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**CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009
TRIBAL COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE
Highlights of November 7, 2008, Meeting in Sacramento**

The twelfth meeting of the Tribal Communication Committee (TCC) was held in Sacramento on November 7, 2008. The meeting objective was to finalize a proposal for the California Tribal Water Summit, to be submitted to DWR Director Lester Snow.

Outstanding Business – It was reported that a packet of information was sent out to Tribes on October 22nd. Each packet contained: a letter inviting participation on the Tribal Summit Planning Team, a survey on Tribal water issues, and an invitation to submit water stories. The accompanying cover sheet contained the “Save Our Sacred Water” logo, which has been suggested as the theme for the Tribal Water Summit. The logo for DWR was included as well

New Business

The TCC charter was revised to include a protocol for signatures going out on behalf of the TCC. Text will also be added to clarify that the role of the TCC is advisory to DWR, and that it is not a decision-making body.

TCC members have discussed the TCC’s work in a number of different venues: the Region 9 Tribal EPA Conference, a Tribal Participatory Research Conference at Chico, and the Sacramento Region Blueprint Process. The research conference is looking to help make cultural and scientific data more readily available to both Tribes and researchers.

DWR will conduct two Tribal briefings in Southern California, hosted by NAEPC (Native American Environmental Protection Coalition), on November 12th and 13th. The meetings will be in Temecula and Campo, and will expand Tribal outreach in Southern California.

DWR also discussed the TCC’s work at the California Water Policy Conference, during the presentation on integrated resource planning. There was also a good panel discussion on the nexus between ocean and watershed. The Water Plan is looking for a way to transition its work into ocean issues.

Review of Summit Proposal

A Draft Tribal Water Summit Proposal was circulated to TCC members at the meeting. The purpose for developing the document is to create a conceptual proposal for the Summit, to present to the DWR Director, for his review and approval to move forward. Suggested revisions will be incorporated and sent to the Director.

Additional details were suggested for Tribal Summit planning in the areas of possible topics, scheduling, Summit format, and planning partnerships.

Next Meeting – Full Day Scheduled – The next TCC meeting will be Friday, December 12, from **10:00 AM to 4:30 PM**, in Sacramento.