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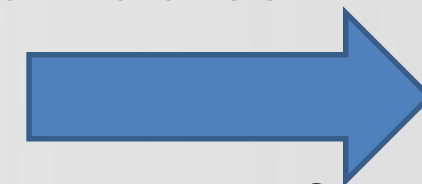
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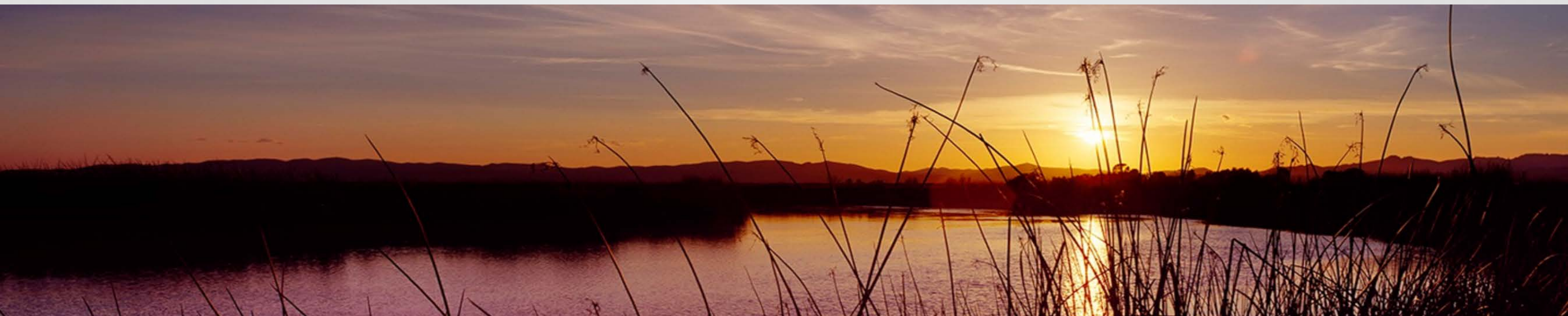
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# Tribal Regional Water Management Series

Part 2: Tribal Engagement in Regional Water Management



Division of Regional Assistance & Office of the Tribal Policy Advisor

# WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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of the Tribal Policy Advisor  
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## **Tribal Regional Water Management Webinar Series**

*Objective: Improve opportunities for Tribal engagement in  
Integrated Regional Water Management and provide more access to  
funding for California Native Tribes.*



# Purpose

## Part 1: Tribes and Regional Water Management

*Create a common understanding of IRWM by hearing about how Tribes have engaged with IRWM throughout California.*

## Part 2: Tribal Engagement in Regional Water Management

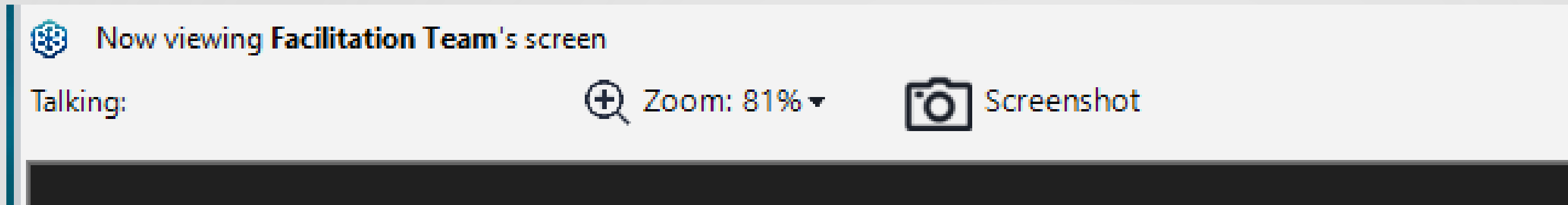
*Further discuss successes and challenges Tribes have experienced in IRWM and consider methods to improve opportunities for Tribes.*

## Part 3: The Future of Regional Water Management

*Look beyond the scope of IRWM to consider the future of regional water management and how this intersects with other sectors and programs.*



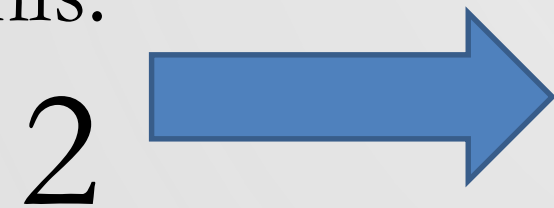
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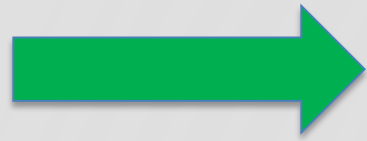


