

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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**Tribal Leaders/Chairpersons****Re: Invitation to Tribal Consultation on Proposition 1 Water Bond Funding Opportunities for Tribal Governments**

Dear Tribal Leaders:

On June 9-10, 2015, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the California Water Commission (CWC), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) will be hosting a tribal consultation and joint informational meeting on the water bond, Proposition 1, that was passed by voters in November 2014.

Proposition 1 authorized \$7.545 billion in general obligation bonds for water projects including surface and groundwater storage, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and drinking water protection. Within our represented agencies, DWR, SWRCB, CWC, and DFW, there will be seven programs administering Proposition 1 funding.

You are invited to attend the tribal consultation and funding information meeting that is designed to provide information, resources, and answer questions from the California Tribal Community by representatives from DWR, SWRCB, CWC, and DFW. Agency leadership will be in attendance to engage in meaningful dialogue with Tribal leaders.

The June 9 agenda will cover the Governor's California Water Action Plan, the Proposition 1 Water Bond and the goals of creating partnerships and opportunities for Tribal Governments to access the funding opportunities. On June 10, the agenda will cover specific grant information from each sponsoring agency with agency staff representatives present to provide timely information on the funding opportunities specifically related to Tribes.

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We are requesting the attendance of your Tribal Leadership and your appropriate staff to attend this two-day event on June 9-10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cal/EPA Byron Sher Auditorium, located at 1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. If you need reasonable accommodations to attend due to a disability, please contact Rae Bell at [rae.bell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rae.bell@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (916) 341-5261.

For any additional questions about the upcoming meeting, please contact any of the following representatives from the sponsoring agencies:

Anecita Agustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor, at [anecita.agustinez@water.ca.gov](mailto:anecita.agustinez@water.ca.gov)

Gita Kapahi, SWRCB Tribal Liaison, at [gita.kapahi@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gita.kapahi@waterboards.ca.gov)

Jennifer Marr, CWC Project Manager, at [jennifer.marr@water.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.marr@water.ca.gov)

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Steven Ingram, DFW Tribal Liaison, at [steven.ingram@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:steven.ingram@wildlife.ca.gov)

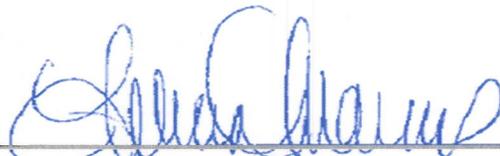
Please RSVP by Friday, May 15, 2015 to Anecita Agustinez, DWR Policy Advisor, at [anecita.agustinez@water.ca.gov](mailto:anecita.agustinez@water.ca.gov).

We look forward to your participation in this consultation and joint informational meeting.

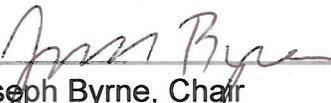
Sincerely,



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State Water Resources Control Board



Joseph Byrne, Chair  
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Charlton H. Bonham, Director  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife