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A total of 97 Native American tribes were sent the following letter on July 15, 2016 informing them of RETI 2.0. In the interest of docketing the most readable document for the public, staff is docketing just one of the letters, one addressed to the Agua Caliente Tribe, as well as a table that contains the names and tribes of the 97 tribes contacted.

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July 15, 2016

Honorable Jeff Grubbe, Chairman
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
5401 Dinah Shore Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

RE: RETI 2.0 - Invitation to Consult

Dear Honorable Jeff Grubbe, Chairman,

The California Natural Resources Agency and California Energy Commission, consistent with Executive Order B-10-11 and each agency's tribal consultation policy, are continuing our outreach to tribes interested in gaining information concerning the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0.

The Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 (RETI 2.0) is a proactive, statewide, non-regulatory planning forum to identify constraints and opportunities for new electric transmission to access and integrate renewable electricity resources to help meet the state's long-term energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

On September 1, 2015 the Energy Commission sent a letter to all California tribes to provide notice of a September 10, 2015 public workshop to introduce RETI 2.0. Since the introductory workshop in September 2015, the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group has identified areas of California called Transmission Assessment Focus Areas (TAFAs). TAFAs are areas of the state that the RETI 2.0 process will further evaluate as potential areas for the development of renewable energy resources and transmission infrastructure. As a non-regulatory planning forum, the RETI 2.0 evaluation of TAFAs will not decide where infrastructure is ultimately built, though RETI 2.0 may inform regulatory decisions made in future planning and regulatory proceedings.

As part of RETI's evaluation of Draft TAFAs, the purpose of this letter is to extend an invitation to consult to California tribes concerning RETI 2.0 and to encourage tribal input into the evaluation of the cultural resource, environmental, and land use implications of renewable energy and transmission development in the TAFAs.

Attached to this letter is a map of the state-wide RETI 2.0 Draft TAFAs. The Draft TAFAs map is intended to help you understand the areas of the state under evaluation by RETI 2.0. Although there is no specific project proposed as part of this planning effort, we anticipate that the work done in RETI 2.0 will inform future regulatory decisions.

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During the next few weeks, Energy Commission staff will be following up this letter with phone calls to gauge your tribe's interest in the RETI 2.0 process. In the meantime should you have immediate response to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Gates at (916) 654-5008 or thomas.gates@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

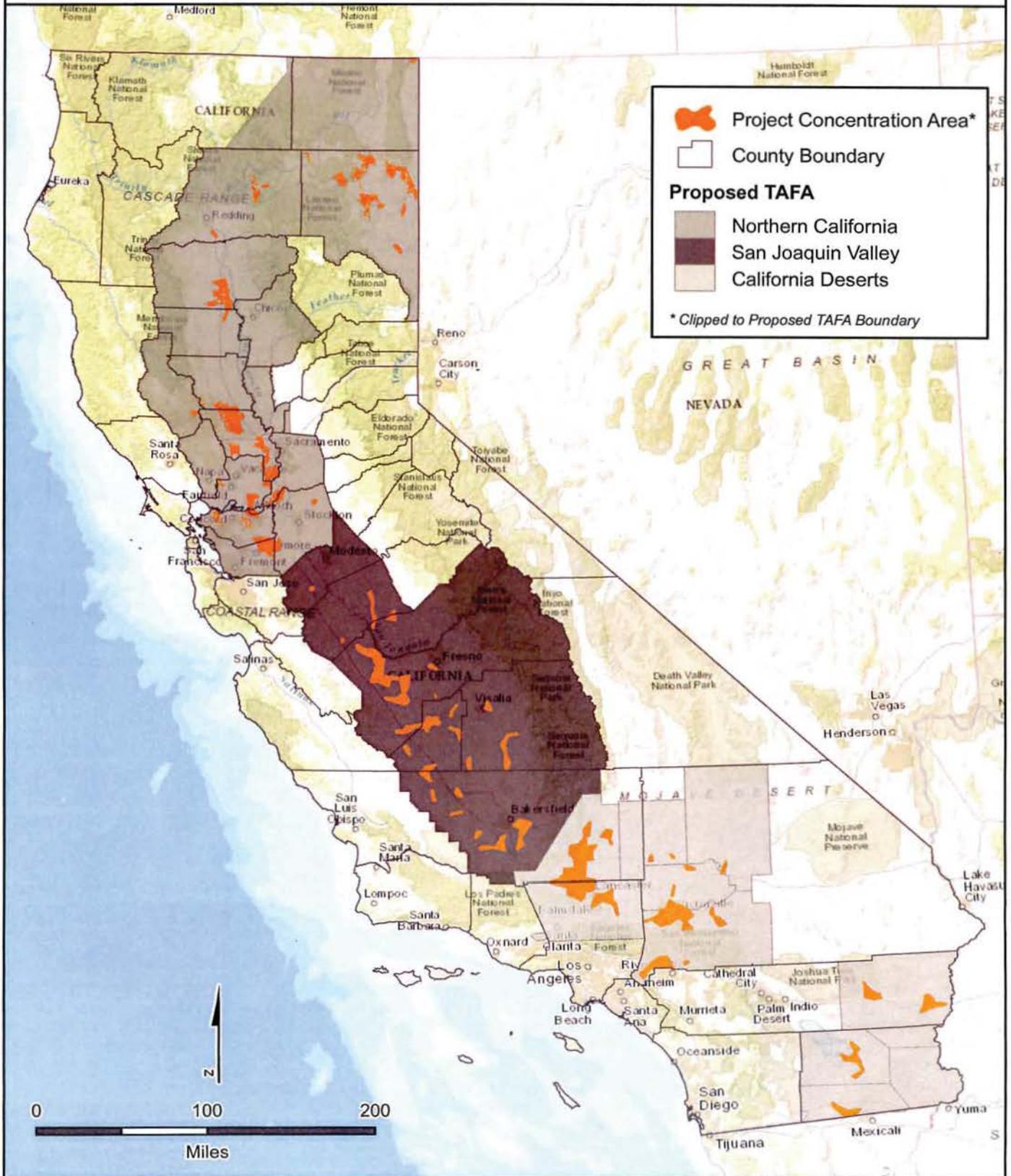
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Encl: RETI 2.0 Draft TAFAs
RETI 2.0 Background Information