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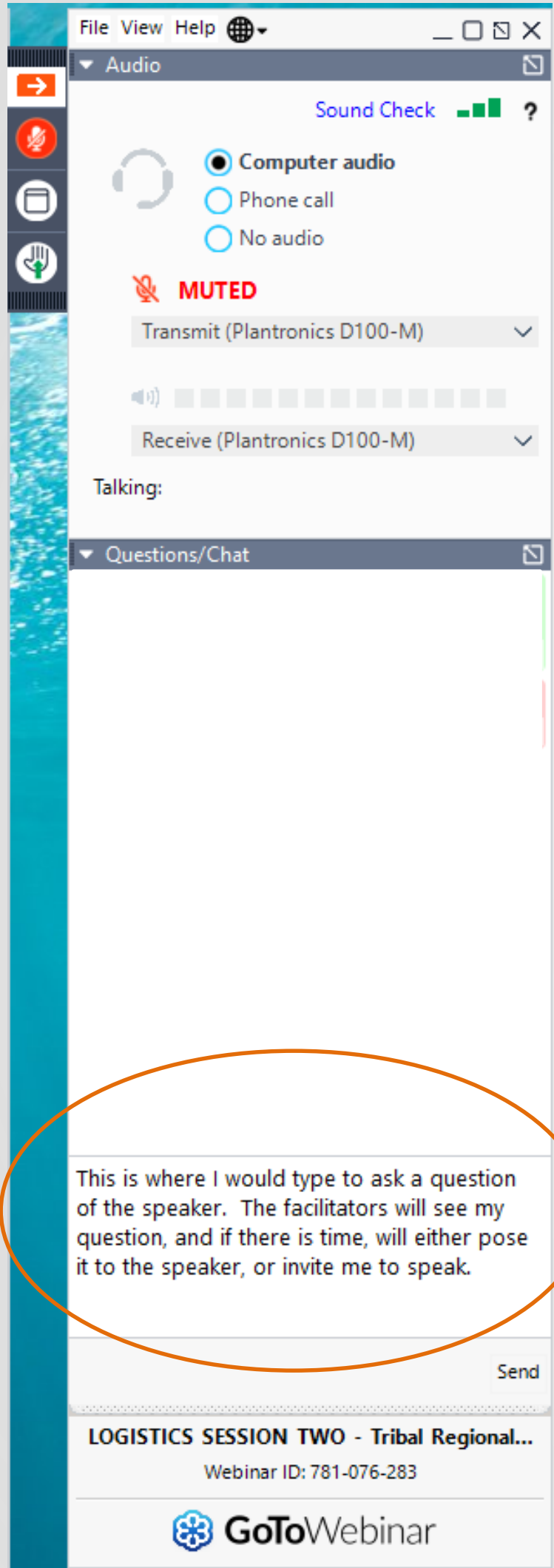


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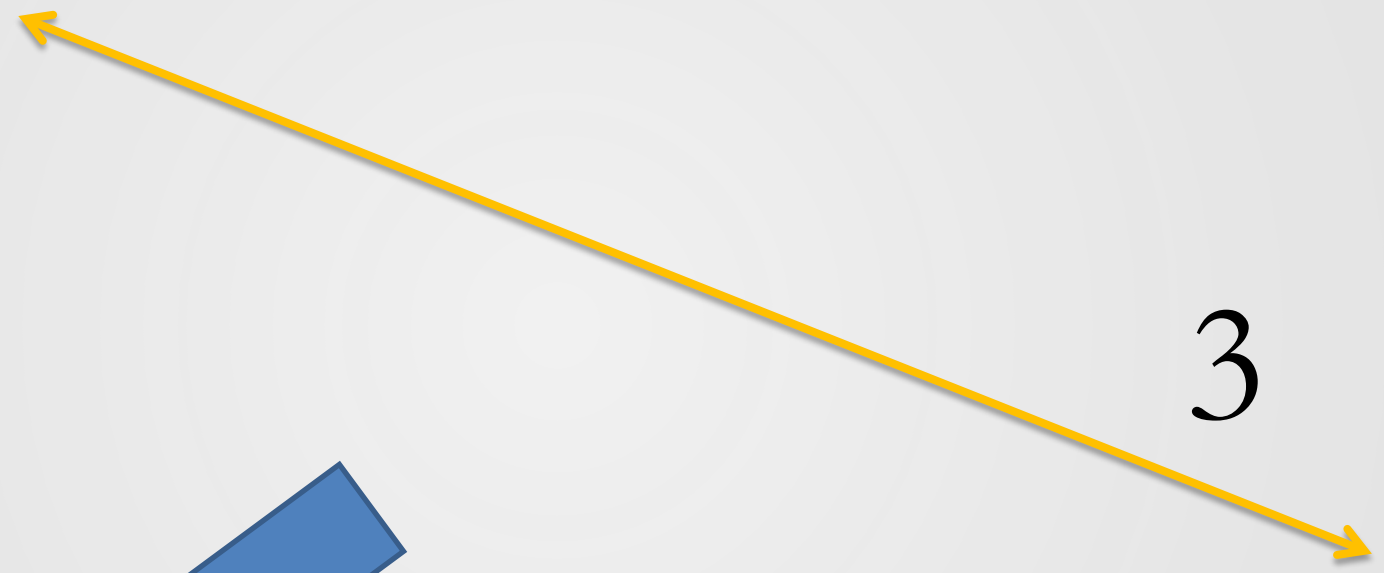
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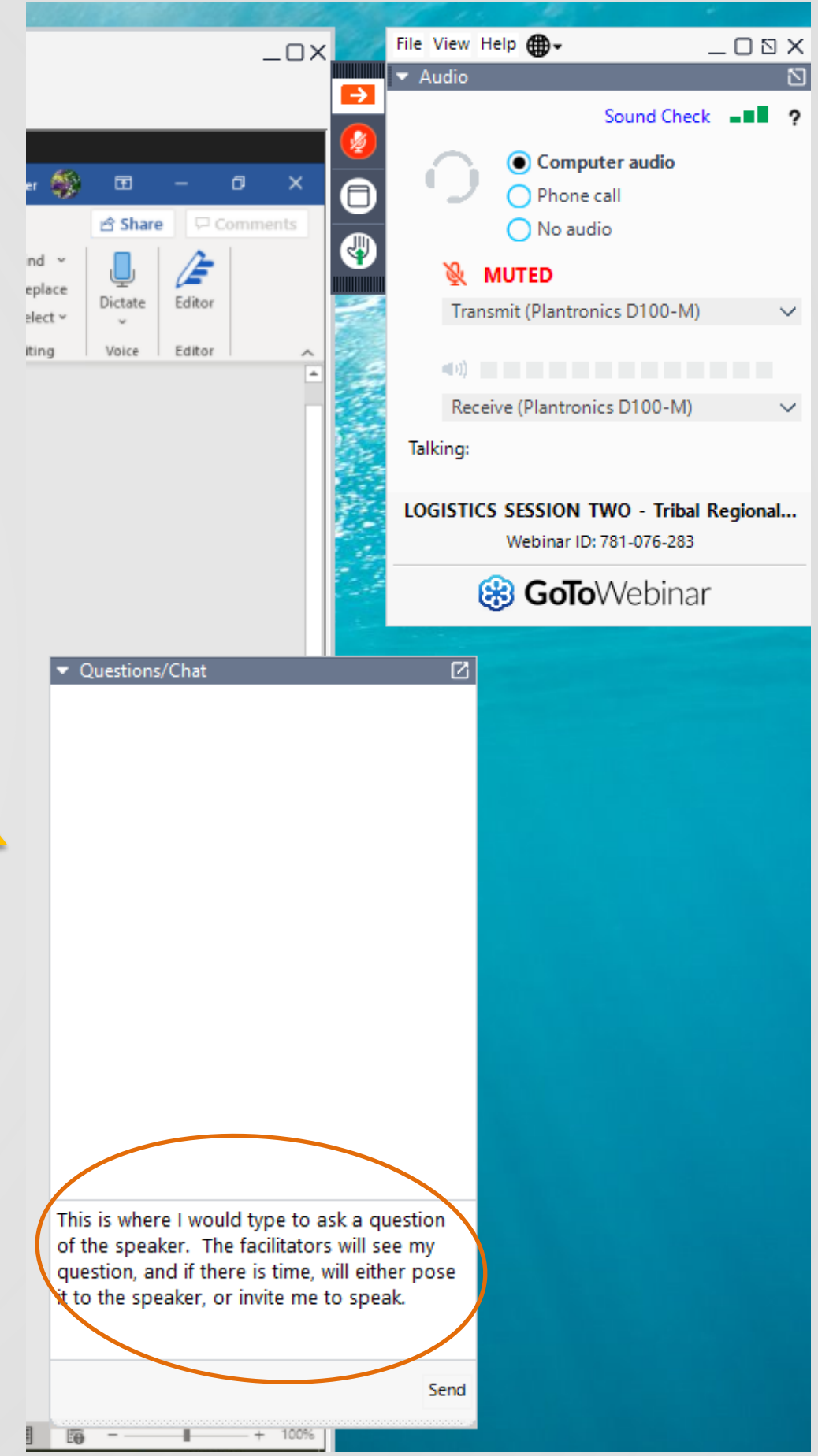
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# Agenda

- **10:00 AM** – Welcome & Introduction
- **10:10 AM** – Panel: Regional Tribal Engagement
- **10:55 AM** - Break
- **11:05 AM** – Facilitated Discussion
- **11:50 AM** – Closing Remarks
- **12:00 PM** - Adjourn



# **EVALUATING TRIBAL OPPORTUNITIES IN IRWM**

Panel: Regional Tribal Engagement  
Discussion

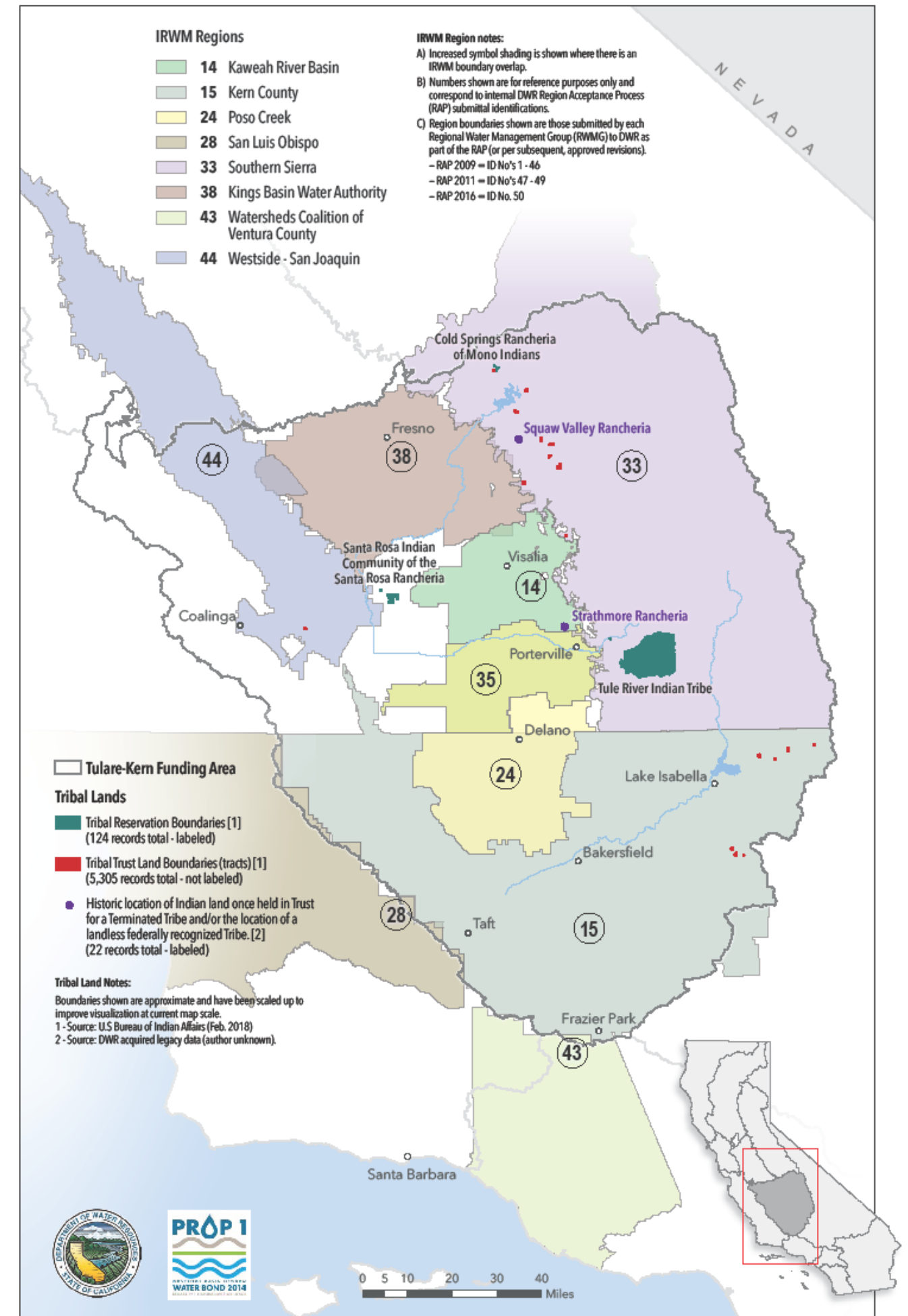


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 Tribal Council Member  
 Tule River Tribe  
  
