



Tribal Engagement Scoping Recap Conference Call

California Water Plan Update 2013

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT SCOPING – RECAP CONFERENCE CALL SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 10:00 AM – NOON

A Recap Conference Call was held on September 28th as a follow-up to the Tribal Engagement Scoping Workshop on September 9, 2010. Three participants called in for session and the following suggestions were made regarding the proposal presented on September 9th:

- Suggestion/Comment: It is important to maintain regular updates to Tribes regarding Update 2013. Updates to Tribes should occur with the same frequency as updates for the State Agency Steering Committee and Public Advisory Committee. A Tribal briefing should be scheduled before the end of the year, for updates on topics including: new water legislation, transition in administration and related implications, review of TAC (final proposal), transition from Update 2009 to Update 2013, and development of a proposed agenda for the TAC when it convenes [Note: any agenda developed would be a proposal, with final decisions on work plan and agenda being developed by the TAC].
- Response/Action Item: Ascertain the feasibility (both from the perspective of DWR capacity and tribal capacity) for having a Tribal briefing before the end of the year to provide updates on Update 2013 items, including formation of the Tribal Advisory Committee.
- Suggestion/Comment: Representation on the Public Advisory Committee should be carefully considered, with Tribes having more than 2 – 3 representatives.

Response/Action Item: Representation of the TAC on the larger Public Advisory Committee is an issue that the Tribal Advisory Committee, if it so chooses, would address when it convenes.

- Suggestion/Comment: Identify opportunities for Tribal representation in Update 2013 regarding ocean and marine issues.

Suggestion/Comment: Tribes should be allowed to participate in all California Water Plan venues, to assure that Tribal issues are on the agenda and that Tribes contribute to agenda-setting. It was recommended that a description of the different areas of influence be prepared in terms of how/where work gets done (what are the moving parts and how are they connected) to improve coordination of tribal engagement.

- Suggestion/Comment: It was noted that State agencies need to be educated regarding Tribes and Tribal concerns. Tribal knowledge and abilities are left out of state agency processes. It was recommended that Tribes have representation at all levels, a seat at all tables.
- Suggestion/Comment: Repatriation processes need to be addressed in state agency programs and activities.



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- Suggestion/Comment: Water governance in the state does not fit with Tribal cultural and ecological knowledge. Tribes see water and systems as related, not broken out by jurisdictional boundaries or agency mission. This is reflected in language as well – stewardship is a better term than water management.
- Suggestion/Comment: Assure that Tribes identified as eligible recipients for grant funding.
- Suggestion/Comment: Revisit red flags on Tribal and Environmental Justice concerns from Update 2009.

Response/Action Item: Judie Talbot will follow up with Randy Yonemura.

- Suggestion/Comment: Integrated Regional Water Management Plans need to include Tribes. This process is not working for most Tribes. The need for greater tribal engagement on regional levels was addressed, since tribal concerns and priorities differ based on their regional concerns (i.e. coastal, flood management, groundwater, etc.)
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- Suggestion/Comment: Tribal traditional knowledge needs to be part of inter-disciplinary collaboration on data. This includes Tribal cultural, social, and economic values.
- Suggestion/Comment. There are expectations about follow-up on issues and concerns raised at the California Tribal Water Summit. Provide information back to Tribes on how issues will move forward. Show how issues and concerns from the Tribal Water Summit are incorporated into the workplan for Update 2013.

Response/Action Item: Issues and concerns from California Tribal Water Summit will move forward in a number of ways. It was suggested that the TAC could, if it chooses, develop and consider options for implementing some of the Tribal Water Summit items. For example, TAC members could prioritize several issues and develop action plans for moving the issue forward and bringing it to the attention of the Public Advisory Committee and State Agency Steering Committee. Also, it is hoped that the next Tribal Water Summit can focus on 2 – 4 priority issues for action planning. [Note: Not all issues raised at the California Tribal Water Summit can be addressed within the work of the Water Plan.] This approach can be shared in various venues and communications

Question on October 1st deadline

There was a question as to what the October 1st deadline represented – and whether it was related to receiving names for participation on the Tribal Advisory Committee. The response was that October 1st was the deadline for submitting comments on the draft proposal for creation of the Tribal Advisory Committee.



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It was clarified that any Tribe or Tribal organization expressing interest would serve on the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC). A Tribe or Tribal organization would select or identify those who would serve on the TAC as their liaison.

It was also clarified that Tribal comments and suggestions for Update 2013 Plan enhancements could be received after October 1, 2010.

Question on representation for statewide Tribal organizations

Another question asked whether a statewide Tribal organization could have more than one seat on the TAC, for example by having a representative associated with the respective parts of the state. This would be a matter for the TAC to discuss and describe in their charter.

It was clarified that there would be a TAC member and alternate for each Tribe or Tribal organization. Also, Tribes will be welcome and encouraged to participate in the Update 2013 Regional Forums.

Participants:

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