



**CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND
REGIONAL TRIBAL CONSORTIA WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 – 10:00 AM TO 2:30 PM**

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Date:** Tuesday, September 22, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- **Location:** Hoopa Valley Tribal Council Chambers (11860 State Highway 96, Hoopa, CA 95546)
- **Webex Information:**
 - **Link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m46bec7233443f4d0205dde5515508a3c>
 - **Password:** 2026
 - **Join by Phone:** 1-855-282-6330
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PURPOSE

Pursuant to [Decision \(D.\) 25-11-003](#), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) may hold up to three regional workshops before Tribal Consortia applications are due, if requested by Tribes. The purpose of this workshop is to share information about the Tribal Consortia framework, explain the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Consortia Account application process and requirements, and receive feedback from Tribal representatives before staff finalize Tribal Consortia application materials.

AGENDA

10:00am–1:10am	Welcome & Opening Remarks • Hoopa Tribal Council Representative • Commissioner Darcie L. Houck
10:10am-1:30am	Overview of the CASF Consortia Account & Tribal Consortia Framework • Paul Schindler, Regulatory Analyst, CPUC Communications Division
10:30am-11:15am	Panel: Tribal Broadband Challenges and Needs - Representatives of North Coast Tribes Facilitator: Commissioner Houck
11:15am-11:30am	Current Application Materials Walkthrough • Thomas Shi, Regulatory Analyst, CPUC Communications Division
11:30am-12:00pm	Tribal Feedback on Application Materials Session • What parts of the current application materials are unclear or concerning? • What documents or requirements may be difficult to prepare or obtain? • What examples, templates, or guidance would help prospective applicants? Facilitator: • Paul Schindler, Regulatory Analyst, CPUC Communications Division

12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00pm-1:35pm	Discussion: Tribal Consortia Regions and Service Areas • Based on the current regional framework (Northern, Central, Southern), what are appropriate groupings for Regional Tribal Consortia for this grant cycle? • What factors should the CPUC consider when implementing regional groupings if there are multiple applications with overlapping characteristics (e.g., geographic, cultural, administrative, etc.)? • How should CPUC staff ensure that Regional Tribal Consortia are inclusive of Tribes within the region it proposes to serve? • How should the CPUC ensure that all Tribes are able to receive assistance from a Tribal Consortium if applications do not cover all Tribes? Facilitators: • Commissioner's Office / CPUC Communications Division
1:35pm-2:10pm	Discussion: Tribal Consortia Applications and Tribal Support for Consortia • What is a realistic timeline for Tribes to determine whether they are interested in applying to form a Tribal Consortium or to participate in one? What would a realistic application deadline be? • In addition to the letters of support, what should the CPUC consider a valid process for Tribes to demonstrate support for a Tribal Consortium claiming that it will serve them? • What should the term of a Regional Tribal Consortia grant be, and does the Commission need to make it possible for Tribes to change Consortia within a grant term? Facilitators: • Commissioner's Office/ CPUC Communications Division
2:10pm-2:25pm	Q&A Session Facilitator: • Commissioner's Office / CPUC Communications Division
2:25pm-2:30pm	Next Steps and Adjourn • CPUC Staff will present on next steps, including plans to provide a report on the meeting to attendees.
2:30pm-3:30pm	Break and Facility Tour of Hoopa Valley Tribe's New Data Center!

The day after the workshop, Commissioner Houck will be available on September 23 from 9:00am-12:00pm for consultation with Tribal representatives to address any additional questions or concerns that Tribes would like to discuss with CPUC state government representatives.

If you would like to schedule time for consultation with Commissioner Houck or request more information about the regional workshop, please contact Caleb.Jones@Cpuc.Ca.Gov, TribalAdvisor@Cpuc.Ca.Gov and Thomas.Gates@Cpuc.Ca.Gov.