



**MEETING SUMMARY**

**CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2013  
TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9:00 A.M. – NOON**

**WEBINAR AND CONFERENCE CALL**

**MEETING OBJECTIVES:**

1. Review Action Items from February 25<sup>th</sup> Tribal Advisory Committee (AC) meeting and recap Public AC meeting of March 30<sup>th</sup>
2. Confirm roles of Tribal AC and next steps for finalizing Charter
3. Review work plan for Sustainability Indicators and Progress Report caucuses
4. Further develop Tribal AC work plan

**Next Tribal AC Meeting:**

**August 5, 2011  
Sacramento, CA**

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**Welcome and Introductions**

**Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management,** welcomed Tribal Advisory Committee (AC) members to the second Tribal AC meeting. He extended his appreciation for the strong attendance for the webinar meeting and for the commitment of participants to allocate their time from very busy schedules and other responsibilities. Kamyar expressed his commitment to the next few years of collaboration and interaction with Tribes to incorporate Tribal knowledge and perspectives into the Water Plan.



## Agenda Review

Stephanie Lucero, facilitator for the Tribal AC, quickly summarized the agenda items for the meeting. Participants were reminded that all of the meeting materials were posted online at the Water Plan website, on the Calendar and Materials web page. The direct link is: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=may0511>.

## Action Item Review

### Delta Stewardship Council

Eric Alvarez with the Delta Stewardship Council provided an update of the Council's activities. The presentation began with a brief history of the Council, which was established in February 2010 as a result of SBx7-1 or the Delta Reform Act. The role of the Council is to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to achieve the Act's co-equal goals of increasing water supply reliability and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem.

Mr. Alvarez showed a map of the study areas that the Delta Plan will encompass (<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/map>). The third staff draft of the Delta Plan was recently released on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The timeline for developing the final draft is available online at <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-plan>. The timeline also indicated the dates for public discussion, as well as the comment periods for the various drafts.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Tribal members did not pose any questions or submit any comments to the Council staff. Keith Coolidge, Chief Deputy Executive Director for the Council was on the conference call for the presentation.

### Requests for Tribal Maps

At the previous Tribal AC meeting, there had been request for maps of Tribal trust lands, with overlays of groundwater basins and of hydrologic regional boundaries. These maps are currently available online at: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tac/index.cfm>.

The section for "Resources and Maps" is just information on next meeting dates. This is located just above the last header of "Questions or Comments About Tribal Communication."

### Inventory of Tribal Programs and Projects

A request to identify and share information on Tribal programs and projects has resulted in an online survey to create an initial assessment of these efforts. The survey can be



accessed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GKZRFTT>. Tribal AC members were encouraged to forward this link to others.

## **Draft Tribal Resolution for Boards regarding Tribal AC Charter**

In moving forward to approve the charter for the Tribal AC, a request had been made for a draft resolution that can be presented to Tribal Councils, Boards, and other governing authorities for approval of the charter. Members of the Tribal AC can then attach the confirmed charter to their Boards. Stephanie Lucero will email out the draft Tribal resolution.

## **IRWM Conference**

Charlie Kratzer with the DWR Division of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) announced that sponsorships were still available for Tribes interested in attending the IRWM conference on May 24-25. The conference will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Additional information is available on the Water Education webpage at <http://www.watereducation.org/doc.asp?id=1899&parentID=849>.

Contact Sue McClurg at [smcclurg@watereducation.org](mailto:smcclurg@watereducation.org) for more information on scholarships. Scholarships will cover the registration charge of \$195 for the day-and-a-half conference. Travel costs and accommodations cannot be reimbursed.

Mr. Kratzer noted that Oscar Serrano from Colusa Indian Community will be speaking about Tribal Outreach and Involvement for IRWM groups. After the conclusion of the conference on May 25<sup>th</sup>, a special session will be convened from 12:45 – 2:45 on the topic of Climate Change. Please contact Charlie Kratzer if you would like to attend this session on Climate Change. His email is [ckratzer@water.ca.gov](mailto:ckratzer@water.ca.gov) and his phone number is (916) 651-9212.

