

Tribal Advisory Committee Charge

California Water Plan Update 2018

Preamble

The California Water Plan provides a framework for water managers, legislators, and the public to consider options and make decisions regarding California's water future. The Plan, updated every five years, presents basic data and information on California's water resources including water supply evaluations and assessments of agricultural, urban, and environmental water uses to quantify the gap between water supplies and uses. The Plan also identifies and evaluates existing and proposed statewide demand management and water supply augmentation programs and projects to address the State's water needs.

The California Water Plan, building on the progress made during Update 2009, engaged California Native American Tribes¹ (Tribes) and organizations throughout the Update 2013 process by the convening of the Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC). The Tribal AC created a forum where Tribes and organizations developed material for the Water Plan and ensured Tribal perspectives on land, water and cultural were included in those materials.

California Water Plan Update 2018 (Water Plan) continues DWR's commitment of tribal engagement and communication. The Tribal AC will ensure integration of tribal input into the Water Plan, begin addressing the complex water issues facing Tribes, and improve communication and collaboration between Tribes and the Water Plan.

Roles and Responsibilities

Tribal AC members agree to:

- Participate in a consensus seeking process to discuss, develop and refine policy proposals and recommendations, as well as other content for Update 2018.
- Develop recommendations and proposals that constitute statewide tribal concerns and perspectives, not the perspectives of the individual Tribes identifying members.
- Regularly brief their respective Tribes, organizations, and consistencies, relaying the Water Plan process and provide input to Tribes on the Water Plan.
- The Tribal AC shall be considered a separate entity from the individual Tribes, communities and organizations represented on the committee. Recommendations and policy proposals developed by the Tribal AC shall not be considered recommendations or proposals of the individual Tribe represented on the Tribal AC, unless endorsed specifically by such Tribe.
 - The Tribal AC recommendations and policy proposals shall be submitted to individual Tribes for approval and endorsement in order to provide greater state-wide consensus and support for Tribal AC recommendations.
 - The Tribal AC is not a consultation body and shall not replace government-to-government consultation with individual Tribal governments.
- Advise DWR Water Plan Team on Tribal AC efforts to implement recommendations from the 2013 Tribal Water Summit.

¹ "California Native American Tribe" signifies all Indigenous Communities of California, including those that are non-federally recognized and federally recognized, and those with allotment lands, regardless of whether they own those lands. Additionally, because some water bodies and Tribal boundaries cross State borders, this term includes Indigenous Communities in Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona that are impacted by water in California.

- Provide leadership to topic based caucus meetings and/or regional forums.
- As time and resources permit, plan a future Tribal Water Summit for Update 2018.
- Participate in annual all-stakeholder Plenary sessions.

DWR Water Plan Team agrees to:

- Provide staff support and, as needed, a professional Facilitator for the meetings.
- Collect and organize data.
- Draft text for group review.
- Provide technical support to the effort.
- Provide for the physical arrangements for the meeting.
- Provide requested information.

The Executive Sponsor (DWR Deputy Director, Gary Bardini) agrees to:

- Provide resources for the effort.
- In consultation with other State Agencies, provide the policy perspective of the Administration.
- Provide overall direction.

In developing Update 2018, DWR will also engage other State Agencies in a State Agency Steering Committee and other stakeholders in a Policy Advisory Committee.

Time Commitment

It is anticipated that the Tribal AC will convene two or three times per year through the end of 2018. Additional, occasional briefings and updates may be provided via conference call and webinar should the schedule demand. The schedule also includes three (3) annual Plenary Meetings, which are larger gatherings of the Water Plan's broader stakeholder community.

Attendance

Members are asked to commit to maintaining the integrity of the group by attending meetings. Remote access, though not guaranteed, will be made available for those who cannot attend in person. Any Member may withdraw at any time. Those withdrawing will be asked to communicate the reasons for withdrawal. Those leaving are expected to maintain the integrity of the ground rules and the process. Members will contact Emily Alejandrino, Tribal Liaison for the California Water Plan at (916) 651-9276 or emily.alejandrino@water.ca.gov when unable to attend a meeting.

Decision Making

The Water Plan Update is a consensus-seeking process. Specific items moved forward by the Tribal AC as a group product will be considered by DWR. An issue without a broad degree of support will not move forward as a group product. The level of support for various items will be recorded. If there is fundamental disagreement among the Tribal AC on an item, the committee will be asked to continue working on an area where more agreement is possible. It is understood that Tribal AC members may not always be able to commit their Tribe or organization to a particular conclusion. However, members will operate and represent their organizations in good faith and contribute the best available information. Members are not required to commit to a position on any item. The Executive Sponsor will note areas of agreement and disagreement and DWR will decide on the final content of Update 2018.