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Round Two Roundtables: CEC Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty

November 2, 2026

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Meeting Logistics

- Public Comment Opportunities

- Principles of a Respectful Meeting

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PRINCIPLES FOR RESPECTFUL MEETINGS

Agenda for Today

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- OIIP Overview
- Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy
- Tribal Consultation Policy
- Lunch
- OIIP Report Overview
- Grant Opportunity: Equitable Building Decarbonization Tribal Direct Install Program
- Open Grant Office Hours
- Closing Remarks

OIIP Overview

History of Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty



Process: OIIP Round One Regional Roundtables







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OIIP Outputs

OIIP Report on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty

- 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

***New* Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy**

***Updated* Tribal Consultation Policy**

Current Status

Timeline of OIIP Efforts

Round 1 Engagement and Tribal Consultation

Report and Policy Drafting and Internal Circulation

Round 2 Engagement and Tribal Consultation

Report Release and Potential Adoption (December 16th)

CEC Wide Implementation

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Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy

Strengthening Organizational Structures Through Cultural Humility Preparation and Training

What we heard

- Training is needed in cultural humility, tribal sovereignty, and tribal affairs
- Use of language throughout the Commission should respect California Native American tribes through a lens of cultural awareness and cultural humility
- Resources should be available internally to address the needs of tribes
- Procedural justice should exist consistently
- Accountability and transparency on tribal affairs matters should exist

Incorporating Tribal Land Use Considerations During the Clean Energy Transition

What we heard

- Incorporate Tribal Cultural Resources into early energy planning activities alongside Government-to-Government Consultation
- Support tribal land back efforts
- Encourage responsible planning for decommissioning
- Allow access, collaboration, and land return
- Include tribes early and support developers in this goal. Leverage this for potential early avoidance and mitigation, as well as Tribal Benefits Agreements.
- Support tribal monitoring

Ensuring Tribal Access to Clean Energy Funding and Tribal Benefits

What we heard

- Prioritize benefits, including but not limited to economic benefits, to California Native American tribes including Tribal benefits Agreements
- Make funding eligibility more inclusive of tribal governments, tribal organizations, and tribal members
- Promote tribal set-asides and preference points, where allowable
- Need for support tribal energy enterprise development and tribal workforce development, tribal staff time for project planning and grant administration, feasibility, planning, and energy sovereignty studies, workforce training, pre-apprenticeship, and certification costs, and indirect costs at a tribe's federally negotiated indirect cost rate
- Support tribal energy economic ventures with reliability efforts, including microgrid projects
- Remove funding barriers including making a tribal set-asides, ensure tribes are eligible as prime awardees, allow for preference points for tribes and project applicant on behalf of or in partnership with tribes. Barriers identified include; maximum flexibility including not requiring income limits, aligning with tribal workforce laws, flexibility in budget adjustments, flexibility for capital stacks, limiting match requirements, ensuring holistic funding (including things like roof upgrades for solar or cybersecurity), leverage advance pay where possible, and include decommissioning funding for novel technologies
- Support procedural justice including ensuring programs are consulted during the development, applications are open for reasonable timelines, allow for two-phase applications, communicate the stage of project readiness for each application, support portal improvements, scale reporting, and provide technical assistance on grant applications.
- Create a list of shovel ready projects and support funding matchmaking
- Collaborate on federal funding opportunities
- Align with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) tribal grant guidance on Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity.

Respecting Tribal Data Sovereignty

What we heard

- Respect the sovereignty of tribal data
- Ensure data protections, especially for Tribal Cultural Resources
- Develop tools for reciprocal data sharing
- Tribal data is not always shown correctly, and collaboration around tribal data and tribal review is important
- Provide data for tribes that could support their pursuit of tribal energy sovereignty

Institutionalizing Tribal Inclusion in Energy Governance

What we heard

- Technical assistance, capacity building, and interagency collaboration are desirable to lessen the burden on tribes
- Tribes want to develop their own energy related energy policy, energy plans, and energy codes and would like technical assistance
- Tribes would like support identifying energy funding for their planned energy projects.
- Formalized institutional opportunities, beyond consultation.
  - Potential methods suggested include: a formal advisory body, intertribal collaboration for common energy goals, consideration of tribal energy goals and laws, MOUs where state and tribal energy goals intersect
- Regular convenings on a variety of energy related topics
- In person meetings with leadership
- Regular communications and newsletters