 Southern Sierra IRWM Region

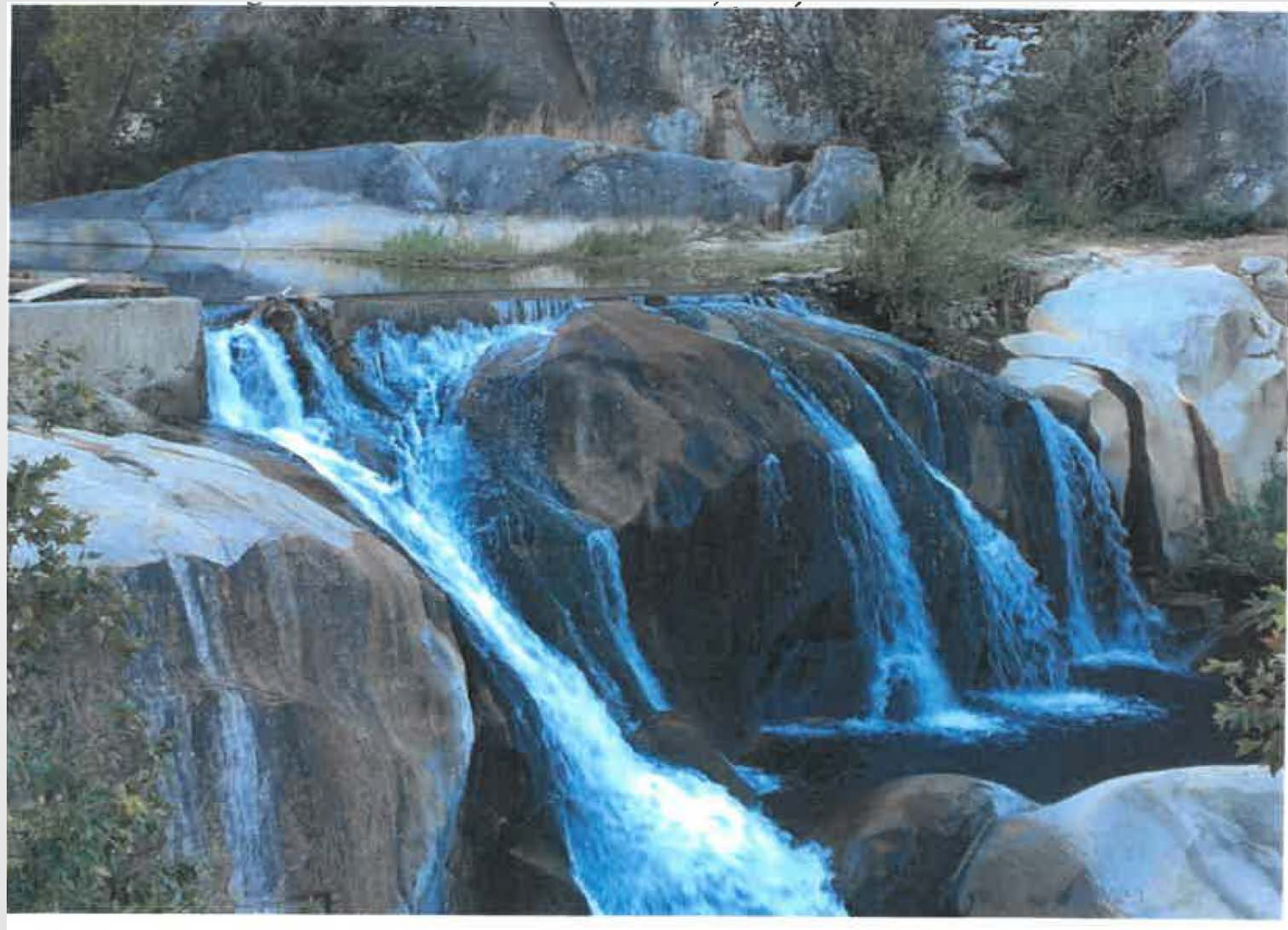


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Tule River Reservation



