The ninth meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team (PT) took place in Sacramento on August 20, 2009. Dorian Fougères, facilitator for the Team, welcomed team members and reviewed the agenda. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) clarify the approach to conference planning services, including DWR services, (2) finalize the Summit format, and (3) identify next steps for the Water Stories Project, moderators/speakers, and exhibits.

**Budget and Conference Planning**

With donations coming in, the PT has approximately $22,000 - $25,000 left to raise in order to meet the goal. The group discussed methods to reduce costs, including the documentary video. Outreach also continues by visiting tribes directly and attending other Tribal meetings and events. The PT decided to use CSUS College of Continuing Education (CCE)’s Conference Planning Services.

**Briefing Paper Update**

Tito Cervantes gave a brief introduction to his position paper on partnerships between communities and local agencies. He focused on how to bridge Tribal councils with local agencies to have watershed management for future cultural needs. The PT determined to have the Briefing papers due September 8\(^{th}\), and the position papers due by the first day of the Summit.

**DWR Services**

DWR Services Staff joined the meeting to discuss various options for the Summit’s printing, video, and sound needs. Among items discussed, PT members emphasized recycled materials and soy-based ink whenever possible. Members also communicated that the opening and closing prayers would not be recorded, to maintain its sacredness.

**Water Stories Format**

A PT member (Ron Goode) distributed a Water Story format. No stories have been submitted yet. To be included in the 2009 Water Plan Update, the story must be submitted by January 1, 2010. To be included in the Summit program, the story must be submitted by October 15\(^{th}\).

**Logo Discussion Revisited**

The PT decided on a final color logo, adding “Protect Our Sacred Water” in simple lettering around the edge.