What feedback do you have on the current ideas in the Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy? (slide co-developed 11/02/26)

- Tribes are unique, but also have collective desires and wishes that relate to all or most.
- Waiver of sovereign immunity is still a big issue. Moving towards a limited waiver is better but still an issue; additional work needs to be done.
- Reimbursement based funding is also an issue.
- Allow tribes to move quicker with grant funding
- Opportunities for additional grants directly for tribes – ECAA-loan opening to tribes program is a good step. ECAA loan program has been extended.
- Appreciate work being done and look forward to continued collaboration. Appreciate CEC's willingness to listen
- Historical preservation importance – CEC speaking directly with tribes and seeing the locations firsthand. Work with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.
- Engagement early and often! Where one tribe can't respond, making sure you are reaching out regionally as well so another tribe can respond.
- Interactions with tribes directly is critical, especially for off-reservation projects.
- Making sure tribes have resources available to be able to engage with state
- Each tribe is different and has different needs – state needs to visit all tribes in person
- Over next decade major state goals around housing, land, etc – tribes can work together and help meet state goals.
- Building and working together to alleviate strain on energy resources
- New builds incorporate energy efficiency, EV charging stations and building decarb

What else would you like to see included in the Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy? (slide co-developed 11/02/26)

- Continuing conversations around Tribal Utility Authorities
- Guidance to support tribes throughout the process, no matter how far along tribes are in the energy space.
- Workforce development expansion – continuing conversation
- Grant opportunities would be helpful for tribes trying to establish Tribal Utility Authorities
- Direct funding; cost-share can be a barrier.
- Technical assistance or provider to assist tribes to begin the process. Technical assistance can help with funding and beyond.
- Continuing conversations between CPUC and utilities and CEC and making sure tribes are at the table. Interagency coordination.
- Capacity constraints can be an issue for tribes; technical assistance would be helpful, especially around grants
- Recommendations for outside support (consulting firms) would be helpful
- List of resources for various steps of a project would be helpful
- List of California providers, designation of Tribal-owned contractors (Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy Preferred Provider List)
- List of Tribal Utility Authorities and list of tribes engaging in various projects
- List of local tribes – all the agencies

Morning Break

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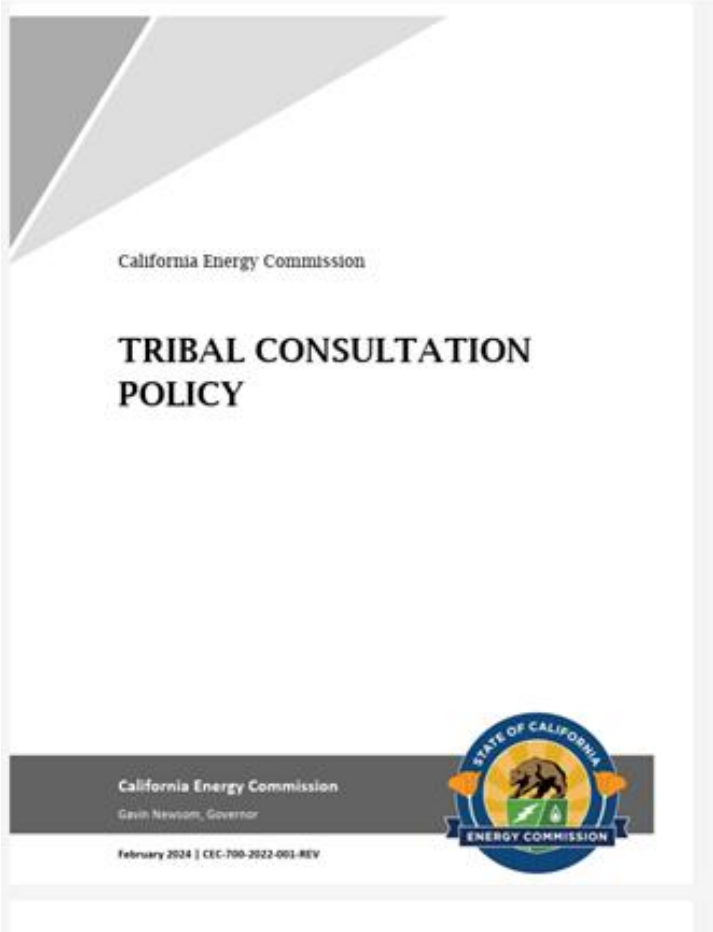
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Tribal Consultation Policy Updates

