

CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009
TRIBAL COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE
Highlights from February 19, 2008, Meeting

The Tribal Communication Committee (TCC) held its fifth meeting on February 19, 2008, in Sacramento. In attendance were nine persons affiliated with Tribal organizations (including two on the telephone), along with staff from the Department of Water Resources and facilitators from the Center for Collaborative Policy. The meeting's objective was to continue developing the Communication Plan for Tribal outreach for the California Water Plan Update 2009 (CWP).

Members first discussed several amendments to the TCC Communication Plan in general. The CWP Team agreed to incorporate these suggestions into a revised Communication Plan before the next TCC meeting on March 18.

Members then discussed the content and communication strategies for the upcoming series of 11 Regional Workshops. This included making several recommendations for the cover letter to Tribes. Judie Talbot, the lead facilitator for the Regional Workshops, agreed to incorporate these suggestions. Barbara Cross, DWR Government and Community Liaison, explained that each of DWR's four District Offices has designated a point-person for Tribal issues, and that they would be in attendance at the workshops if at all possible. Members also suggested several Tribal organizations that should be notified of the Regional Workshops.

Finally, members noted that eventually some transition in membership and/or group organization will need to occur when planning for the Tribal Water Summit begins. Lisa Beutler, Executive Facilitator for the CWP, noted that the TCC had recently agreed to stabilize its current membership. However, she pointed out that the TCC could revisit issues of representation at a future date, and suggested that the TCC make this an agenda item for its May meeting.