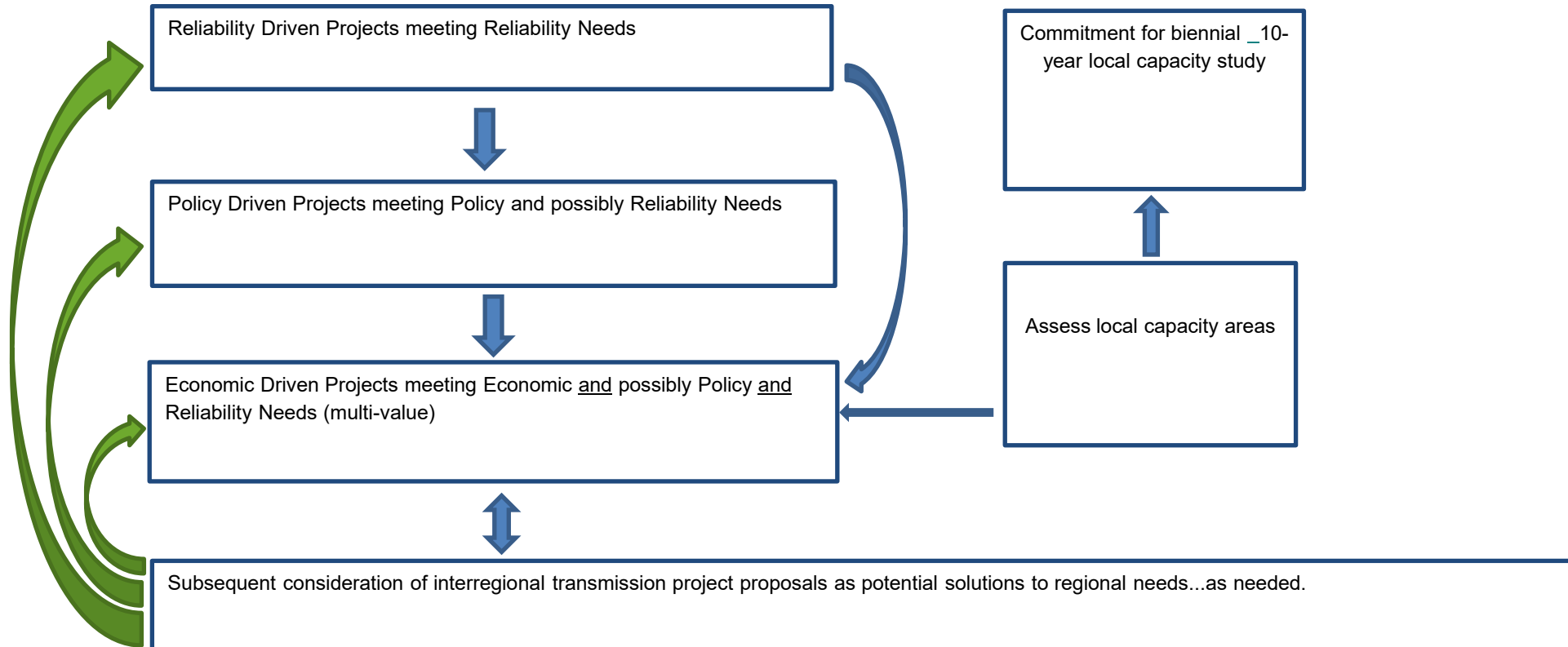
- Transmission expansion planning
- Generator interconnection requests

Transmission Owner

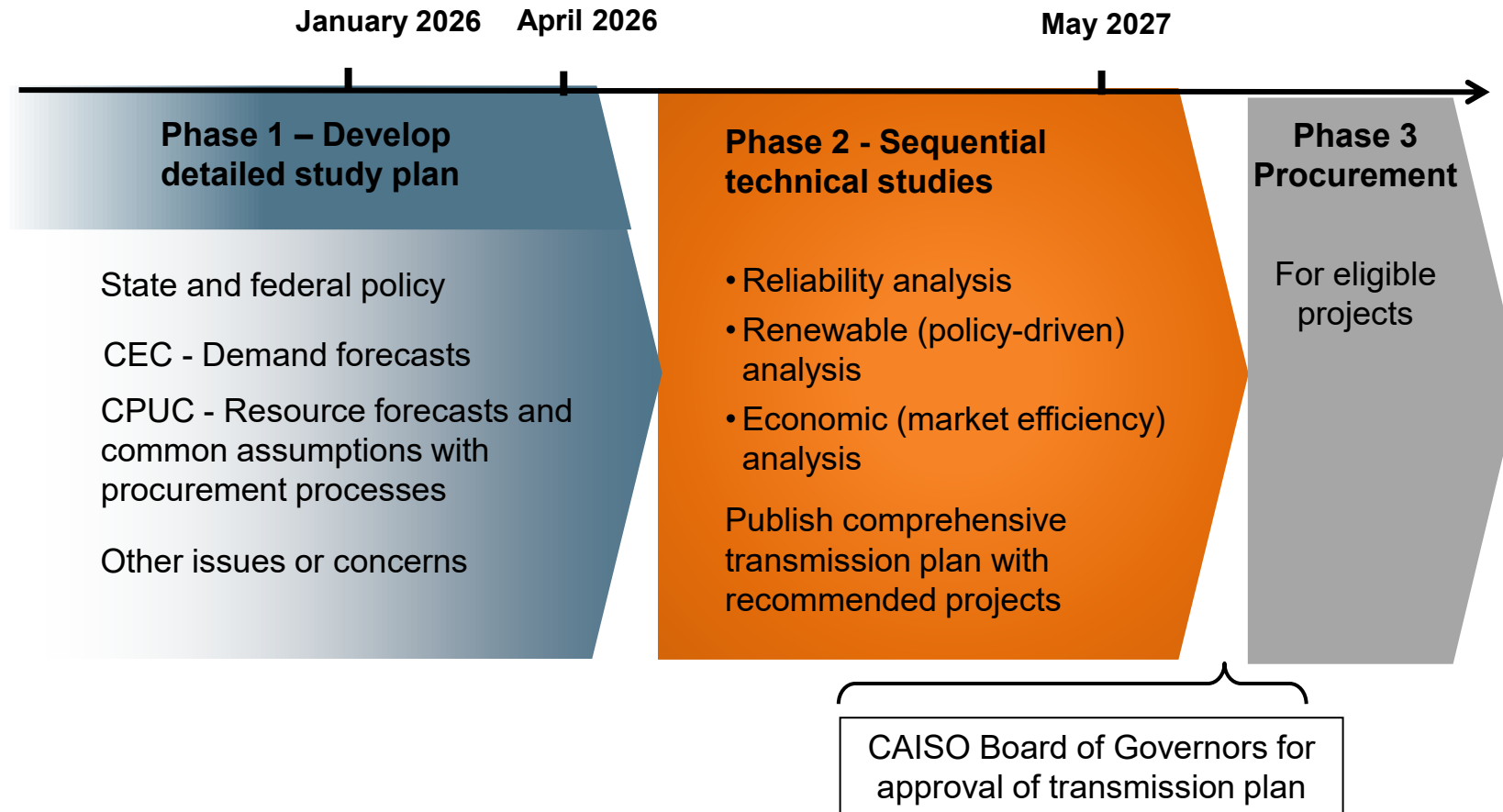
- All maintenance including lifecycle replacement
- Interconnections of new load delivery points
- Interconnections of new third-party transmission requests

Both parties have roles in the processes led by the other party.

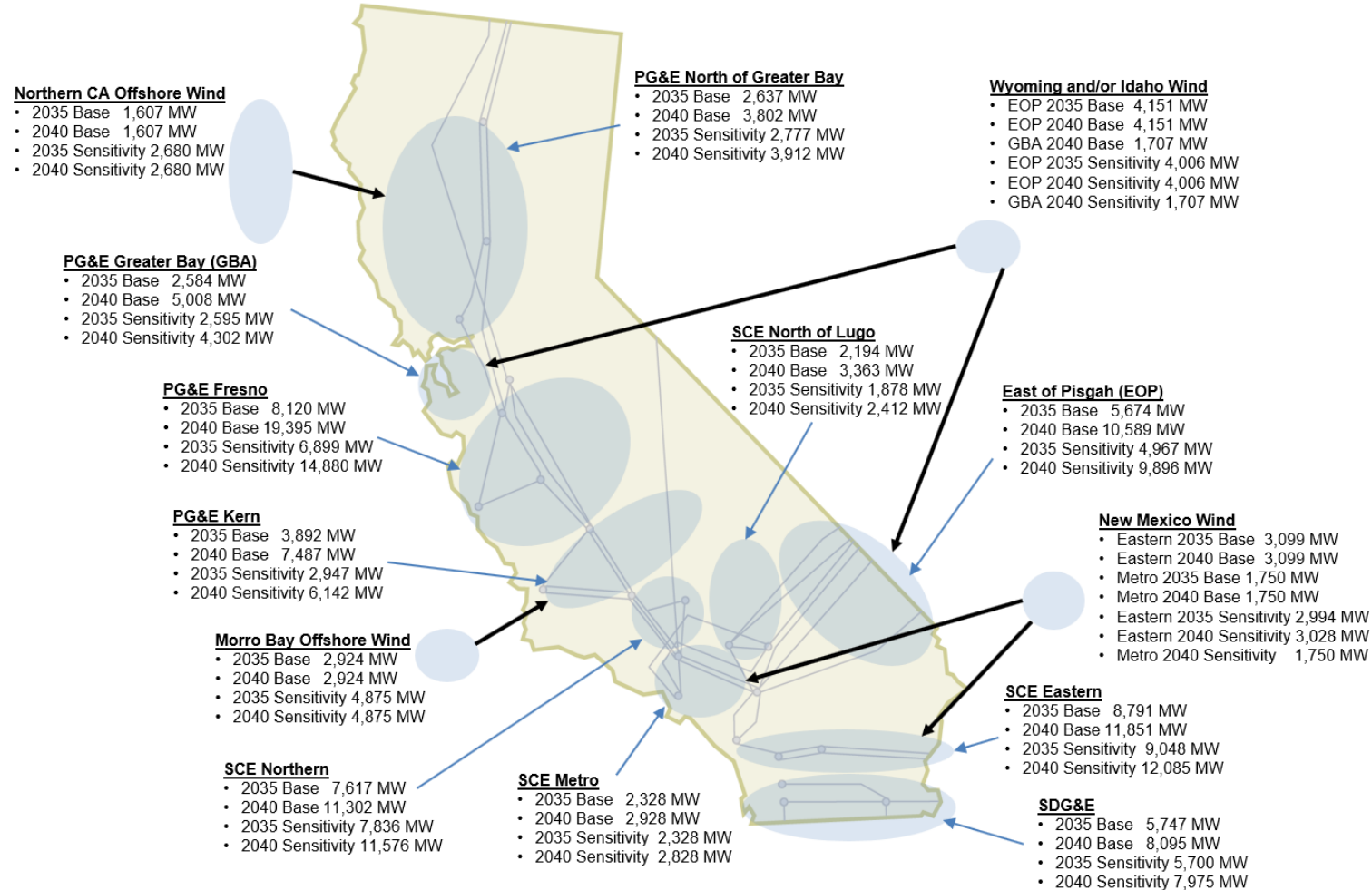
Studies are coordinated as a part of the transmission planning process