CEC Consultation Policy

- Adopted 2014
- Administrative Update February 2024
- California Natural Resources Agency Tribal Consultation Policy November 2012 (Recently updated 9/2025)
- Assembly Bill (AB) 923



CEC Tribal Consultation Policy Overview

- Identifies the responsibilities and organization of the CEC
- Designation of the CEC Tribal Liaison and Assistant Tribal Liaisons
- Affirms CEC Tribal Liaison participation in the Tribal Liaison Committee
- Outlines CEC's tribal consultation process
- Mechanisms for exchanging confidential information
- Stipulates filing and disclosure requirements concerning CEC tribal communications
- Suggests ways for fostering long-term relationships

Examples From Other Consultation Policies

- Adequate preparation
- Mutual respect
- Relationship building
- Co-management
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Importance of cultural resources and restoration
- Transparency and on-going communication

What We Heard from Tribes: Potential Updates to CEC's Tribal Consultation Policy

- Strengthened Early, Often and Meaningful definition
- More guidance on objectives of a tribal consultation
- Recognized tribal capacity
- Emphasized additional training requirements
- Periodic review of tribal consultation policy
- Included Tribal Energy Sovereignty Resolution
- Tribal Grant Information
- Included more detailed actions that may trigger a tribal consultation
- Office of Tribal Affairs description
- Tribal Consultation timelines
- More ways to keep communication going
- Tribal Data Sovereignty

Thoughts on CEC's Potential Updates Consultation Policy? (slide co-developed 11/2/2026)

- Understanding what you are "walking into" – making sure agencies prepare ahead of meetings and consultations and are thoroughly briefed on background related to the tribe.
- Better understanding of the overall tribe, governance structure, the tribe's history, etc. before consultations.
- Keeping communications going – communication is the most important thing. Building trust that someone is going to pick up phone, respond to email, respond to tribe
- Each tribe is different and internal Tribal Councils change every few years; paying attention to changes within the tribal government
- Keeping communication lines open and meeting face-to-face with Tribes
- Understanding how different tribes operate and meet them where they are
- Continue building meaningful relationships
- Important that the correct people are getting the information sent. Follow up.
- Open communication going both ways is helpful
- Tribal administrators can assist with keeping communication lines open and keeping CEC apprised of changes
- Find ways to teach the public about tribal governments, importance of tribal sovereignty, importance of hiearchies and respect within tribal governments. Education around tribes

Ahe’hee’ - Thank You!

Lunch Break

Expected to resume around 1:00 pm

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OIIP Report on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty

Purpose of the OIIP Report

- Create a record of feedback and recommendations
- Document best practices and case studies
- Highlight successful models
- Identify and analyze areas of implementation
- Analytical foundation for Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy and updated Tribal Consultation Policy



Tribal Cultural Resource Considerations Regarding Clean Energy Development

Key Points

- Key principles for developing advanced planning methodologies:
  - Time and staff investment
  - Preparedness
  - Information handling,
  - Capacity awareness
  - Early consultation
- Key recommendations:
  - Prioritize Tribally Directed Approaches
  - Protect Confidentiality and Data Sovereignty
  - Prioritize a Holistic Approach to Tribal Cultural Resources
  - Support Tribal Cultural Resource Monitors