## **Travel Update**

Kamyar Guivetchi discussed the Governor's Executive Order on travel restrictions, which was issued in the last week of April. In honoring the intent of reducing costs, the Water Plan is looking to hold all Tribal and Public AC meetings in Sacramento. These meetings are open to all and Tribal AC members – or their alternate – will be reimbursed for travel.

The Public AC meetings are held in the CalEPA Building and have a live webcast. The Tribal AC will consider options for webcast or webinar and the possibility of Tribes hosting remote locations.

Stephanie Lucero asked that Tribes contact her if they are interested in hosting.



## Next Tribal AC Meeting – August 5

Tribal AC members were reminded that the next Tribal AC meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> will be in Sacramento. The meeting room and location will be the same as for the first Tribal AC meeting in January – 1500 Capitol Avenue in Sacramento, unless a room with webcasting capability is found. The agenda will include a presentation by the Water Boards relating to Water Rights in California.

## Tribal AC Charter and Workplan

Stephanie Lucero walked Tribal AC members through the charter and the decision-making section. No questions were raised after the review. Ms. Lucero recapped that the identification of Tribal delegates to the Public AC had not been finalized. She reported that Donna Miranda-Begay and Steve Archer volunteered to serve as liaisons to the Public AC. Tribal AC members present at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting approved these members, with one abstentions, to serve as Tribal representatives to the Public AC, serving as liaisons. Members who were not present at the meeting will be able to provide their feedback on the proposed liaisons.

The liaisons will monitor Public AC meetings and bring information back to the Tribal AC. They will also present recommendations of the Tribal AC to the Public AC. In reviewing sample charter language, Sample 1 will be incorporated into the revised charter. The revised document will be sent to Tribal AC members, who were not present at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Tribal AC meeting, for review and comment. Comments need to be provided by one week after receiving the document, then Tribal AC members will have an additional 3 weeks to submit the charter for approval by their governing bodies (Tribal councils).

The charter will also clarify that recommendations of the Tribal AC do not represent recommendations of the individual Tribes, unless Tribal approval is clearly documented by resolution or other endorsement.

## Sustainability Indicators

Fraser Schilling, UC Davis, introduced himself and his work with DWR on developing sustainability indicators – to evaluate how sustainable Water Plan activities are. He explained that the application of the concept of sustainability to the Water Plan is looking at whether activities support continued benefits from ecosystem services over multiple generations. Key principle is looking at benefits associated with economic, environmental and social processes.

A Tribal AC member observed that problems arise when agencies look at benefits for human. They noted that sustainability is needed for animals and nature itself.



Mr. Schilling called that out as a critical distinction. He commented that the idea of environment and nature having its own right is only recognized in a few countries, and that the concept is often not followed in the US. Mr. Schilling expressed that the Water Plan does not seem to have a philosophy that says it shouldn't be that way. Fraser suggested that the pathway to that perspective is to make sure that indicators promote environmental sustainability and to advocate that.

Kamyar Guivetchi responded that integrated water management does value the natural ecosystem along with human activities. He noted that it is helpful to continue to clarify that principle.

Mr. Schilling explained that the project team is trying to bring the values of the Water Plan – as stated in the objectives, goals, principles and resource management strategies – into a single analysis framework for measuring progress. There are challenges around: the consistency of terms and definitions; identifying ways to quantify indicators; and limited availability data. In response to a question about using qualitative indicators, Fraser agreed that those are often important measures – especially in terms of trends and how people feel about quality of life.

Another Tribal AC member suggested building off of the framework provided by the Sacramento River Basin Report Card. They noted that the report card is a state funded project and covers many of these aspects. Using that approach would also provide consistency. Fraser explained that he was part of the team that created the Sacramento River Basin report and report card. Those documents illustrate the possible ways that conditions can be measured quantitatively. He noted that describing desired future conditions is often a difficult task for agencies.

A Tribal AC member emphasized that agencies also need to look back retrospectively at previous conditions that existed before development and settlement. Looking at desired future conditions often focuses more on management and less on healthy environments. If nature's economy is made priority, then a healthy ecosystem can support human economy. Resource management makes human economy the priority too many times.