CAISO annual transmission planning process – current process and timelines



The 2025-2026 Transmission Plan continues to utilize the zonal approach for resource development



CPUC Decision 25-02-026

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M557/K879/557879249.PDF>

CAISO Management and Board approval process

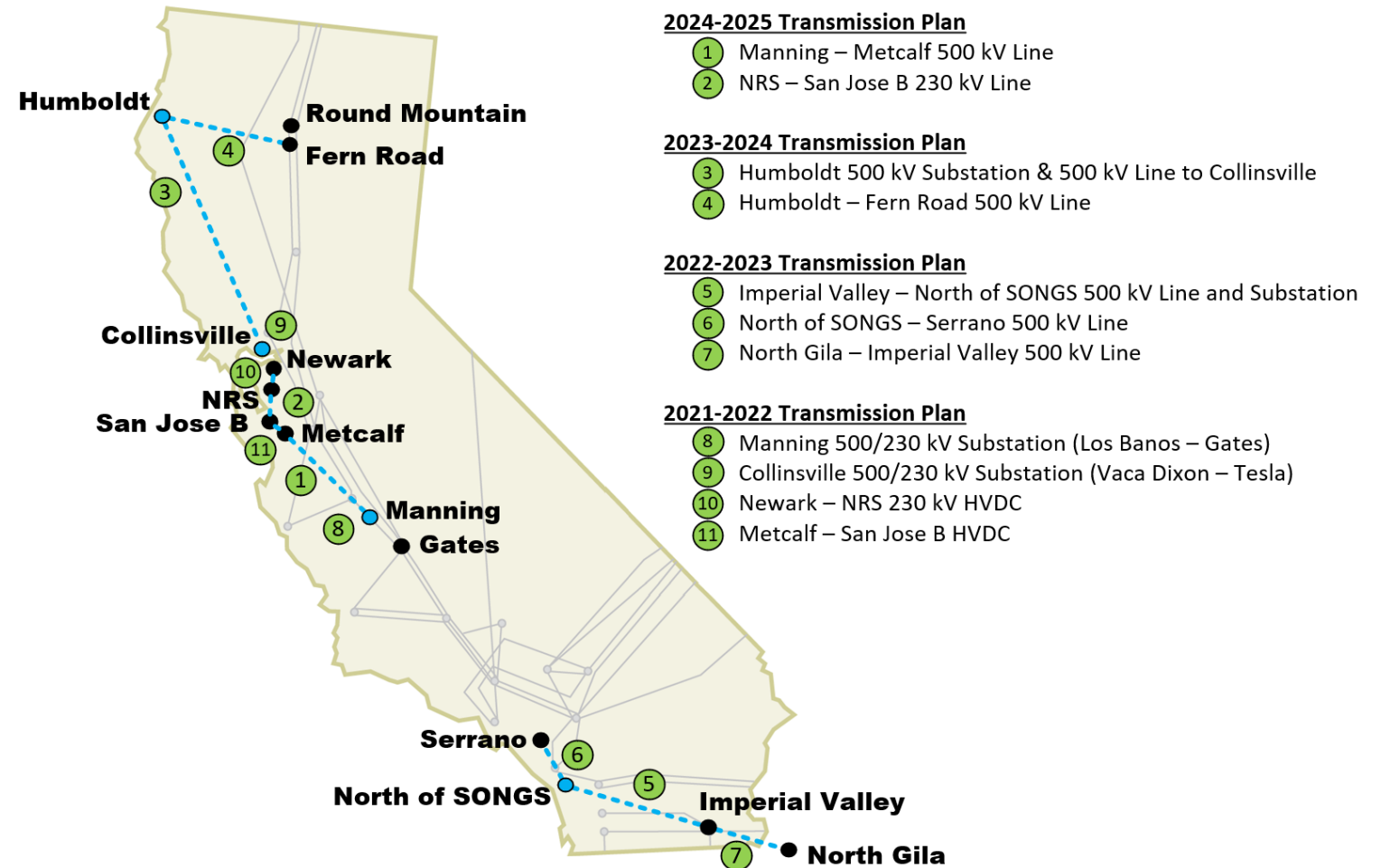
- ISO management can approve projects with a capital cost of \$50 million or less through the year and to streamline Board approval of the plan – checks in place to ensure these are not controversial.
- The revised draft transmission plan is presented to the Board of Governors for approval resulting in the Board approved plan
 - Transmission upgrades and additions with estimated capital costs \$50 million or more will then be deemed approved, and less-than-\$50 million not already approved.
 - Approval of other findings, including selection of non-transmission alternatives
- ISO posts the Board approved comprehensive transmission plan
- Competitive solicitation process starts for eligible projects – others are directly assigned to the incumbent utility.

Regional transmission facilities eligible for competitive solicitation

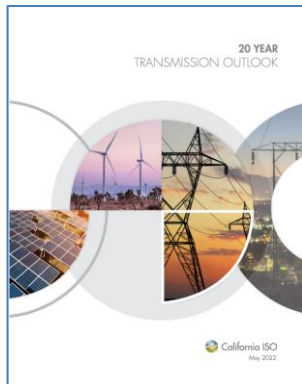
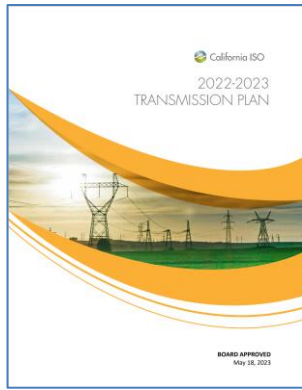
- Regional transmission facilities deemed needed under the comprehensive transmission planning process are eligible for competitive solicitation unless they are:
 - Facilities that involve an upgrade or improvement to, addition on, or a replacement of a part of an existing participating TO facility
 - under 200 kV, e.g. “local”
- The ISO made selections through this process 21 times since 2011, 3 to incumbents, 3 to consortiums including incumbents, and 15 to non-incumbent PTOs.
 - Several projects were subsequently canceled for other reasons

Competitively awarded projects represent a significant portion of new transmission expenditures

- 11 of the 128 projects approved in the last 4 transmission plans (9%)
- Represented \$10.5 billion or 46% of the total capital estimated at time of approval



CAISO's Current Transmission Planning Process (TPP)



Relies upon load forecasts and resource plans from state and local regulatory authorities

- Annual transmission plan (10-Year and 15-Year) is the formal approval document for expansion planning in our footprint
 - Responds to accelerating load growth and escalating clean energy needs
 - Draft 2025-2026 Transmission Plan recommends approval of 38 projects, totaling \$7 billion
 - 2024-2025 Transmission Plan approved 31 transmission projects, totaling \$4.8 billion; Projects were largely load-growth related
 - Previous recent transmission plans were largely policy-driven, supporting access to resource basins
 - Focus on the most efficient and effective long-term solutions, including grid-enhancing technologies
- 20 Year Outlook assesses longer term needs
 - First prepared in 2022, updated in 2024
 - Establishes a longer-term direction and strategy
 - Provides context for the near-term decision
- FERC Order No. 1920 will require changes and add new considerations to regional transmission planning

Draft 2025-2026 Transmission Plan

- [California ISO - 2025-2026 Transmission planning process](#), Posted April 7, 2026
- Recommends approval of 38 new transmission projects
- Need is driven primarily by increased load growth
 - 15 GW of load growth with 74 GW of new resources 2035
 - 20 GW of load growth with 107 GW of new resources by 2040
- \$7 Billion investment in new infrastructure
- The ISO welcomes feedback and questions
 - Hybrid meeting scheduled for April 15, 2026
 - Comments due April 29, 2026
 - Send questions to TribalAffairs@caiso.com
- Board of Governors Decision: May 19, 2026



FERC Order No. 1920 addresses long-term transmission needs

- FERC issued Order No. 1920 on May 13, 2024 to address long-term transmission planning and associated cost allocation processes
 - Builds on previous orders including Order No. 1000
 - Ensures consistent approach to developing long-term transmission plans resulting in efficient and cost-effective transmission solutions
- Order No. 1920-A issued on November 21, 2024
 - Largely sustains Order 1920 requirements
 - Further enhances the role of Relevant State Entities
- Order No. 1920-B issued on April 11, 2025
 - Affirms many of the requirements of Order No. 1920 and 1920-A

