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Subject: Re: CA Water Commission will consider final drought white paper at January meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 11:38:04 AM

Hello Laura and others... here are my comments that I provided at today's Water Commission meeting:

mah' Hello CA Water Commissioners and Commission's Representatives

My Tribal Affiliation: Tubatulabal, Tule River Yokut, Paiute, and Dine'
I am Tubatulabal Cultural Practitioner and Researcher.

I am participating in this meeting from Kern Valley, CA - at my Tribal Allotment. During the past year, I have been participating with the development of this report - Potential State Strategies for Protecting Communities and Fish and Wildlife in the Event of Drought - January 2024

My comments for this report include the following:

In this report, appreciate including the following footnotes and definitions:

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3 "Tribes" refers to California Native American Tribes. In the State of California, this includes both federally and non-federally recognized Tribes.

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10 This includes Tribal Allotees. Tribal allotment landowners are underserved communities that do not receive any major funding for safe drinking water and wastewater systems.

11 "Tribal lands" includes Tribal reservations, rancherias, villages, colonies, and allotments, and are based on available data with permission from affiliated Tribes

Main text includes the focus of "Tribal Lands" on state maps:

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f. Further a better understanding of Tribal water needs and consider including Tribal lands (11) on State maps of hydrological regions.

I still recommend that CA DWR sponsored 2023 Tribal Water Summit would be referenced in this report and some of the report related outcomes/recommendations from this Summit be included in this report. There were so many very important and

innovative Tribal ideas regarding preparedness for future droughts, lessons learned from past droughts, and use of Tribal Ecological Knowledge.

Thank you for opportunity for comment.

I extend an invite for a tour of some of the Tribal allotments in Kern Valley.

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On Monday, January 8, 2024 at 11:57:01 AM PST, Jensen, Laura@DWR <laura.jensen@water.ca.gov> wrote:

Apologies – the link to the drought white paper that I shared earlier is not working. Here is a [working link](#) to the final draft of the drought strategies white paper.

Best,

Laura

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Subject: CA Water Commission will consider final drought white paper at January meeting

All,

At next Wednesday's Commission meeting, Commission staff will present the final drought white paper for Commission consideration. Here is a link to the [paper](#). Here is an agenda for the meeting: [January2024_Agenda_Final.pdf](#). The white paper will likely be considered right before the lunch hour. The text below my signature includes information on how to participate in the meeting and on the Commission's [California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy](#).

I will follow up after the meeting to let you know if the paper was approved.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Laura

Laura Jensen (she/her)

Assistant Executive Officer

California Water Commission

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The California Water Commission will hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the California Natural Resources Building, Room 221B, 715 P Street, in Sacramento. Meeting materials will be posted at the following link: <https://cwc.ca.gov/Meetings/All-Meetings/2024/Meeting-of-the-California-Water-Commission-Jan-17-2024>.

The Commission will retain remote public participation similar to our online meeting format. This hybrid platform allows the public to participate in multiple ways.

- To participate in person, please join the Commission at the California Natural Resources Building, Room 221B, 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- To participate remotely, you may join the meeting on [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85615855471?pwd=aDBtRENvZXMrSmhScngvTmJ4Z0xndz09) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85615855471?pwd=aDBtRENvZXMrSmhScngvTmJ4Z0xndz09>). More detailed instructions on how to use Zoom and participate in the meeting can be found on the [Commission website](#).
- Offer verbal comments by telephone by calling one of the numbers below:
(408) 638-0968
(669) 900-6833
Meeting ID: 856 1585 5471
Password: 515584
- Individuals who only want to watch or listen can view the live webcast at: <https://www.water-ca.com> as it preserves interactive meeting resources for those who are commenting on items.

Public comments made in person will precede public comments from remote participants. For those wishing to make an in-person comment, comment cards will be available at the meeting to establish a comment queue.

California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives and members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Commission on any agenda item except for closed sessions. Comments shall be limited to matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for comments (Government Code Section 11125.7), and the Commission has established a three-minute limit per comment. California Native American Tribal leaders and representatives who identify themselves during Agenda Item 4 will be given the opportunity to provide comments prior to public comment on agenda items as outlined in the Commission's [California Native American Tribal Leadership Comment Policy](#).

Written comments received at the Commission office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday,

January 15, 2024, will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting. Comments related to meeting agenda items will not be edited and will be posted to the Commission's webpage in their entirety. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Commission by phone at: (916) 873-5774 or by email at cwc@water.ca.gov.

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Subject: CA Water Commission - draft drought white paper available

Thank you for participating in the California Water Commission's work to develop strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of drought. The Commission has released a draft white paper, *Potential State Strategies for Protecting Communities and Fish and Wildlife in the Event of Drought*. The draft white paper can be viewed [here](#).

I would like to draw your attention to the following sections that contain information based on the Tribal small group discussions in which you participated:

- Box: Drought and Wildfire, page 12
- Box: Tribes and Drought, page 17

Tribes are specifically referenced in the following actions:

1. Scale Up Groundwater Recharge:
 - Action 2(c)iii
2. Conduct Watershed-level Planning to Reduce Drought Impacts to Ecosystems
 - Action 6(b)
 - Action 7(c)
 - Action 8(h)
3. Better Position Communities to Prepare for and Respond to Drought Emergencies
 - Action 1(a)
 - Action 1(c)
4. Support Improved Coordination, Information, and Communication in Drought and Non-drought Years
 - Action 1(d)

I will present the draft white paper at the November 15, 2023 [meeting](#). Public comments can be made at the November 15 meeting, or submitted to cwc@water.ca.gov until December 15, 2023. Commission staff

will consider feedback from the Commission and the public to produce a final draft of the white paper that will be submitted for Commission approval at the January 2024 meeting.

Sincerely,

Laura

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Subject: CA Water Commission - drought items at meeting next week

All,

At next Wednesday's Commission meeting, we will hear a recap of our drought expert panels and outreach to date (this includes Tribal listening sessions) as well as a recap of the public workshops we held last month. I invite you to join us if you are able. The meeting is in-person only. Here is more information:

Date: Wednesday, August 16th

Time: 9:30am

Location: [Warren-Alquist State Energy Building, 1516 9th Street, Rosenfeld Hearing Room, Sacramento, CA, 95814](#)

Agenda: [Meeting of the California Water Commission - August 16, 2023](#)

Overview of drought agenda items (PowerPoints will be posted on Friday at the link above):

9. [Drought Strategies: Expert Panel Recap](#)

Commission staff will summarize and synthesize what the Commission has heard about drought and its impacts during the expert panels the Commission has hosted in support of Water

Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3.

10. [Drought Strategies: Public Workshop Report-out](#)

The Commission will hear a report on the three public workshops the Commission hosted in July on proposed strategies to protect communities and species during drought. The Commission hosted these workshops as part of its work in support of Water Resilience Portfolio Action 26.3.

Sincerely,

Laura

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Subject: CA Water Commission - updated synthesis of Tribal input on drought strategies

All,

Earlier this month, the Commission hosted three Tribal discussion sessions, seeking feedback on our preliminary drought strategies to protect communities and species. Attached here is an updated Tribal synthesis that reflects the information gathered during those sessions. Many thanks to all who attended.

If you would like to make additions or changes to any of the information – new or old – in the Tribal synthesis document, please contact me with your feedback.

I've also attached here the previous email thread that has been shared with participants in the Commission's Tribal conversations, in case you are interested in tracing the history of our communication.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to schedule a follow-up conversation with me, please reach out – my contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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