Mr. Schilling observed that the process, of identifying the target condition, brings in the question of whether restoration is to initial conditions or targeted conditions (i.e. the best condition that they think they can obtain). Those targets will vary across the state, depending on level of urbanization. He noted that discussions on sustainability focus on nature's economy and that indicators will look at levels of disturbance to the underlying system in terms of meeting nature's needs.

The goal of plotting out indicators is to try to build a story and gain wisdom in a broad way. Mr. Schilling added that the breadth of wisdom involves two aspects: taking information out of the scientific sphere and making it broadly available to the public; and, conversely, bringing other information into the scientific analysis process. Stakeholder involvement and participation in the process will help bridge those aspects.



A Tribal AC member suggested that the Tribal AC make this an action – to identify potential indicators that help frame what the Tribal AC might want to recommend as a group.

## California Water Management Progress Report

Emily Alejandrino, DWR, recapped that this report is expected to be released in 2012. This is a new effort that will look at Update 2009 implementation and effectiveness, which has not been done on prior Updates but was discussed by the previous Public AC. The Tribal AC is invited to provide input specifically on how well Objective 12 has been implemented.

A question was asked if the Progress Report covers items from the Tribal Water Summit, which were included as part of Update 2009 as an appendix. It was noted that the Tribal Summit recommendations are slightly different – in that the Tribal Summit recommendations were not vetted through the Public AC process – and a different process will need to be developed. This question was directly related to the following agenda item.

## Update 2009 Tribal Water Summit – Next Steps

Stephanie Lucero reminded Tribal AC members that their roles and responsibilities include implementing the Tribal Water Summit recommendations. This includes 70 recommended actions. An online survey will be posted to get clarification on items and to begin to prioritize actions. A suggestion was made that Tribal AC members may also need clarification, from DWR or other agencies, in terms of agency authority and oversight – so that Tribes can better define what is needed.

## Public AC Meeting – March 30, 2011

Mr. Guivetchi provided a quick overview of the Public AC meeting, held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. He recounted that Sue Simms attended the first part of meeting and described efforts that will be initiated by the California Water Commission over the next few years. There were presentations and discussions on caucuses, including: Finance, Sustainability Indicators, Progress Report, Scenarios, Groundwater and Water Quality. Kamyar mentioned that Stephanie Lucero provided an update on the Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Tribal.

He also reported that the Water Plan have been invited to make a presentation to the Delta Stewardship Council. The presentation focused on the themes of investment, innovation and infrastructure. After the presentation, DWR asked the Council to incorporate Update 2009 recommendations into the Bay Delta Plan as appropriate to the Bay Delta Plan.



In further discussing the caucuses, Kamyar explained that Paul Massera presented the Public AC with a description of the Finance Plan. While Update 2009 described what needs to be done, the next step is to provide a sense of cost. The Finance Caucus will meet on May 19<sup>th</sup>, as will the Groundwater caucus. It is likely that both of these groups will hold at least 2 caucus meetings a year for the next two- and a-half years. A Tribal AC member encouraged DWR to assure good representation for the Central Valley on the Groundwater Caucus.

Regarding the Finance Report, a Tribal AC member mentioned the impact of the Water Bond and expressed concerns about privatizing public water entities. The member asked if the bond vote is still scheduled for November 2012. Mr. Guivetchi stated that he has heard that the legislature will be looking at the bond proposal and that there will likely be to the current language.

Kamyar also elaborated on the Regional Reports and the desire to assure that Tribal regional information is contained in the reports. The first Regional Forums, scheduled over the next few months, will spend almost an hour discussing Regional Reports.

The last item regarding the Public AC meeting highlighted that a caucus will look at New Water Technology. A Tribal AC member cautioned that Tribes have a challenge working with universities, that do not seem interested in collaborating with Tribes. DWR was encouraged to require new research efforts to review and consider the content in the Water Plan before releasing any new reports. Kamyar replied that the project team is working diligently to into the awareness of an Update 2013 in academic and research circles. DWR is currently working with the California Water Institute, at Fresno State University, and the California Council on Science and Technology on the topic of New Water Technology. Ron Goode indicated that he would participate on that caucus.