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Planner/Emergency Manager

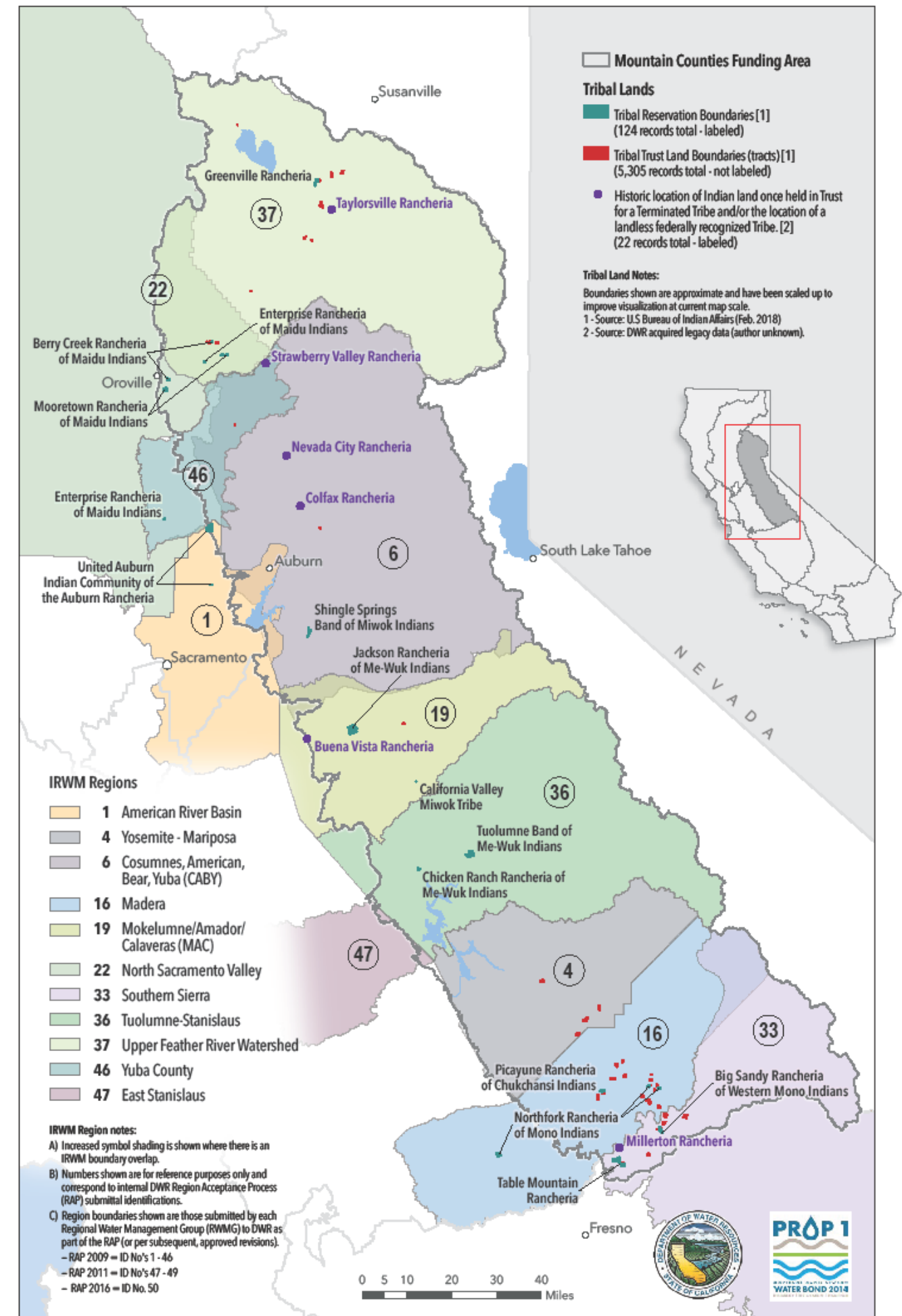
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM Region