Summary of FERC Order No. 1920

- Requires transmission providers to conduct long-term planning for regional transmission facilities over a 20-year time horizon to anticipate future needs and to determine how to pay for those transmission facilities
 - Order identifies factors for consideration for development of scenarios and benefits criteria for determining long-term transmission solutions
 - 3 plausible and diverse scenarios must be studied with each scenario stress tested to account for extreme weather as a sensitivity
 - Transmission providers to develop 20-year plans at least every 5 years
 - Update interregional coordination processes for sharing of information and the identification and joint evaluation of long-term interregional transmission facilities

Summary of FERC Order No. 1920

- Enhances the role of state regulators in the long-term regional transmission planning process, especially in shaping scenario development and cost allocation
 - Requirement for formal engagement period with Relevant State Entities to discuss any potential changes to cost allocation process
- Requires local transmission planning inputs in the regional transmission planning process to enhance transparency and right-size facilities
- Requires addressing generation-interconnection-related needs that have arisen multiple times but have not yet been resolved
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- Requires the consideration of the use of alternative transmission technologies
- Creates opportunities for Tribal engagement

FERC Order No. 1920 requires deeper coordination with Tribes on long-term transmission planning

Transmission providers such as the ISO are required to consider:

- Federal, federally-recognized Tribal, state, and local laws and regulations affecting the resource mix and demand.
- Federal, federally-recognized Tribal, state, and local laws and regulations on decarbonization and electrification.
- Utility and corporate commitments and federal, federally-recognized Tribal, state, and local policy goals that affect Long-Term Transmission Needs.

The ISO will engage with all interested Tribes, including California Native American Tribes.

The ISO is seeking feedback on how best to incorporate Tribal considerations in the context of Order No. 1920 and more broadly in development of a Tribal Engagement Policy.

Features of the CAISO's Compliance Filing for Order 1920 requirements

- The ISO filed its compliance filing with FERC on December 09, 2025
- Current transmission planning process will move to a biennial cycle with an interim reliability assessment
 - Current transmission planning cycles will continue through approval of the 2027-2028 Transmission Plan
 - Transition to the new process **will begin in April 2027 for the long-term planning process, and 2028 for the biennial transmission planning process** with first transmission plans issued in 2030
- Evaluation process will remain fundamentally unchanged, but will incorporate enhancements directed by the Order
- Integrate new long-term cycle with existing comprehensive reliability, economic, and policy assessment
- No proposed changes to cost allocation, following consultation with Relevant State Entities
- Continue alignment with neighboring planning regions

Proposed Order No. 1000 and Order No. 1920 Planning Cycles (2025-2034)

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CAISO

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

CAISO Tribal Engagement Policy Purpose

CAISO's Tribal Engagement Policy will seek to support early consideration of Tribal laws and policies within the transmission planning process and the establishment of formal Tribal engagement opportunities.

- The policy will aim to:
 - Reflect the sovereign status of Tribal governments
 - Support early and on-going engagement with Tribes in the transmission planning process
 - Recognize the diversity of Tribal governments, communities, and perspectives across California
 - Promote transparency and accessible information sharing
 - Provide flexible and meaningful opportunities for Tribal input
 - Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information

CAISO's Role and Tribal Engagement

- CAISO is a federally regulated, not-for-profit organization, not a federal or state government agency
- CAISO does not have governmental authority, such as permitting, land-use approval, or formal consultation authority
- As a result, CAISO's Tribal Engagement Policy is not intended to replicate government-to-government consultation processes

Next Steps

- CAISO will continue efforts related to the development of a Tribal Engagement Policy.
- In August, CAISO will host a follow-up meeting to further discuss Tribal Engagement Policy content.
- Tribes and Tribal representatives are invited to reach out to the CAISO with any suggestions or feedback for incorporation into the Tribal Engagement Policy by emailing TribalAffairs@caiso.com.

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California Strategic Growth Council Grant Programs & Initiatives

Spring 2026



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Our Vision

Healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all

Our Mission

The mission of the Council is to coordinate and work collaboratively with public agencies, communities, and stakeholders to achieve sustainability, equity, economic prosperity, and quality of life for all Californians



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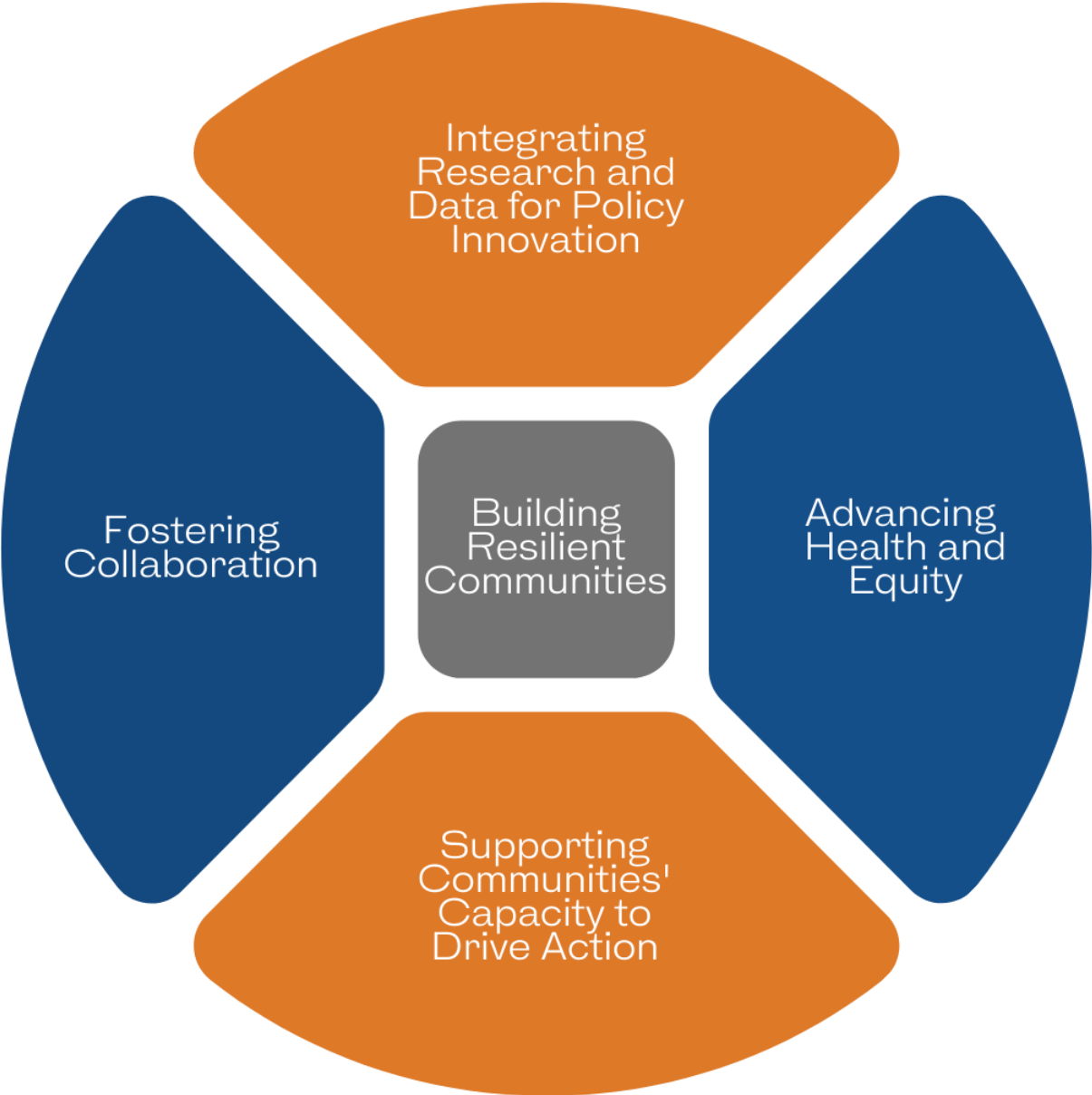
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SGC's Impact

- \$5 Billion in Climate Investments
- Over 85% in Tribal and Impacted Communities



SGC's Approach



California Tribal Gap Analysis

- Commission in partnership with CEC, research team led by Prosper Sustainably
- Analyzed needs and gaps Tribes face related to clean energy & climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience
- Outreach to all California Native American Tribes – 76 responded
 - Including those without federal recognition or land holdings
- **Next steps:** Implement the recommendations through the development of an implementation committee and implementation plan

Three groups of recommendations



IMPROVE STATE-LED TRIBAL
OUTREACH,
COMMUNICATION, AND
ENGAGEMENT



IMPROVE TRIBAL ACCESS AND
UTILIZATION OF EXISTING
STATE PROGRAMS



INCREASE STATE
INVESTMENTS TO CREATE
AND EXPAND TRIBAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Agricultural Land Access Task Force: Seeking a Technical Assistance Partner

- Goal: expand equitable agricultural land access in California for food and fiber production and traditional Tribal agricultural uses.
- SGC is seeking a Tribal-serving Technical Assistance partner for a contract of up to \$500,000 to support Tribes with land access
- Interest forms are due April 26th
- Contact: landequity@sgc.ca.gov



Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund

- In July 2027, California will receive \$500 million annually for ten years from producers of plastics
- Administered by: California Environmental Protection Agency, California Natural Resources Agency, California Strategic Growth Council, and Department of Justice
- Goal: Reduce the environmental and health impacts of plastic pollution, especially for disproportionately impacted communities



Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund

- Fund will support grants for Tribes
- Seeking Tribal input
 - Program design
 - Funding priorities
 - Environmental Mitigation Strategies
 - Environmental Health and Stewardship Policies
- Consultation Requests: PPMFTribalAffairs@calepa.gov.
- Tribal Round Tables
 - First Session:
May 26, 2026 from 10 AM- 3 PM
at Konocti Hotel and Casino Resort
in Lakeport, CA
 - Second Session: TBA