## Next Steps

### Action Items

- Stephanie Lucero will email out: revised charter, draft resolution and names of Tribal AC members serving as Public AC members. Two copies of the revised charter will be sent out – one showing where changes were made, the other will be a clean copy.
- A request was made to reschedule the August 5<sup>th</sup> Tribal AC meeting date to August 12<sup>th</sup>. Another member had a time conflict for the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Add Ron Goode to the Water Technology Caucus.
- Suggest potential Sustainability Indicators.
- Provide link to the Sacramento River Report (the complete report is quite large)
  - [www.sacriver.org/documents/2010/SacRiverBasin\\_ReportCard\\_ExecSummary.pdf](http://www.sacriver.org/documents/2010/SacRiverBasin_ReportCard_ExecSummary.pdf)



- [www.sacriver.org/documents/2010/SacRiverBasin\\_ReportCard\\_Report.pdf](http://www.sacriver.org/documents/2010/SacRiverBasin_ReportCard_Report.pdf)
- Stephanie Lucero will email out links to the online surveys to anyone requesting them.
- Post Caucus charters on Tribal website.
- Post IRWM brochure on Tribal website.
- Provide URL for Update 2009 Objective 12.
- Add Objective 12 to future Tribal AC agendas, for discussion on input into the Water Management Progress Report.

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**Next Tribal AC Meeting: Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento**

## Attendance

### **Tribal Advisory Committee Members and Alternates (21):**

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**Sirirat (Tia) Chullakorn**, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewart's Point  
**Alex Cleghorn**, California Indian Legal Services  
**Robert Columbro**, Shingle Springs Rancheria  
**John Covington**, Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
**Rob Cozens**, (Resighini Rancheria)  
**Farrell Cunningham**, Tsi-Akim Maidu Corporation  
**Michelle Fuller**, Blue Lake Rancheria  
**Ron Goode**, Northfork Mono Tribe  
**Richard Hawkins**, No-Rel-Wuk Wintu Nation  
**Lisa Haws**, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians  
**Alex Henson**, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation  
**Michael Hostler**, Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of Trinidad Rancheria  
**Johnny "Gil" Jamerson**, Ione Band of Miwok Indians  
**Angela Karst**, Table Mountain Rancheria  
**Cathy Kindquist**, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation  
**Roselynn Lwenya**, Buena Vista Rancheria Me-Wuk Indians of California  
**Brett Matzke**, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians  
**Sarah Norris**, Ione Band of Miwok Indians  
**Frank Ramirez**, National American Indian Veterans



**Oscar Serrano**, Colusa Indian Community Council  
**William Speer**, Shasta Indian Nation

**Others (26):**

**Emily Alejandrino**, DWR  
**Eric Alvarez**, Delta Stewardship Council  
**Perry Chestnut**, Modoc  
**Keith Coolidge**, Delta Stewardship Council  
**Barbara Cross**, DWR  
**Jim Fryer**, Integrated Water Resources Conservation Associates  
**Doug Garcia**, US Bureau of Indian Affairs  
**Cuahtemoc Gonzalez**, Office of Planning and Research  
**Julie Griffith-Flatter**, Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
**Kamyar Guivetchi**, DWR  
**Chuck Jachens**, US Bureau of Indian Affairs  
**Jeff Kelley**, Modoc  
**Charlie Kratzer**, DWR IRWM  
**Abimael Leon**, DWR South-Central Regional Office  
**Hoa Ly**, DWR Statewide Flood  
**Brian McCarthy**, Envicom  
**Michelle Morales**, California Nations Indian Gaming Association, Ecology Action  
**Michelle Nguyen**, Dry Creek Rancheria, La Pena Law Corporation  
**Mary Randall**, DWR Northern Regional Office  
**Larry Ray**, Middletown Rancheria  
**Mark St. Angelo**, Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
**Frazier Schilling**, UC Davis  
**Chris Simon**, Middletown Rancheria  
**Gary Wortham**, Tetra Tech  
**Jennifer Wong**, DWR Southern Regional Office

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