Concentration Areas of Renewable Energy Development Within California TAFAs, 2016



RETI 2.0 Background Information

On April 29, 2015, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-30-15, which established a new statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2030 to ensure meeting the existing target of 80 percent reduction by 2050, and directed all state agencies to implement measures, pursuant to statutory authority, to help achieve these targets. On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which requires electric utilities to increase retail sales of qualified renewable electricity to at least 50 percent by 2030 and to prepare long-term plans to achieve GHG levels consistent with the 40 percent economy-wide reduction goal. Developing the transmission needed to support increasing amounts of renewable resources will be critical to meeting these goals and will require careful planning and coordination across the West.

In September 2015, the California Natural Resources Agency, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Independent System Operator, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management California Office initiated the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 as a proactive, statewide, non-regulatory planning forum to facilitate the long-range planning, inter-agency coordination, and stakeholder engagement necessary to identify the constraints and opportunities for new transmission to access and integrate new renewable resources and help meet the state's long-term GHG and renewable energy goals.

Specifically, RETI 2.0 will:

- Explore renewable generation resources in California and throughout the West that can help meet California's long-term energy and GHG reduction goals.
- Identify land use and environmental constraints and opportunities to accessing these resources.
- Build understanding of transmission options for accessing and integrating renewable resources, and support for "least regrets" transmission pathways.
- Inform future planning and regulatory proceedings.

More information on RETI 2.0 is available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/>

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Alturas Rancheria of Pit River Indians	Honorable Philip Del Rosa, Chairperson
Amah Mutsen Tribal Band	Honorable Valentin Lopez, Chairperson
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista	Honorable Irene Zwierlein, Chairperson
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Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe (Nation)	Honorable, Linda Candelaria, Co-Chairperson
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Honey Lake Maidu	Honorable Ron Morales, Chairperson
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Ione Band of Miwok Indians	Honorable Dr. Crystal Martinez, Chairperson
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Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe	Honorable John Davis, Chairperson
Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians	Honorable Delia Dominguez, Chairperson
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Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi Indians	Honorable Claudia Gonzales, Chairperson
Pit River Tribe	Honorable Mickey Gemmill, Jr., Chairperson
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Ramona Band of Cahuilla	Honorable Joseph Hamilton, Chairperson
Redding Rancheria	Honorable Jason Hart, Chairperson
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Serrano Nation of Mission Indians	Honorable Goldie Walker, Chairwoman
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Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Honorable Rosemary Morillo, Chairperson; ATTN: Carrie Garcia
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Susanville Indian Rancheria	Honorable Stacy Dixon, Chairperson
T'si-Akim Maidu	Honorable Don Ryberg, Chairperson
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United Tribe of Northern California, Inc.	Honorable Gloria Gomes, Chairperson

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Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Honorable Leland Kinter, Chairperson