Best Practices for Tribal Energy Grants

Key Points

- *Overall Priorities*
  - Create a dedicated tribal energy sovereignty fund
  - Increase tribal set-asides
  - Support a pipeline of tribal projects
- *Scope & Communication*
  - Formula funds and flexible funding
  - Fund planning, capacity building, workforce, and long-term O&M
  - Multiple forms of outreach, advance notice, and a one-stop-shop
- *Design & Accessibility*
  - Flexibility in eligibility, with tribes choosing whether to administer directly or work with a partner
  - Identify requirements early and extend application windows
  - Two-phased applications
  - Remove match requirements where possible
  - Scoring that values sovereignty and resiliency benefits
  - Expand soft technical assistance

Best Practices for Tribal Energy Grants (Continued)

Key Points

- *Agreement & Project Management*
  - Allow advance pay
  - Streamline invoicing
  - Smoother amendment processes and more flexible timelines
  - Reduce reporting requirements
- *Post-Project*
  - Support long-term capacity building
  - Create feedback mechanisms
  - Make the tribal projects map an interactive tool



Tribal Energy Equity Indicators

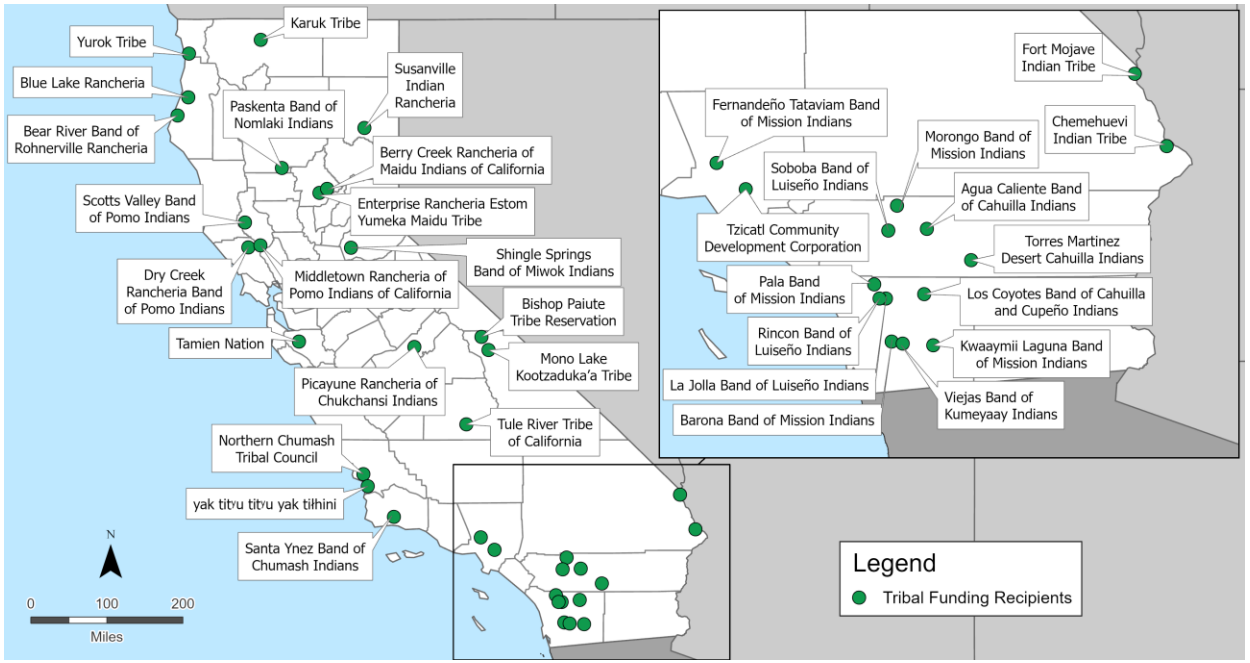
Key Points

What we Heard

- Data Accuracy, Sources & Representation
- Tribal Data Privacy & Sovereignty
- Infrastructure & Affordability Challenges
- Utility Data Access Barriers
- Mapping Tools & Customizability
- Reliability Data
- Planning, Grant Applications & Interagency Support

Ways EEI Might Support Tribes

- Data Sovereignty
- Inclusion of Stories in the Tool
- Highlighting Persistent Tribal Inequities



