

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
**California Water Plan Update 2013 Tribal Advisory Committee**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011-present**

As part of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) commitment to deepen and expand the relationships between California Native American Tribes and State agencies, the following chronicles the accomplishments of the partnership between California Native American Tribes and DWR via the California Water Plan Update 2013 Tribal Advisory Committee, which held its first meeting in February 2011.

**California Water Plan Update 2013**

The California Water Plan (CWP) provides a collaborative planning framework for elected officials, agencies, tribes, water and resource managers, businesses, academia, stakeholders, and the public to develop findings and recommendations and make informed decisions for California's water future. The plan, updated every five years, presents the status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources; water supplies; and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios. The California Water Plan also evaluates

different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship. The evaluations and assessments performed for the plan help identify effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come.

**A Summary of Some of the Tribal Advisory Committee Accomplishments:**

- Developed a charter to ensure integration of California Native American Tribal input into the CWP Update 2013;
- Providing, reviewing and commenting on materials that develop the CWP, including but not limited to;
  - Volume 1: Strategic Plan
  - Volume 2: Regional Reports
  - Volume 3: Resource Management Strategies
  - Volume 4: The Reference Guide
  - Volume 5: The Technical Guide
- Advancing a new Resource Management Strategy, *Water & Culture*, and assisting in developing content;
- Participating and sharing information on California Native American perspectives in topic based caucus meetings such as the Disadvantage Communities/Environmental Justice caucus, Finance caucus, Flood caucus, Groundwater caucus, Land Use caucus, Water Quality caucus, and Water Technology caucus;
- Having two seats on the Public Advisory Committee;
- Prepared water bond primer for State Assembly, Senators and National Resources Committee.



- Forming independent works groups –
  - 1) The Legislative workgroup that authored a white paper on the Integrated Regional Water Management program;
  - 2) The Communication Plan workgroup that updated the 2008 Tribal Communication Plan; and
  - 3) The Tribal Water Summit Design team that made Tribal Water Summit 2013 possible; and Revising and expanding the tribal chapter to *Californians without Safe Water and Sanitation*, which will be included as a reference guide to the CWP Update 2013.

## Tribal Water Summit 2013

The California Tribal Water Summit Design Team, in partnership with California Department of Water Resources, convened the second statewide California Tribal Water Summit on April 24-25, 2013 in Sacramento. The theme of the summit was "California Indigenous Rights, Uses and Management of Water and Land: Leveraging the strengths and resources of Tribal, State and Federal agencies through collaboration." The summit showcased three topics: tribal ecological knowledge; indigenous rights to water; and water management and land use. The Summit provided a strategic plan and framework for implementing the recommendations and created a toolkit for references on the issues discussed.



### Additional accomplishments and deliverables

- Providing comments to State agencies on issues outside of the Water Plan;
- Providing input to DWR's climate change staff in developing a tribal specific vulnerability matrix; and
- Assist in revising DWR's maps and other tools/resources.

Examples of additional work and more information on items discussed above can be found at the following websites:

CWP Tribal Advisory Committee: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tac/index.cfm>

Tribal Water Summit 2013: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tws/2013/index.cfm>

DWR Office of Tribal Advisor: <http://www.water.ca.gov/tribal/>

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