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## **Notice of Regional Roundtable 4: CEC Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty (25-OIIP-01) – Southeastern Region**

**March 17, 2026**

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Quechan Casino Resort  
525 Algodones Road  
Winterhaven, CA 92283

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

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is hosting a series of Regional Roundtables on the CEC's Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (OIIP) on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty (25-OIIP-01). The Regional Roundtables are open to all California Native American tribes. Regional Roundtable 4 is scheduled for March 17, in Winterhaven, in collaboration with the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe.

The public can participate consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The event may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

### **Proposed Agenda**

The OIIP, Regional Roundtables, and other corresponding forums will offer space for tribal voices from around the state. The discussions and feedback gathered will inform the OIIP, CEC's Tribal Program, including revisions to CEC's Tribal Consultation Policy, development of a CEC tribal energy sovereignty policy, cultural resource considerations, best practices, and more. The proposed agenda for the March 17 Roundtable is as follows:

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 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 California Native American Tribes on Energy Projects
- Tribal Energy Economy Including Tribal Enterprise and Workforce Development
- Closing Comments and Remarks

The event will include an opportunity for public comment.

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

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

### **Background:**

On March 17, 2025, the CEC issued an Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (OIIP) on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty. Chair David Hochschild is the Lead Commissioner, and Commissioner Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo is the Associate Commissioner for the OIIP. The OIIP (also called proceeding) is in alignment with the March 2, 2023 [CEC Resolution Committing to Support Tribal Energy Sovereignty](https://www.energy.ca.gov/filebrowser/download/5280) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/filebrowser/download/5280>), which was adopted in alignment with Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order [N-15-19](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/6.18.19-Executive-Order.pdf) (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/6.18.19-Executive-Order.pdf>), where he issued an apology to California Native American tribes for the violence against tribes committed by the state and established the Truth and Healing Council.

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

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

- Ensuring effective government-to-government consultation between the CEC and California Native American tribes to advance the CEC's mission and provide meaningful tribal input into the development of regulations, rules, policies, plans, and activities that may affect them.
- Conducting outreach to California Native American tribes on topics such as impacts of California energy planning and projects on tribes and tribal resources, energy funding, and tribal cultural resources assessments.

- Partnering with California Native American tribes on tribal cultural resources assessments, such as climate change assessments related to traditional ecological knowledge and studies on cultural landscapes.
- Engagement, relationship-building, and collaboration between the CEC and California Native American tribes at energy events and other forums.

### **Attendance Instructions**

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

Registration is free and is requested of all attendees in advance of the event. The registration form can be found at this [Microsoft Forms link](https://forms.office.com/g/N34KEtxEE3) at <https://forms.office.com/g/N34KEtxEE3>.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Contacts**

**Public Advisor.** The CEC's Public Advisor assists the public with participation in CEC proceedings. To request assistance, interpreting services, or reasonable modifications and accommodations, call (916) 269-9595 or email [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov) as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the event. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

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

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