SGC's Grant Programs

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
(March- May \$750M)

Transformative Climate Communities
(May- TBD \$100M)

Tribal Capacity Building Program (\$5M
May-August)

Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund (\$20M
May-TBD)

Factory Built Housing
(\$11M, April-May)

Community Resilience Centers (May-TBD \$50M)

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation
(Rolling \$60M)

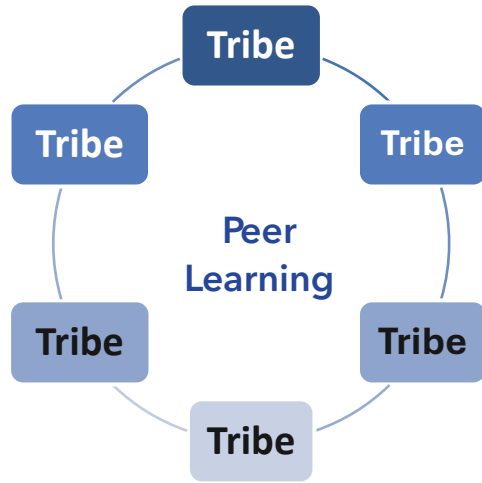


Tribal Capacity Building Program Background

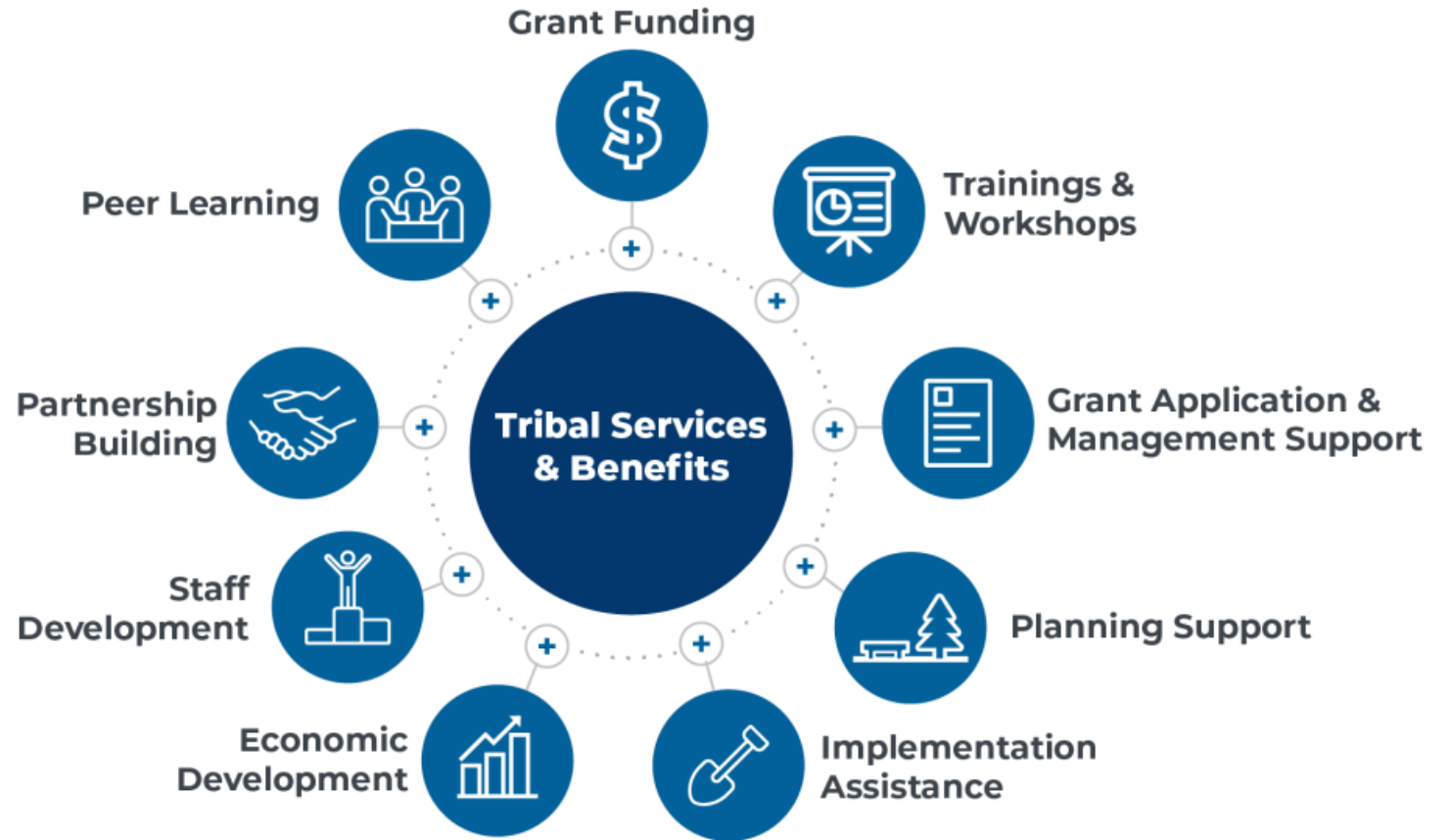
- Provides **funding & technical assistance** to California Native American Tribes, enhancing staff capacity to advance Tribes' climate- and housing-related projects
- Includes two interconnected components:
 - **Grants:** 3-year grants of \$350-\$420k to fund staff salaries & activities that advance the Tribe's climate- and housing-related work
 - **Technical Assistance Provider Contract:** The TA provider team will offer no-cost, flexible capacity building & technical assistance services that will respond to each Tribe's needs



Tribal Capacity Building Program Structure



TA Provider





Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

Draft Guidelines Overview



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Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

This program is intended for Tribal entities that are interested in **building housing** but need to **conduct research, prepare plans, hire additional staff, acquire land, build infrastructure, prepare a site, or fund other activities** necessary for the eligibility of other state grant programs.



Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

Grant Type

Competitive, applications accepted on a rolling basis

Total Funding

\$20 million

Award Amount

Up to \$3 million

Award Distribution

Twice a year

Application Period

First round: May 11, 2026 – August 11, 2026



Free Technical Assistance



Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)



SALC supports agricultural land conservation, economic growth, and sustainable development by providing grants for three types of projects:

Land Use Planning grants that support the development of local and regional land use policies and economic development strategies to protect critical agricultural land

Agricultural Conservation Acquisition grants to permanently protect croplands, rangelands, and lands utilized for the cultivation of traditional resources from conversion to non-agricultural uses.

Capacity and Project Development grants to expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION (SALC)

OCTOBER 2025: ROUND 10 FUNDING FOR LAND CONSERVATION GRANTS



40,000 ACRES of croplands and rangelands across 24 counties to be permanently protected

52 PROJECTS:



48 ACQUISITION GRANTS



4 PLANNING GRANTS



3 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WILL SECURE LAND FOR MILITARY VETERANS



8 GRANTS WILL RETURN LAND TO NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (11,316 ACRES)



3.4 Million METRIC TONS OF CO2 EQUIVALENT WILL BE REDUCED IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



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Land Resource Protection



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Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)

Community-led transformation to enable the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution.



-  **\$424 Million** Total Awarded
-  **37** Disadvantaged Communities
-  **177** Unique Projects
-  **283** Diverse Partnerships
-  **298,254 of CO²** Equivalent Avoided
-  **Over \$827M** in Additional Leverage Funding



TCC Grant Types

Planning - *Up to \$300,000* **P**

- Community engagement; preparing climate adaptation plans; community needs assessment; feasibility studies, etc.

Project Development - *Up to \$5 million* **D**

- Project design; permitting; community engagement; pilot projects; access to basic environmental infrastructure, etc.

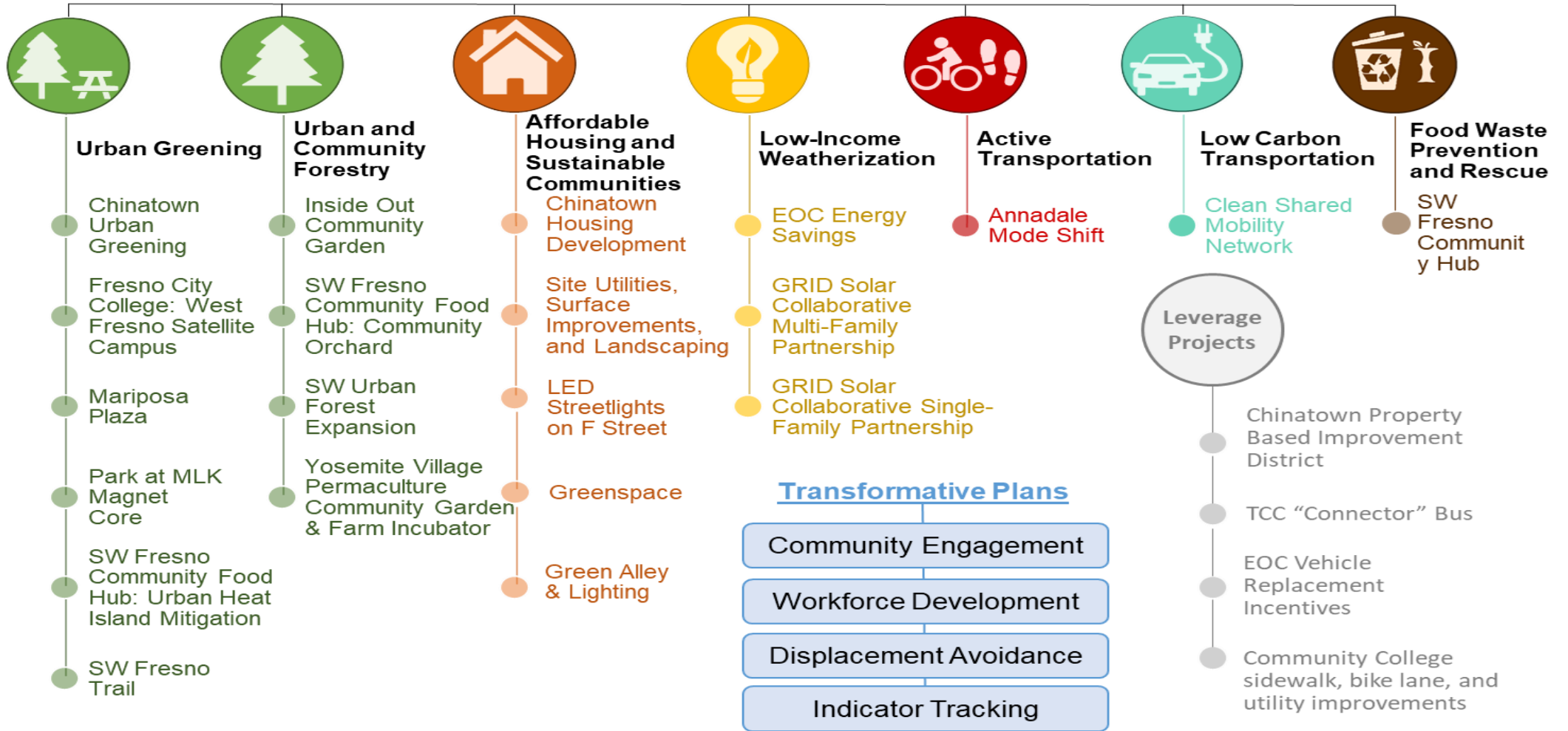
Implementation - *approx \$25-30 million* **I**

