The ninth meeting of the Tribal Communication Committee (TCC) was held in Sacramento on August 15, 2008. The meeting’s objectives were (1) to develop a workplan for the 2009 Tribal Water Summit, and (2) to discuss proposed Tribal Water Summit content.

**Review of Tribal Communication Plan Roll-Out and Recent Activities**

Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager, Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Planning and Local Assistance (DPLA), reviewed how he and his staff had distributed the TCC’s July 10 Tribal Communication Plan (TCP). This included mailing out a notice to the leaders and staff of approximately 160 Tribes, briefing the California Water Plan State Agency Steering Committee, and briefing the executive leadership of the Department of Water Resources. Kamyar’s promotion to Manager of DPLA was also noted, along with his ongoing commitment to working with the TCC.

**Participation in the Floodplain Management Association Annual Conference**

Lisa Beutler, Center for Collaborative Policy, explained that the Iovanka Todt, the Executive Director of the Floodplain Management Association (FMA), had invited Tribes to the FMA’s September 2 Annual Conference for a special session on improving flood management in Tribal areas. Participants suggested what topics should be covered and who might be invited. Major topics included:

1. flood prevention and mitigation plans
2. cross-county and cross-state emergency planning and response
3. post-fire flooding and the protection of sacred sites
4. post-flooding water quality, and landscape and vegetation rehabilitation
5. access to ancestral lands and gathering sites
6. project permitting and funding (informational item)
7. setback levees and levee vegetation
8. cooperative models
9. access to Propositions 1E and 84 funding for improved flood management
10. Tribal access to data and analytics for improved planning – GIS, GPS, flood and water delivery information

The group also spent some time talking about the importance of water quality and the need for a meeting on this topic specifically. Lisa noted that the CWP Plenary meeting on September 18-19 would probably include an emphasis on water quality.

**Workplan Development**

Participants reviewed the status of the first nine Action Planning items identified in the TCP, and discussed necessary next steps. They requested that a table be constructed to make tracking progress easier.

**Workplan Development**

Participants reviewed a handout listing possible topics for a Tribal Water Summit, based on previous TCC meetings and Tribal input in other Water Plan venues, and discussed next steps.

**Outstanding Business and Next Steps**

The next TCC meeting will be Friday, September 12, from 12:30 to 4:30 PM, in Sacramento.