Engaging with Tribes on Energy Projects

Key Points

- Project Delays:
  - Energization, interconnection, permitting, and right-of-way delays disproportionately affect tribes
- Transmission:
  - An economic development and ownership opportunity, limited by lack of historical grid investment.
  - Tribes asked CEC to consider tribal needs and the lack of historical infrastructure investment in its transmission-related planning/coordination
- Siting:
  - Early, ongoing communication and consultation
- Project Development:
  - Engaging tribes early, often, and meaningfully across all project phases

Tribal Benefits: Co-ownership, Co-management and Tribal Benefit Agreements

Key Points

Indigenous Equity Stakes

- Examples of policies in other countries that incentivize Indigenous project ownership in projects affecting ancestral lands

Tribal Benefit Agreements

- Principles: sovereignty, early engagement, transparency, and enforceability
- Provisions can include workforce protections, financial compensation, cultural and environmental protections, and co-ownership

Tribes and Data Centers

- Some tribes see as opportunity, others worried about extractivism, and about infrastructure investment serving data centers instead of communities
- Need for more information

MMIP Considerations

- Concerns about risks from large influxes of temporary workers
- Suggestions for Mitigation: early developer–tribe plans, local hiring, cross-deputization, and corporate responsibility standards

Tribal Energy Economy: Tribal Enterprise and Workforce Development

Key Points

Workforce Development

- Create additional funding for tribal workforce development
  - Capacity: Funding to build capacity and support expertise in tribal governments, including through tribe-to-tribe learning and exchange.
  - Training: Funding for tribally and Native led, culturally relevant training and support services for tribal members (including youth).
- Serve as a convener between tribes, state agencies, and developers To Facilitate Workforce And Enterprise Opportunities And Tribal Hiring
- Ensure that state certification programs support tribal workforce programs and tribal hiring

Tribal Energy Enterprise

- Reduce barriers to starting tribal energy businesses
- Support tribal utilities and project ownership
- Enterprise supporting energy development (cultural monitoring, brush crews)
- Energy resiliency as economic development

Are there any other topics, recommendations, models or best practices CEC should include in this report? (slide co-developed 11/2/26)

- Important for tribes to be at the table for conversations around energy resiliency, workforce development, enterprise. Conversation moving in the right direction, with more work to be done
- These are generational opportunities – big opportunities for tribes to build water systems, energy systems. Support from CEC will need to expand.
- Lake County – geothermal operations; make sure CEC is working with tribes to expand opportunities.
- As tribes create Tribal Utility Authorities, look at additional generation opportunities
- Consortiums can be very helpful for tribes implementing project or applying for grants – subawards and sharing funding; allowing for these types of opportunities and arrangements in grant solicitations.
- Sometimes there is community opposition when tribal projects are introduced; importance of the project being on trust land because sovereignty is so important.
- Utility is important player because interconnection is critical
- Need for fee to trust to speed up; quicker process. Utility easements and rights-of-way (out of date or lines in trespass) still a big barrier. Energy, communication lines, etc. put into place long ago with faulty records.
- Resistance from government agencies and public, private sector – put in place regulations to help improve the process.
- Water is an issue for tribes. Many tribes building new housing and need water and energy. Barriers to building new houses is sometimes working with local water agencies. More funding to address water issues
- Department of Housing and Community Development as a model for technical assistance in grants. Tribes applying get assigned to HDC representative that walks them through application, meet weekly or bi-weekly to review applications. 1:1s help to keep everyone on track and provides extra education.
- How can CEC best facilitate connections and sharing information and success stories among the tribes? Sharing tribal projects that CEC has funded allows other tribes to reach out to them to get best practices and resources.

THANK YOU!

