# July 12, 2012 Tribal Advisory Committee
## Land Use RMS Discussion

### LAND USE RMS-TRIBAL INPUT

**Land Use RMS Proposed Issue Statement:**

Water is an integral component of California Native American Tribes. Nearly every California Native American Tribe has traditional stories about water and recognized sacred water sources (springs, wetlands, lakes, and watersheds) which serve as a place for story, ceremony, healing, subsistence and other purposes. Local planning and land use decisions relating to watersheds and floodplains affect many of the cultural interests that SB 18 is intended to protect in General Plan updates and revisions.

In watershed and floodplain management, there is a need to ensure that regular and early collaboration, communication and as appropriate consultation occurs between local governments/planners and California Native American Tribes. This will provide California Native American Tribes an opportunity to participate in local land use decisions at an early planning stage for the purpose of protecting or mitigating land use impacts to watersheds and floodplains of which Tribes have an interest. Failure to adhere to early and meaningful communication, collaboration, and consultation can result in costly delays in local planning efforts when California Native American Tribal input, knowledge and concerns are not identified early in these local planning processes.

**Exercise:** Please review the Issues Statement proposed, are there recommended revisions? Does this issue statement encapsulate the issue clearly.

**Discussion Question:** Based on the Issues statement, what are your recommendations to address this issue