- Multiple, coordinated projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve community benefits





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Community Resilience Centers (CRC)

“Funding...for the construction or retrofit of facilities to serve as community resilience centers that mitigate the public health impacts of extreme heat and other emergency situations exacerbated by climate change.” (SB 155, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 258, Statutes of 2021).

- Emergency response and long-term resilience
- Integrated delivery of services
- Multi-partnership with CBOs and community residents
- Public process
- Prioritize projects located in and benefitting under-resourced communities
- Statewide geographic diversity



CRC Eligible Activities

Capital Projects

- CRC Facility
- Campus Amenities

Community Resilience Services & Programs

- Health & Well-being
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Access & Mobility
- Information Distribution
- Housing Affordability & Protection
- Workforce Development
- Social Cohesion & Civic Engagement



Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities

AHSC is part of the California Climate Investments (CCI), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work.

- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Support Disadvantage Communities
- Improve Public Health and Safety
- Improve connectivity and accessibility

Require Collaborative Projects Components:

- Green Affordable Housing (50% of application)
- Near Public Transit
- Active Transportation Infrastructure
- Zero-Emission Vehicles & Transit Amenities
- Urban Greening (Trees, gardens, water infiltration)



AHSC Overview

As of December 2025, SGC reached a major milestone, surpassing \$4.8 billion in total cumulative awards for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program. This total includes the most recent Round 9 awards, which were the largest in the program's history.

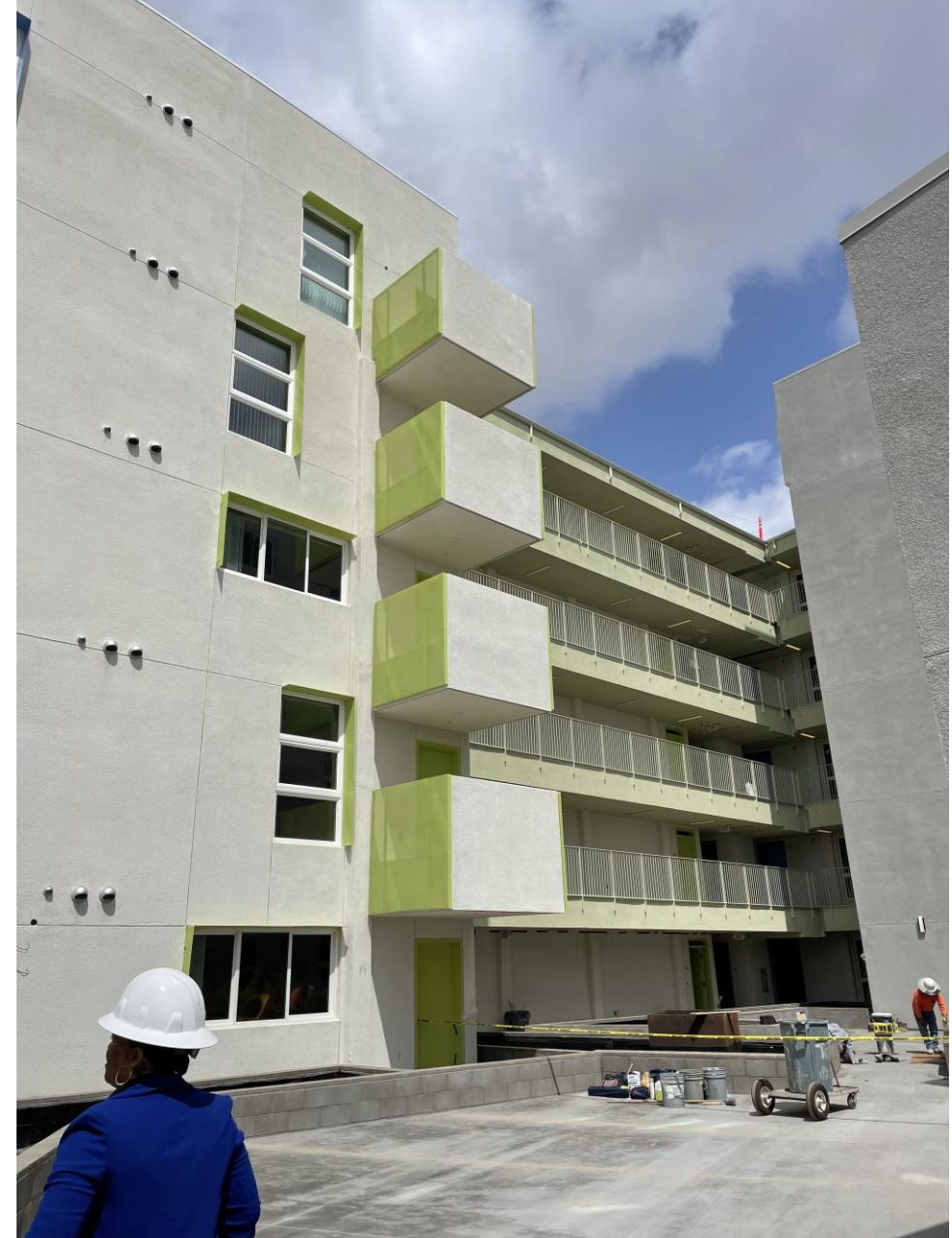
- Largest continuously-appropriated *housing* funding source
- Second largest Active Transportation funding source

Projects Funded: More than 200 projects.

Housing Impact: Over 22,222 transit-oriented homes funded to date.

AHSC Round 10:

- Total Funding: \$750M+
- Applications Period: March 2026-May 2026



Factory-Built Housing Pilot Program

- \$10 million grant program aiming to accelerate the deployment of manufactured housing across California
- Catalyst Grant: capacity building and studies
- Planning Grant: policy and site assessment to help regions overcome unique barriers like fragmented permitting.
- Application Period: closes in early May 2026
- Technical Assistance Available



Thank you!



Additional questions or comments?

Email: tribalinfo@sgc.ca.gov

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Lunch Break



California Public Utilities Commission Statewide Summit and Regional Roundtables

*Commission Process, Tribal Consultation
Policy & Tribal Land Transfer Policy*

Spring 2026



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CPUC Tribal Policy Rulemaking Rulemaking (R.) 22-02-002

CPUC Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP) and Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR)

- December 5, 2019: CPUC adopts a **Tribal Land Transfer Policy**
- January 14, 2021: CPUC adopts **implementation guidelines** for the Tribal Land Transfer Policy
- February 10, 2022 (OIR issued on February 16, 2022): CPUC opened a **rulemaking** to consider any necessary revisions to the Tribal Land Transfer Policy implementation guidelines, the CPUC's Tribal Consultation Policy, and address how to improve participation by Tribes in Commission programs and proceedings
- 2022-Present: CPUC consults with Tribes to receive feedback on policies.
- 2026: CPUC will make revisions based on Tribal feedback and publish proposed decision

OIR Areas of Focus

- Implementation and guidance regarding the Commission's TLTP:
 - Review and update requirements set out in TLTP Implementation Guidelines;
 - Assess data and information exchange;
 - and
 - Other issues identified by stakeholders regarding the TLTP;
- Review and update the Tribal Consultation Policy:
 - Protection of sacred sites and places of cultural importance;
 - Capacity building needs;
- Other mechanisms and processes to assist with capacity building and access for Tribal participation in Commission proceedings and programs; and
- Other relevant issues as may be developed

CPUC Process: How to Engage

How to Participate in CPUC Process

1. Submit comments on the proceeding's Docket Card (www.cpuc.ca.gov/Docket) or email public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.
2. Attend and speak at CPUC meetings where there are opportunities to make public comment or participate on a panel or present at a workshop or other public meeting.
3. Request Tribal consultation and submit written comments designated as furthering consultation which may be docketed in the proceeding by the assigned Administrative Law or Party to a proceeding.
4. Request to become a formal party in a proceeding. The Assigned Commissioner or Administrative Law Judge assigned to the proceeding will determine whether to grant party status.
5. Proceeding rules are governed by CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure ([www.cpuc.ca.gov/Party to a Proceeding](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Party%20to%20a%20Proceeding)).