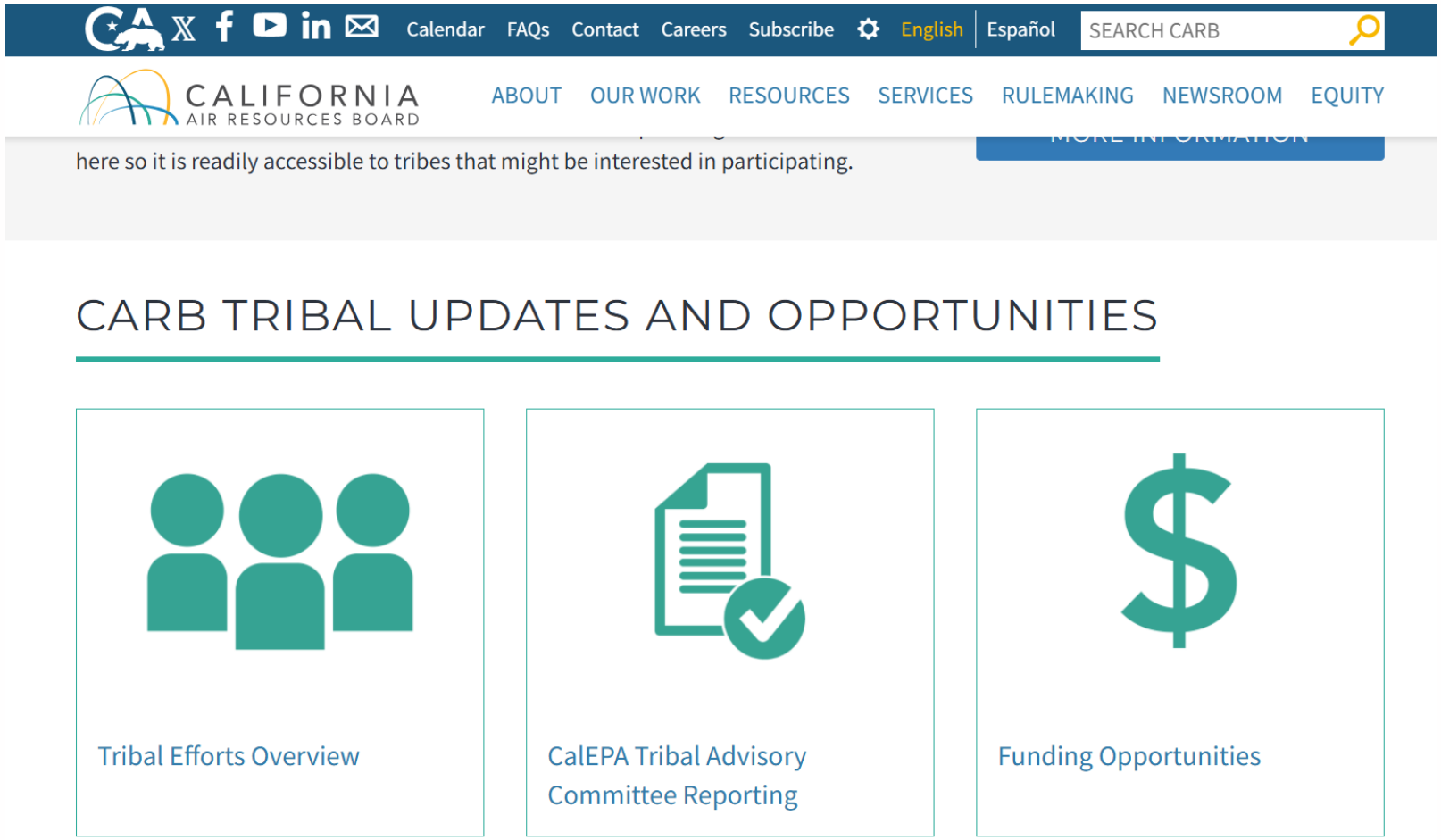
Tribal Funding Opportunities

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC 5)	EBD Tribal Direct Install Program	Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Program (DEBA)- Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) for Grid Reliability
Currently in review with CPUC.	Office Hours Today	Pre-application workshop on November 5th from 1pm-4pm
November proceeding	Application for tribes live now and implementor application coming soon.	Application live now.
Solicitation timelines TBD	Application for tribes due February 19, 2027	Application due January 26, 2027.

