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Notice of CEC Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty (25-OIIP-01): Statewide Summit on Tribal Energy Enterprise and Workforce Development

April 23-24, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cache Creek Casino Resort
14455 CA Highway 16
Brooks, CA 95606

*See Attendance Instructions and Registration link below. This is an in-person event only.
Participants can attend one or both days.*

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is planning a Statewide Summit on Tribal Energy Enterprise and Workforce Development on April 23 and 24, 2026, as part of its Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (OIIP) on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty, in collaboration with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. This summit builds on a series of regional roundtables held with tribes across California to better understand tribal priorities in energy development and identify ways the CEC can support tribal energy sovereignty, economic development, and workforce opportunities. Insights gathered through these forums directly inform the CEC's Tribal Program, including updates to the Tribal Consultation Policy, the development of a Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy, cultural resource considerations, and best practices for tribal energy grants and programs.

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.

Event Overview

The first day of the summit will include presentations and discussions with representatives from multiple California State agencies working at the intersection of energy, infrastructure,

and workforce development. Participants will hear about current state processes relevant to tribal energy development and will have opportunities to provide input.

The second day will be led by the CEC, who will present on the OIIP on Tribal Affairs and Tribal Energy Sovereignty. The day will feature case studies from tribes, panels on workforce pipelines and tribal energy enterprises, and discussions on tribal energy ownership. Sessions will also focus on gathering structured input from tribes on how the CEC can better support tribal energy enterprises, workforce development, and tribal participation in California's clean energy transition. Tribes will be able to provide direct recommendations that will be incorporated into a CEC Tribal Energy Workforce Development Analysis, as part of the OIIP, and will directly inform the CEC's Tribal Program.

Proposed Agenda Topics

- Building Partnerships for a Clean Energy Economy
- Clean Energy as a Tool for Economic Development
- Creating an Effective Workforce Training Program
- Job Training Program Insights
- Inter-Tribal Collaborations
- Energy Infrastructure Ownership

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>), 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/vDRmJ23071) at <https://forms.office.com/g/vDRmJ23071>.

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?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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