Useful Tools for Tribes

Tribal OIR Docket Card

Find information and documents related to the Tribal OIR

CPUC Tribal Resources

Connects to the Office of the Tribal Advisor webpage, Tribal Consultation Policy, and Tribal Land Transfer Policy

Service List

To receive email updates from all parties and the Commission on the Tribal OIR

Subscription Service

Sign up to receive updates on documents published on the CPUC's website around the Tribal OIR

Useful Tools, not specific to Tribes

Docket Card

www.cpuc.ca.gov/documents

Subscription Service

<http://subscribe.cpuc.ca.gov>

Service List

<https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/servicelists>

Daily Calendar

www.cpuc.ca.gov/Events/

People

Tribal Advisor, your local government liaison, Public Advisor's Staff, and industry division staff

Questions?



CPUC Tribal Consultation Policy

Darcie L. Houck, Commissioner

TCP Revision: Further the Goals of Executive Orders B-10-11 and N-15-19

- Recognize and respect Tribal sovereignty.
- Protect Tribal resources and treat those resources with dignity.
- Encourage Tribal government participation in Commission proceedings.
- Give timely and meaningful consideration to tribal interests and concerns and assess impacts of Commission actions on Tribal interests.
- Establish appropriate tribal consultation across divisions.
- Institutionalize the Commission's policy of "Early, Often, Meaningful" consultation.
- Set forth the responsibilities of the Office of the Tribal Advisor and Division liaisons.

Tribal Consultation Policy (Revision) R.22-02-002

Tribal Policies Rulemaking focuses on revising the Commission's Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP) and Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP).

- The Revised TCP provides a coordinated and consistent approach to tribal consultation across Commission industry divisions.
 - ✓ Transmission and Substation Projects -GO 131-E
 - ✓ Gas Projects
 - ✓ Water Projects
 - ✓ Broadband Projects
 - ✓ Rail Crossings



Objectives of Consultation

- Share pertinent documents and information with Tribal representatives.
- Conduct Tribal consultation within timelines that accommodate Tribes' decision-making processes.
- Provide meaningful opportunities for Tribal representatives to express views and concerns that allow for early, often and meaningful consideration of Tribal perspectives.
- Strive for collaborative problem-solving and advancing Tribal priorities in Commission decision-making, where possible.



Principle of "Early", "Often", "Meaningful" Consultation

- "Early" means before Commission actions and Decisions have been made, and as early in the decision-making process as possible.
- "Often" means the Commission will strive to build relationships with Tribes on an ongoing basis, before consultation is needed.
 - **For Commission actions with potential Tribal implications, the CPUC will strive to offer consultation throughout the decision-making process.**
- "Meaningful" consultation requires the Commission to hear, understand, respect, and consider Tribal feedback and comments using a consensus-seeking approach.
 - **It does not imply that both parties will reach agreement but requires a clear explanation of Tribal recommendations and why the recommendations could or could not be integrated.**

Determining When to Seek Consultation

- The Commission first considers whether an action has potential tribal implications:
 - **Impacts tribal cultural resources, ancestral lands, sacred sites and landscapes, access and use of ancestral lands, ancestral land return, natural resources, economic development, and increasing availability of public resources and services to tribal communities.**
- Tribes, the Commission, or its divisions should identify key milestones, needs and timing associated with the action and determine when to initiate consultation.



Two Levels of Consultation: Formal Government-to-Government Consultation and Informal Consultation

- **Informal Consultation** Tribes are encouraged to contact the Office of the Tribal Advisor following the principles of early, often, and meaningful.
 - Intended to address tribal concerns at the staff technical working level by engaging the Tribal Advisor who will bring in the appropriate subject matter experts for purposes of timely problem solving.
- **Formal Consultation** is Government-to-Government dialog between official representatives of a tribe and the Commission that is initiated via a formal request and follows a prescribed process.
 - Tribal request in writing to the Tribal Advisor, Executive Director, or Commissioner(s). Formal consultation will be initiated within 60 days of the request or earlier if matter is urgent or time sensitive.

Role of Governor Appointed Commission Tribal Advisor

What is the role of the CPUC Tribal Advisor?

Tribal Advisor is the lead CPUC staff person responsible for engaging with and assisting tribes and is delegated authority to conduct some tribal consultations subject to coordination with Executive Director and Commissioners.

Responsibilities include:

- Point of contact for Tribal governments and Commission staff; nothing prevents Tribal government representatives from directly reaching out to Commissioners.
- Coordinates outreach, communication, education, and other activities to promote tribal engagement both internally and externally.
- Work with CPUC Commissioners, management and staff as to each industry division and coordination implementation of the TCP.
- Act as point of contact to facilitate government-to-government consultations.
- Assist with Tribal government participation in Commission's proceedings as needed or in conjunction with the Public Advisors Office.

Division Tribal Liaisons

Each CPUC Division Director is required to designate a Tribal Liaison

Division Tribal Liaison Roles and Responsibilities:

- Serve as main point of contact for division staff with Tribal Advisor.
- Respond to requests for information and coordinate with Tribal Advisor.
- Participate in engagement activities, providing briefings to the Tribal Advisor, Executive Management, and Commission offices, as needed.
- Provide support as needed to the Tribal Advisor.
- Develop and maintain working relationships with Tribal Advisor on specific matters and coordinate with Tribal government staff as requested.
- Complete statewide tribal consultation training and other relevant training.

The Commission will Encourage and Facilitate Tribal Government Participation in its Programs and Proceedings

- Tribes may contact the Tribal Advisor or Public Advisor's Office for assistance to initiate participation in a proceeding or to identify staff or decision-makers to ensure the matter receives appropriate attention.
- Tribal Advisor will coordinate with ALJ Division to develop a notification process to ensure tribes are aware of critical proceedings and proceedings with potential tribal impact.
- Provide information on how a Tribe may become a party to a proceeding.
- Staff will assist Tribal governments in locating relevant information needed to participate in proceedings or programs and ensure that relevant information from the Tribe is submitted into the record of a proceeding.

Encourage and Facilitate Tribal Participation Continued

- The Commission will endeavor to ensure that Tribal governments are aware of Commission-managed grant programs and Commission-Approved utility incentive, and subsidy programs and Commission staff will provide information to facilitate Tribal governments and tribal members participation in those programs.
- If a Tribal Government believes that consultation has not met the standards set forth in the TCP, it may submit a written letter to the Executive Director of the CPUC explaining the deficiencies. Within 30-days, the Executive Director will either meet with the Tribal government, or respond in writing, and will then direct any further consultation that is deemed appropriate.

September 22, 2025, Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Inviting Comments on Revised TCP

- Assigned Commissioner's Ruling invited parties to comment on proposed modifications to the Commission's Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP) and Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP).
 - [Ruling and TCP Documents](#)
- Parties were also invited to address questions regarding the implementation of those policies and associated issues arising from workshops and tribal consultations that have been conducted as part of the rulemaking.

Brief Summary of Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP) Comments Submitted in Response to the Assigned Commissioner' Ruling

- Expand the breadth and depth of this proceeding's scope and identify and adopt ongoing assessment practices and corrective measures to ensure accountability.
- Empower and support the Office of Tribal Advisor (OTA) with sufficient staff, resources and authority to fulfil its mission.
- The OTA's "Advisor" role should prioritize providing counsel to the Commission about Tribal concerns and interests, ensuring Policy accountability, while informing Tribes and facilitating their participation in CPUC matters.
- Establish Tribal Oversight Board to oversee OTA's implementation plan, guide operations, and ensure fulfillment of OTA's responsibilities.

Comments Received on Revised Tribal Consultation Policy, Continued

- Streamline and improve processes for new electricity and upgraded service and interconnections.
- Interconnections and service activations on Tribal lands bring requirements and complexities which have yet to be effectively addressed in CPUC energization or interconnection proceedings.
- As part of prioritizing service equality, the TCP proceeding should examine utility energization and interconnection barriers, practices, and inequities affecting tribes.
- The TCP should explicitly honor Tribal Law, governing authority, and status as sovereign governments and eliminate burdens related to compliance with State laws that are inapplicable on Tribal lands.

Comments Received on Revised Tribal Consultation Policy, Continued

- Provide ongoing funding to support Tribal participation in CPUC programs and proceedings by recognizing Tribal organizations as eligible to request and receive intervenor compensation.
- Identify policy development objectives and plans for Tribal-specific regulatory and program considerations to address gaps and inequities. If statutory changes are needed work with Tribes to develop and maintain a legislative agenda.
- Initiate and support an ongoing regular Tribal Information forum with Tribal representatives to exchange information between Commission Leadership and staff, OTA staff, energy and telecommunications utilities.

Comments Received on Tribal Consultation Policy, Continued

- Tribal Governments face two barriers to engaging with the Commission: Onerous CPUC processes and a lack of Tribal capacity to act upon complex regulatory issues.
- CPUC's goals promising meaningful consideration for Tribal issues must ensure Tribes understand and can successfully participate in CPUC processes.
- The CPUC should establish goals for regulated entities and approved programs and provide processes for tracking progress toward achieving those goals and ensuring accountability.
- CPUC should establish a process to help Tribes identify and engage in Advice Letter processes that affect them.

Questions?



CPUC Tribal Land Transfer Policy

Background: Tribal Land Transfer Policy

- December 5, 2019: CPUC adopted the Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP) after an extensive public participation process. The express purpose of the TLTP is to provide tribes with the opportunity to regain ancestral land currently owned by CPUC jurisdictional IOUs.
- January 14, 2021: In Resolution E-5076, CPUC adopted TLTP Implementation Guidelines following an extensive second public participation process. Adoption of the Implementation Guidelines made participation mandatory for energy and large water IOUs.
- February 16, 2022: CPUC initiated a Rulemaking (R.22-02-002) to consider any necessary revisions to improve the TLTP Implementation Guidelines based on tribal participation experience with the TLTP.