Upcoming Opportunities:

CARB Tribal Engagement Model



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Equitable Building Decarbonization Tribal Direct Install Program Office Hours

GFO-26-401

Equitable Building Decarbonization Programs



$339.25 million
(State funds)
+
$154.25 million
(Federal HOMES funds)

$30 million
(State funds)

$20 million
GoGreen Financing
(State funds)

EBD Tribal Direct Install Program Snapshot

Total Funding: $30 million of state Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds

Who is Eligible: All California Native American tribes

Funding Covers: Energy efficiency and electric upgrades to homes

How Much Funding: $75k available to all tribes and option for additional funds

Solicitation Workshop: October 7th, 2026

When to apply: September 4, 2026 to February 19, 2027

Eligible Buildings

Building Types

- Single-family homes
- Multifamily buildings
- Manufactured/mobile homes
- Existing buildings only

Building Ownership/Location

- Owned/managed by a tribe or tribal organization

OR

- Owned by a tribal member
- Not required to be located on tribal land

Building Fuel Types

- Building must use natural gas or propane for space heating or water heating.
- Gas/propane equipment replaced by efficient electric equipment.

Recommended Criteria

- Tribes are strongly encouraged to prioritize low-income households
- Other recommended criteria:
  - High energy burden
  - Vulnerability to extreme heat/cold
  - Homes occupied by vulnerable tribal members

Eligible Measures





Heating and Cooling

- **Electric heat pump**
- Duct testing/sealing
- Smart thermostat
- Ceiling fan, whole-house fan

Water Heating

- **Heat pump water heater**
- Low-flow showerheads and faucets

Cooking and Laundry

- Induction range or cooktop
- Electric clothes dryer

Air Quality and Lighting

- Air filtration
- LED lights

Building Envelope

- Insulation
- Air sealing
- Solar window film

Electrical Upgrades and Remediation

- Electrical wiring and panel upgrades
  - Including electrical upgrades to make the building solar-ready
- Remediation and safety

Cost caps (for these measures only):

- $6,000 for single-family homes and multifamily units
- $7,200 for manufactured/ mobile homes

Program Structure Overview

- All California Native American tribes will have the opportunity to participate
- Equal base allocation of **$75,000** per tribe
- Tribes may request additional funds pending availability

Participating tribes will choose to:

Receive direct grant and implement the program

OR

Receive services via a third-party implementer

Funding Allocations

$75,000 base allocation* + Additional funds requested via tier selection** = Total Allocation

Tier	Tribal Housing Stock	Additional Funds Range	Estimated Additional Homes Retrofitted
1	10-49 homes	Up to $25,000	approximately 1-2 homes
2	50-299 homes	Up to $100,000	approximately 2-6 homes
3	300-649 homes	Up to $250,000	approximately 3-15 homes
4	650+ homes	Up to $500,000	approximately 5-25 homes

*Applicants may request less than $75,000 if desired

**Amount of additional funds depends on availability of funds

Roles and Responsibilities

All tribes will choose an option to:

Receive direct grant and implement on their own

(Implementing Tribe)

or

Receive services via the program implementer

(Nonimplementing Tribe)

Task	Responsible Party if Tribe Opts for Receiving Direct Grant	Responsible Party if Tribe Opts for Implementer's Services
Identify homes to serve	Implementing Tribe	Nonimplementing Tribe
Conduct home assessment	Implementing Tribe	Program Implementer
Contractor enrollment	Implementing Tribe	Program Implementer
Program coordination and layering	Implementing Tribe	Program Implementer
Retrofitting homes	Implementing Tribe	Program Implementer
Quality control	Implementing Tribe	Program Implementer
Reporting to CEC	Implementing Tribe	Program Implementer

