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**Subject: Invitation to April 28 Pre-Workshop Gathering for Tribes
California Water Plan Update 2009**

Dear Leaders, Members, and Staff of North Coast Region Tribes:

By now you have received our February 25, 2008, invitation to the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) 2008 Regional Workshops, to be held in March and April. The Workshop for the North Coast Region will take place on April 28 in Santa Rosa. The North Coast Region includes the coastal watershed from Modoc, Siskiyou and Del Norte counties to Sonoma County. You are receiving this letter because your Tribe is located within a county that is encompassed in whole or in part by this region.

Please join DWR for a pre-workshop "Tribes only" gathering at 9 a.m. on April 28 at the Regional Workshop site in Santa Rosa (Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Blvd.). DWR wishes to hear your concerns about water issues in advance of the open Workshop, and to give you an idea of what to expect in the Workshop. This will be followed by an open Regional Workshop starting at 10:00 a.m. The open workshop announcement and agenda are enclosed.

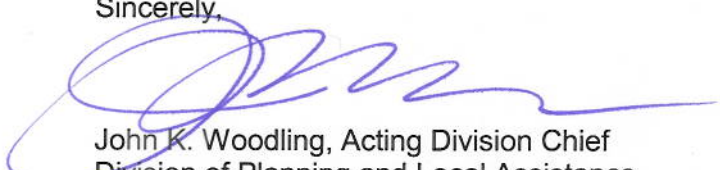
In addition, on May 16, 2008, from 9 a.m. to noon a Tribal Workshop will be hosted by Trinidad Rancheria in Humboldt County. This workshop will focus on Tribal water issues of the North Coast Region. All Tribes are invited. RSVPs are requested (see enclosure).

As stated in our February 25 invitation letter, DWR wants Tribal water issues included in the California Water Plan Update 2009. Many tribes attended a Water Plan meeting at Big Valley Rancheria on January 28, 2008, and told DWR of some critical issues in their areas and throughout the state. The concerns and ideas from that Tribal meeting are being carried forward into regional workshops. Each workshop has a specific regional focus. The 2008 Regional Workshops schedule and materials for all workshops are available at:
www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/regional/workshops/index.cfm.

If members and staff of your Tribe are planning to join us on April 28, RSVP at your earliest convenience to: Tito Cervantes, (530) 529-7389, or cervante@water.ca.gov. For the May 16 Tribal Workshop in Trinidad, please reply if possible by May 9 to: Barbara Cross (916) 653-5150, or bcross@water.ca.gov.

If you have questions about either the April 28 or May 16 workshops please contact me at (916) 651-9291, (email jwoodlin@water.ca.gov). You or your staff may also contact Tito Cervantes, or DWR Tribal Liaison Barbara Cross.

Sincerely,



John K. Woodling, Acting Division Chief
Division of Planning and Local Assistance

Enclosures

Save the Date

North Coast Tribes Regional Workshop California Water Plan Update 2009 All Tribes Welcome

Date: Friday, May 16, 2008

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Trinidad Rancheria
Cher-Ae Heights
Sunset Restaurant
27 Scenic Drive
Trinidad, California
local (707) 677-3611
toll free (800) 684-2464

RSVP by: May 9, 2008
To: Barbara Cross, Tribal Liaison
California Department of Water Resources
bcross@water.ca.gov
(916) 653-5150
FAX (916) 651-9290

Driving directions:

From the North, on US 101, about 61 miles south of Crescent City. From US 101, take Exit 728 toward Trinidad. Turn Right onto Main Street, then Left onto Scenic Drive. Go 0.1 mile to Sunset Restaurant.

From the South, on US 101, about 22 miles north of Eureka/Arcata. From US 101, take Exit 728 toward Trinidad. Turn Left onto Westhaven Dr., which becomes Main Street. Turn left onto Scenic Drive. Go 0.1 mile to Sunset Restaurant.