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

November 9, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
66-725 Martinez Rd (Gymnasium)
Thermal, CA, 92274

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

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is hosting a second round 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. A Regional Roundtable is scheduled for November 9 in Thermal, in collaboration with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

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 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 November 9 Roundtable is as follows:

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Review of Draft Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy Report
- 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. Through the early part of 2026, the CEC hosted a first round of regional roundtables to inform a draft OIIP report. After the first round of roundtables, CEC staff developed a draft OIIP report, which will be presented at upcoming regional roundtables to collect additional feedback and input from tribal voices from around the state.

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), 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), 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 Link at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/0Qd84JpMCk

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 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.

Media Inquiries. Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

General Inquiries: Email tribalaffairs@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 269-9595.

Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for these meetings will be available at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=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, at https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions.

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