TLTP Goals

- Recognize and respect Tribal sovereignty.
- Protect Tribal sacred places and cultural resources.
- Ensure meaningful consideration of Tribal interests and the return of lands within a Tribe's ancestral territory.
- Encourage and facilitate notice and tribal participation in matters before the Commission that involve Real Property transfers subject to PU Code Section 851 through either formal applications or the Advice Letter Process.

TLTP Procedures and Scope

- The TLTP creates the expectation that for any Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) disposition of real property, the IOU will first offer applicable Tribes the right to take or purchase the property before otherwise disposing of it.
- Through the mandatory Tribal noticing requirements, Tribes are provided with sufficient time and information to determine whether to indicate an interest in a specific property and later negotiate acquisition of the land.
- The TLTP applies to IOU real property whose disposition is subject to approval by the Commission, including but not limited to transactions requiring Public Utilities Code Section 851 approval.

Tribal Policies OIR R.22-02-002 TLTP Areas of Focus

- Review and update requirements set out in the TLTP Implementation Guidelines based on tribal experience and comments:
- Assess IOU notification procedures;
- Assess the effectiveness of IOU tribal consultation following notification and the development of consultation protocols;
- Assess additional information tribes may need to effectively evaluate CPUC approved land transactions.
- Assess the timelines established in the TLTP Guidelines for tribal response to IOU notification.

Proposed Revisions to the TLTP (TLTP 2.0) In Response to Tribal Input

- Proposed revisions are based on feedback obtained by CPUC staff during Tribal Policies OIR regional tribal consultations held in 2022-2025, formal comments received in response to the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Inviting Comment on the Revised TLTP 2.0, and staff proposed improvements from review of IOU TLTP Quarterly Reporting.
- Proposed revisions identify changes to the TLTP intended to improve TLTP tribal participation and outcomes.
- Proposed revisions identify potential future workshop topics including discussion of tribal experience with the TLTP; development of maps of IOU land holdings within respective service territories; and increased access to CPUC staff—all intended to improve TLTP outcomes.

TLTP 2.0: Proposed Modifications to TLTP Guidelines Section 2.2(c)

- Propose modification to Section 2.2(c) to extend the current 30-day period for a tribe to express interest to 60 days.
- Propose mandatory 30-day second notice requirement should remain in place, creating a 90-day period in which the tribe must express interest in a transaction before the IOU has satisfied its noticing responsibility.
- The proposed extended response period is in response to tribal comments that more time is required for tribal leadership to make an initial determination of interest.

TLTP 2.0: Proposed Augmented Contents of Notice to include additional property specific information:

- A map showing property location.
- An aerial photograph showing property boundaries.
- Property Address, APN, and GPS coordinates.
- A description of property and its current uses.
- Size of property including land area and building square footage.
- Deed restrictions that apply to the property.
- The current appraised value of the property by a licensed appraiser and asking price.
- Previous uses of the property and an Environmental Site Assessment identifying potential environmental concerns.

TLTP 2.0: Proposed Develop Maps of IOU Fee Owned Land

- Proposes development of maps of IOU fee land holdings within their service territories.
- Intention is for IOU led effort should create maps produced in enough detail to be useful to tribes identifying IOU land of potential interest.
- Intention is to create mechanisms for tribes to have sufficient information to proactively solicit IOUs for purchase of land of importance to tribes.

TLTP 2.0: Propose Creation of Tribal Map Overlays for IOU Service territories

- Proposes Tribal ancestral territory map overlays on IOU service territory maps to increase knowledge and awareness tribal ancestral lands, and to provide a resource to IOU and CPUC staff.
- Proposes Ancestral territorial depictions are acknowledged to be “self-reported” by tribes and will not represent a consensus by tribes on accepted ancestral boundaries.
- Proposes Ancestral territorial overlays may also become useful as a resource for IOUs in the absence of NAHC tribal identification referrals to the IOUs.

TLTP 2.0: Proposed New Quarterly Reporting Meeting and Uniform IOU Public Website

- Proposed revision of TLTP for each IOU to meet quarterly with Energy Division staff to discuss the status of compliance with the TLTP.
- Proposed list of properties for disposition that have been noticed to tribes.
- Proposed updated list of recent real property dispositions.
- Proposed list of in-process real property dispositions.
- Proposed summary of tribal contacts, consultations, and negotiations (including the outcome of any consultations and negotiations) the IOU has undertaken over the previous quarter.
- Propose that each IOU public website shall use a common format to ensure uniformity.

Comment Received in Response to TLTP 2.0 : Expand the Scope of the TLTP

- Expand the scope of the TLTP to CPUC jurisdictional fee dispositions of utility Real Property;
- Currently, the TLTP includes transactions subject to the approval under, under, PU Code Section 851 transactions by energy IOUs and large water IOUs.
- Comment recommends expanding the scope of the TLTP to include all CPUC jurisdictional utilities' Real Property transactions that may not be subject to Section 851 approval including telecommunications utilities, and pipeline corporations.

Comment Received: Hold Additional Workshops with CPUC, IOUs, and Tribal Leaders

- Discuss potential improvement to the TLTP noticing and consultation procedures, including new protocols to promote meaningful consultation.
- Creating provisions within the TLTP to incentivize CPUC jurisdictional IOUs to make fee simple donations of real property to tribes.
- Tribal capacity building, and financial resource development to facilitate effective tribal participation in the TLTP.
- Implementation of the recommendations in the Staff Proposal including extending the application of the TLTP to all CPUC jurisdictional IOUs.

Comments Received in Response to TLTP 2.0:

- Difficulties and uncertainties remain with respect to when lands may be available for acquisition.
- How issues between interested entities may be resolved.
- Uncertainties as to actual cost of land.
- Map of Tribal Lands within an IOU's service territory should be developed collaboratively between the Tribes and the Commission.
- IOUs should not be responsible for resolving potential disputes between multiple Tribes interested in land subject to disposition.
- IOUs should not be required to provide past appraisal reports with notice.

Additional CPUC Resources to Facilitate the TLTP

- The Commission's Tribal Liaison and assigned Energy Division staff will assist in implementing the TLTP in coordination with the Office of Tribal Advisor.
- Providing a point of contact for tribes seeking advice on Commission proceedings, pending applications, and advice letters regarding dispositions of real property.
- Tribal Governments may contact the Commission's Office of the Tribal Advisor or the Commission's Public Advisor for assistance: E-mail: TribalAdvisor@cpuc.ca.gov , Public.Advisor@CPUC.ca.gov or phone: (866) 849-8390

Questions?



Additional Resources for Tribal Outreach

Office	Personnel	Contact Info
Commissioner Houck	Caleb Jones, Advisor Amanda Singh Birmingham, Chief of Staff	Caleb.Jones@cpuc.ca.gov Amanda.Singh@cpuc.ca.gov Request a Meeting with Commissioner Houck: Meeting Request Form - Commissioner Houck
Tribal Advisor's Office	Governor's Office is hiring for Tribal Advisor	TribalAdvisor@Cpuc.Ca.Gov
Executive Director's Office	Tom Gates	Thomas.Gates@Cpuc.Ca.Gov
External Affairs	Maria Kelly	Maria.Kelly@Cpuc.Ca.Gov
Public Advisors Office	Eric Sawyer	Eric.Sawyer@Cpuc.Ca.Gov
Administrative Law Judge	Assistant Chief ALJ Anthony Colbert ALJ Valerie Kao	Anthony.Colbert@cpuc.ca.gov Valerie.Kao@cpuc.ca.gov
Public Advocates Office	Toni Floyd Cat Blake	Antoinette.Floyd@Cpuc.Ca.Gov Catherine.Blake@Cpuc.Ca.Gov

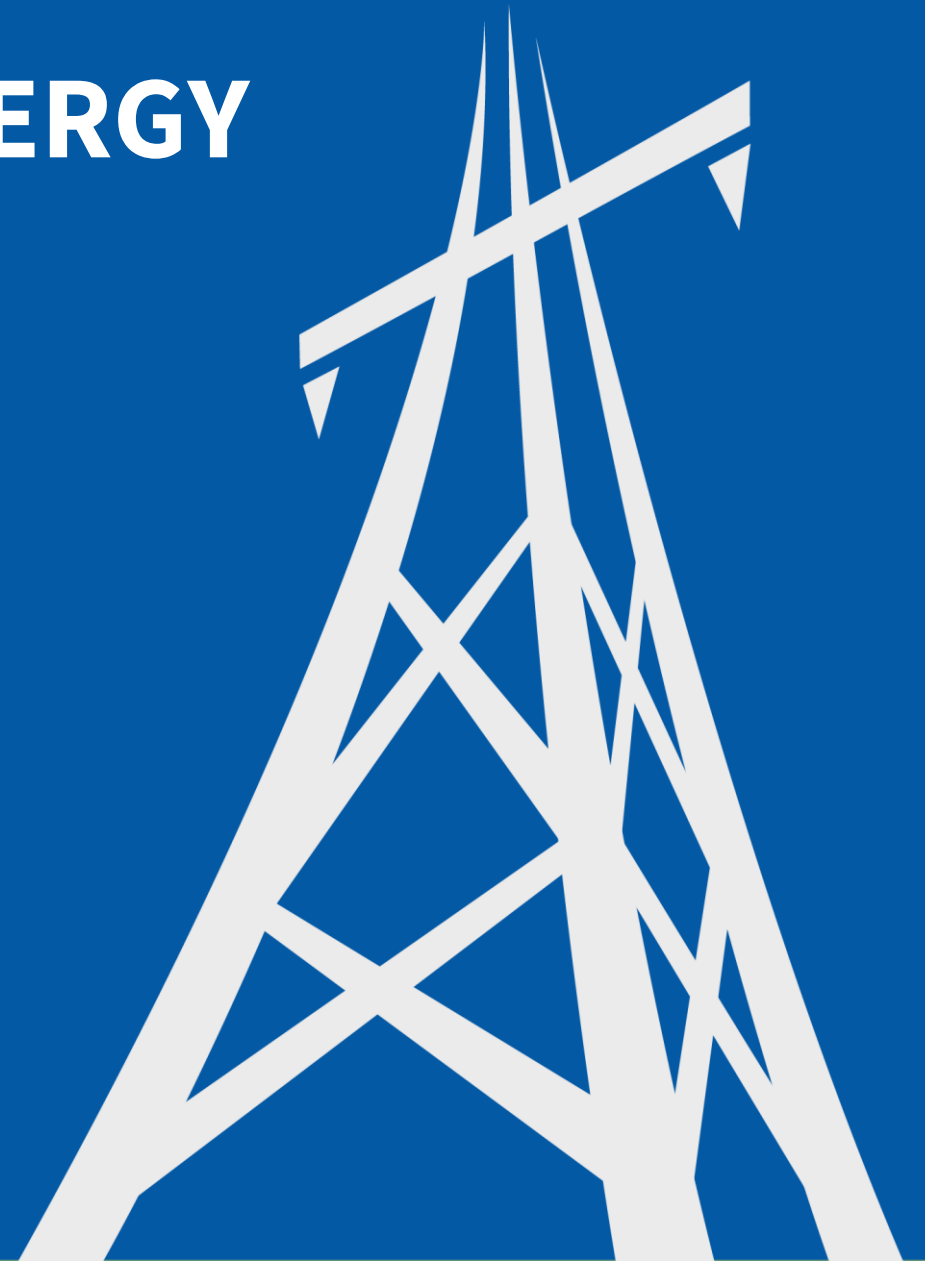
Partnerships for Resilient Utility Corridors to Reduce Wildfire Risk

