



# California Public Utilities Commission



## CPUC Tribal OIR Workshop and Consultations

### Workshop 2: Blue Lake, CA

On February 16, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted an [Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Resolution E-5076 and Review of Tribal Policies.](#), referred to as the Tribal OIR. The Tribal OIR will consider revisions to the CPUC's Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP). The TLTP was developed to provide an opportunity for Native American Tribes to regain lands within their ancestral territory that are currently owned by CPUC-jurisdictional utilities. The TLTP establishes the CPUC's preference for the transfer of real property to Tribes when an investor-owned utility (IOU) plans to dispose of real property within a Tribe's ancestral territory. The Tribal OIR will also consider changes to the CPUC's [Tribal Consultation Policy](#) (TCP) and mechanisms to enhance Tribes' participation in CPUC proceedings and programs.

The Tribal OIR Workshop and Consultations, located in Blue Lake, is the second of three similar events occurring in different parts of the state. It is an opportunity for Tribal Leaders to discuss and provide comments regarding the [TLTP Staff Proposal](#). This discussion will assist the CPUC in furthering the goals of the TLTP, promote improved government-to-government relationships between the CPUC and California Tribes, as well as improve capacity building and access for Tribal participation in CPUC proceedings and programs.

The CPUC is also conducting outreach and collecting feedback regarding potential changes to its TCP. The goals of the CPUC's TCP are to: recognize and respect tribal sovereignty and encourage and facilitate tribal government participation in CPUC proceedings, give meaningful consideration to tribal interests in issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction, encourage and facilitate tribal government participation in CPUC-approved utility programs, protect tribal cultural resources, and encourage investments by tribal governments and tribal members in onsite renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, low carbon

### WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

**Date:** November 07 & 08, 2023

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:**

Blue Lake Casino & Hotel Sapphire Room  
777 Casino Way  
Blue Lake, CA 95525

**Agenda:**

**Day 1 – November 07<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. – Noon:**

Introductions/Opening Comments  
Presentations from CPUC, tribes, and utilities

**Presentation Topics:**

Overview of Tribal Land Transfer Policy  
Case studies of Tribal Land Transfer Policy and lessons learned

**Noon – 1 p.m.:** Lunch

**1 p.m. – 4 p.m.:**

Presentations from CPUC Regarding Tribal Consultation Policy

Open discussion regarding Tribal Consultations and Tribal Expectations regarding Tribal Consultations

**Day 2 – November 08<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. – Noon:**

Meetings with Tribal Leaders and Commission Staff regarding programs

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transportation and energy storage. This rulemaking is seeking input on changes to the CPUC's TCP to better meet Tribal needs.

The workshop agenda, detailed in the sidebar, will include Tribes, utility representatives, and staff from other state agencies that focus on Tribal affairs.

Individual in-person Tribal Consultations will also be held at the same location on November 08<sup>th</sup>. Registered Tribes will receive a follow-up invitation to make an appointment for an individual Tribal Consultation.

Two more events with similar agendas are scheduled for Sacramento, California (Oct. 30-31) and Jamul, California (Dec. 7-8) You are invited to attend any, and all events.

## CPUC Contacts

For questions or to request an individual consultation with Commissioners Houck, please contact Victor Smith, Advisor to Commissioner Houck ([vs3@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:vs3@cpuc.ca.gov)), and CPUC Tribal Advisor, Kenneth Holbrook ([kenneth.holbrook@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:kenneth.holbrook@cpuc.ca.gov)).

**12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:**

**Individual Tribal Consultations:**

One-on-one meetings conducted in 1-hour intervals with Tribal Leaders and Commissioner Houck and Commissioner Shiroma

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