CPUC Tribal OIR All-Tribes Webinar and Group Consultation

On February 16, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) opened an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to Implement Resolution E-5076 and Review of Tribal Policies. The Tribal Land Transfer Policy (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 OIR will also consider the CPUC’s Tribal Consultation Policy and mechanisms to enhance participation by Tribes in the CPUC’s proceedings and programs.

As part of the OIR, the CPUC is conducting outreach and consultation with California Tribes to seek input on the appropriate scope of the proceeding, and provide information about the OIR, including how to participate in the proceeding. An all-Tribes webinar, scheduled for October 4th, coupled with subsequent individual Tribal Consultations, is an opportunity for Tribal Leaders to discuss and provide comments to the CPUC that will assist the CPUC in furthering the goals of the TLTP, promote improved positive 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.

Following the staff presentations during the webinar on October 4th, we will schedule individual virtual Tribal Consultations based on interest from each of the Tribes attending the webinar.

CPUC Contacts

For questions or to request an individual consultation with Commissioners Houck and Rechtschaffen, please contact Adam Buchholz, Advisor to Commissioner Houck.

WEBINAR LOGISTICS

Date: October 4, 2022
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Virtual-only: To participate in the event, including providing comments or signing up for consultations, visit this link and dial into the following phone number: 1-855-282-6330.

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AGENDA:

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Introductions/Opening Comments:

Tribal Leaders
Commissioner Houck
Commissioner Rechtschaffen

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presentations from CPUC staff:

Topics:
- Who & What CPUC Regulates
- Overview of the Tribal OIR
- Tribal Land Transfer Policy
- Tribal Consultation Policy
- CPUC Office of the Tribal Advisor

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- Energy & Broadband Programs and Proceedings
- Technical Assistance and other Tribal Resources

**12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.**
Tribal Consultation sign-ups

**12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Closing Remarks