- **Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety**



CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY (Energy Safety)

Kimberly Carr
Sr Policy Advisor



Who is Energy Safety?

Established July 2021

Created in response to the tragic fires of 2017 and 2018

Regulatory Scope

- Enforce utility compliance with wildfire safety regulations
- Operate the **Call Before You Dig 811** program



Innovative Regulatory Framework

Reduce utility-ignited wildfires through investments in electrical grid resiliency

Wildfire Mitigation Plans are the primary regulatory tool



Regulated Investor-Owned Utilities Expenditures

Between 2020 – 2024 the 6 largest utilities spent nearly \$30 billion on Wildfire Mitigation in High Fire Threat District Territory (HFTD) and between 2025 – 2028 they are projected to spend another \$28 Billion in HFTD



Forest Service Easement: 20' clearance



Up to 130' easement



Utility Wildfire Resilience Partnership

Align utility corridor projects with adjacent landscape and community investments, programs and projects

- Coordinate Project Implementation and Information Sharing
- Expand Partnerships and Leverage Funding
- Standardize Metrics for Utility Project Reporting
- Pilot Beneficial Burning Projects for Utility Corridor Management

Climate Bond Grant Funds

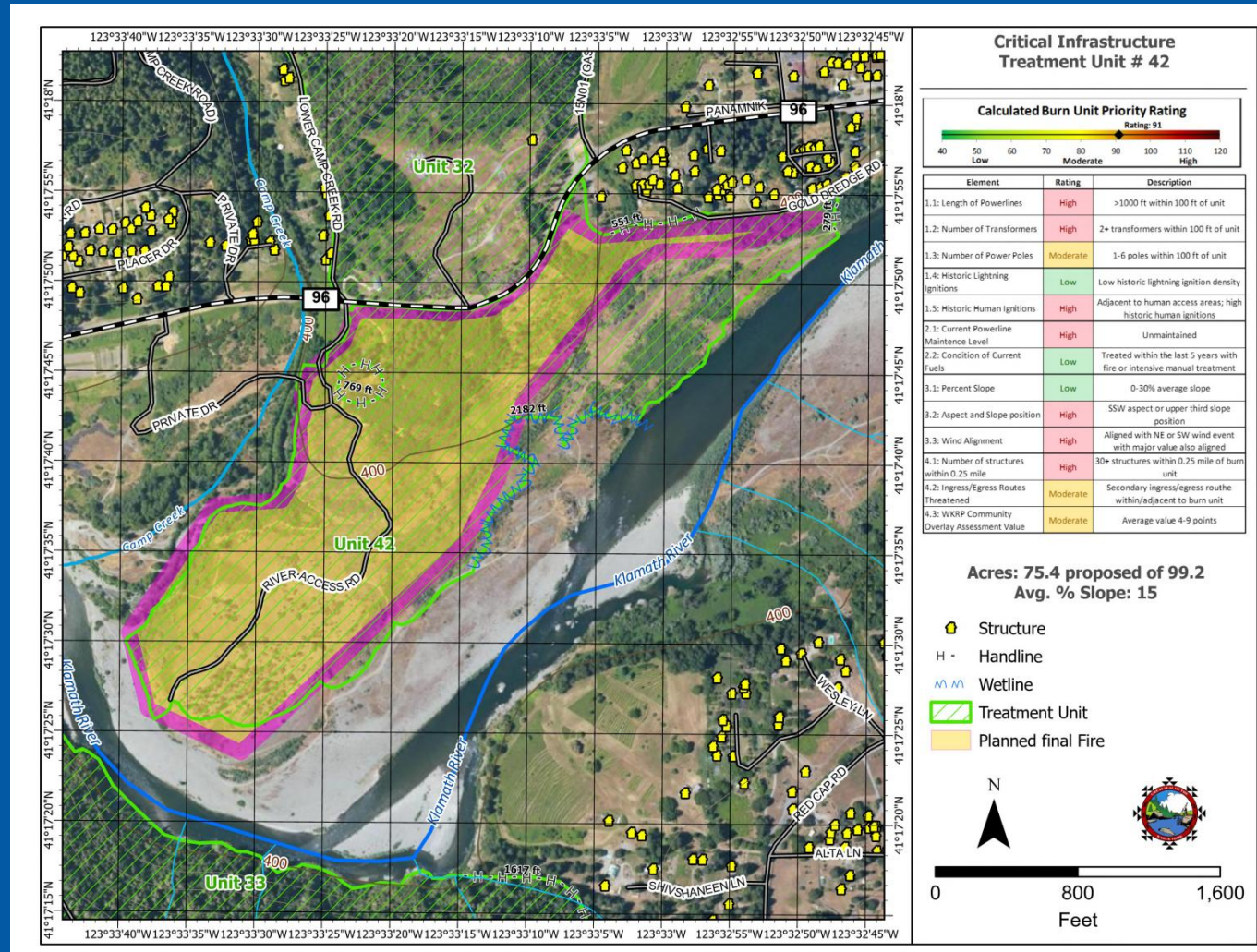
- Grant application solicitation release
Fall 2026 (\$5m)
- Grant awards early 2027
- 3-year program



Karuk Tribe and PG&E Resilient Communities Partnership



Karuk Tribe and PG&E Resilient Community Partnership



Partnership Benefits

- Reduce Wildfire Risk and Consequence
- Protect Utility Assets, Communities and Natural Environment
- Restore Natural Landscapes
- Reduce Maintenance Intervals and Costs
- Improve Power Reliability
- Improve Relationships between Utilities and Communities and Tribes



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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

California Energy Commission
Summit on Tribal Energy Enterprise and Workforce Development
DWR Updates on Energy Procurement / CA Water Plan

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation



April 23, 2026



DWR Presenters

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Statewide Energy Office

Energy Procurement

AB 1373



DWR Statewide Energy Office

DWR's Statewide Energy Office (SWEEO)

- SWEEO was created to carry out a variety of temporary emergency and backstop activities to support electric reliability
- Separate and distinct from other programs, including State Water Project
- Informed by policies and expertise of energy entities such as California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Assembly Bill 1373 – Central Procurement

- CPUC requested DWR SWEO to procure up to 10,600 MW of clean energy resources on behalf of the state
- AB1373 establishes a procurement group to advise DWR
- DWR welcomes recommendations and input from Tribes to guide Tribal engagement and support Tribal participation directly in the procurement group



California Water Plan 2028 & 2033 Senate Bill (SB 72)



California Water Plan 2028 – SB72

Modernizing the Water Plan

DWR will be producing a modernized water plan that

- Identifies local, regional and statewide water management strategies
- Statewide planning goal to identify 9 million acre-feet of additional water supply by 2040
- Carefully considers future water supply needs for all beneficial users across the state



New Water Plan Requirements per SB 72

SB 72 requires DWR, in consultation with California Water Commission to establish an Advisory Committee (CWP AC)

The CWP AC is an appointed body and Committee meetings are open to the public

The committee is composed of 36 members, including a Tribal representative and ex-officio membership from SWRCB and CWC

The Tribal representative is from Mooretown Rancheria who was chosen through a statewide nomination process

See more at www.californiawaterplan.com/about-the-plan

California Water Plan Update 2028

How to Join the Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC)

The Tribal AC will help advance Tribal knowledge and perspectives in the Water Plan

- Support and develop content of the Draft Water Plan

Objectives of the Tribal AC

- Engage in the Water Plan work groups and regional forums
- Support the Tribal Seat on the CWP Advisory Committee
- Select alternates to the CWP AC Tribal Representative to maintain a regional focus and representation of statewide Tribal interests

The Tribal AC is open to the following:

- Tribal Leadership
- Tribally delegated representatives
- Tribal non-government organizations (NGOs)
- Tribal supported NGOs and their members

The Tribal AC is not a consulting body and will not replace G2G consultation



California Water Plan Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC) Meeting

DWR is convening the first Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting for the 2028 California Water Plan

Date: May 4, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Please register with the Zoom link:

<https://ca-water-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/yLRIPVw2TDacqtI0ADOP3g>

CWP Tribal Liaisons:

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Thank You

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Closing Remarks