Next Steps

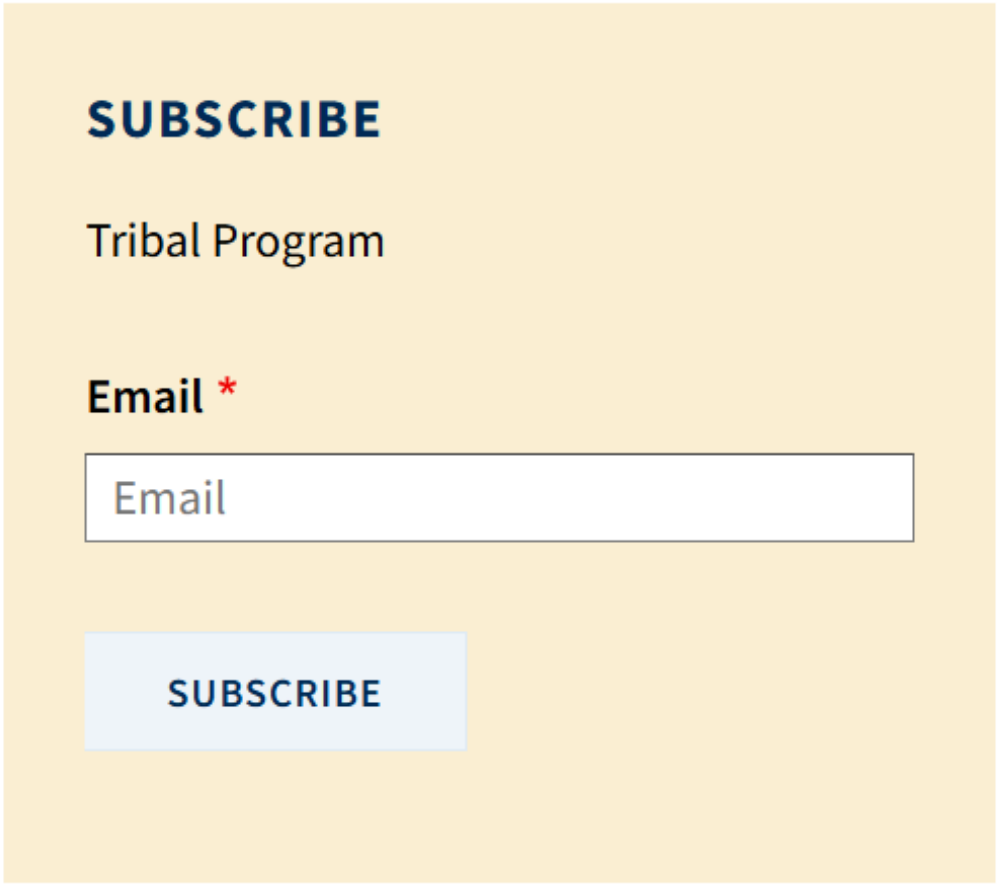
- The solicitation is open as of September 4th, 2026
  - Solicitation number: GFO-26-401
- Pre-application workshop will be held on October 7th, 2027
- The application will close on February 19th, 2027
- CEC staff will host office hours to answer questions on the program and application
  - Sessions to be held between October and February
  - Available to answer questions via email
    - equitablebuildingdecarb@energy.ca.gov
- California Energy Commission webpage: https://www.energy.ca.gov/

Thank you! Questions?

Closing Comments

Ways to Stay Engaged

- Follow the proceeding around the state!
  - more regional roundtables in Round 2!
- Sign-Up for the “Tribal Program” email list.
- Request tribal consultation
- Submit written comments to the docket.



Next OIIP Regional Roundtable: November 9, 2026

Hosted in partnership with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and California Energy Commission

Address: 66-725 Martinez Rd (Gymnasium), Thermal, CA 92274

Additional OIIPs

- November 10th 10AM-3PM
  - Hosted in partnership with the Cahuilla Band of Indians
    - Cahuilla Band of Indians Tribal Hall
      52701 US Hwy 371
      Anza, CA 92539

- December 9th 10AM-3PM
  - Hosted in partnership with the Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation
    - Manzanita Activity Center (M.A.C.)
      39 Crestwood Rd
      Boulevard, CA 91905

- More information including the statewide virtual event will be posted at: https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceeding/order-instituting-informational-proceeding-oiip-tribal-affairs-and-tribal-energy

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EBD Tribal Direct Install Program Office Hours

Upcoming Virtual Office Hours Sessions

Date	Time
November 19	1:00 PM
December 17	1:00 PM
January 12	10:00 AM
January 21	1:00 PM
February 4	1:00 PM
February 9	10:00 AM
February 17	1:00 PM

THANK YOU!