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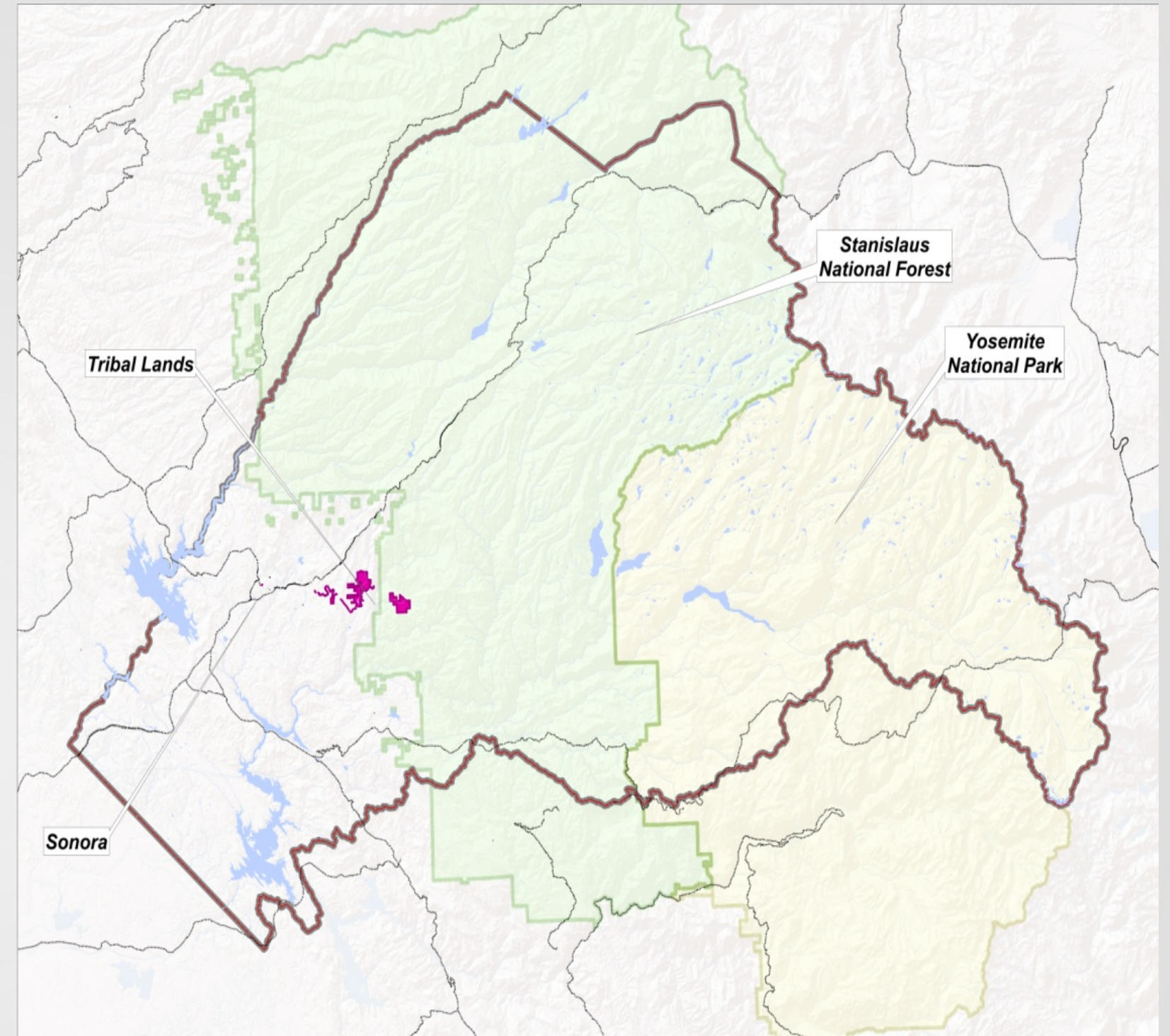
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# Tuolumne Me-Wuk

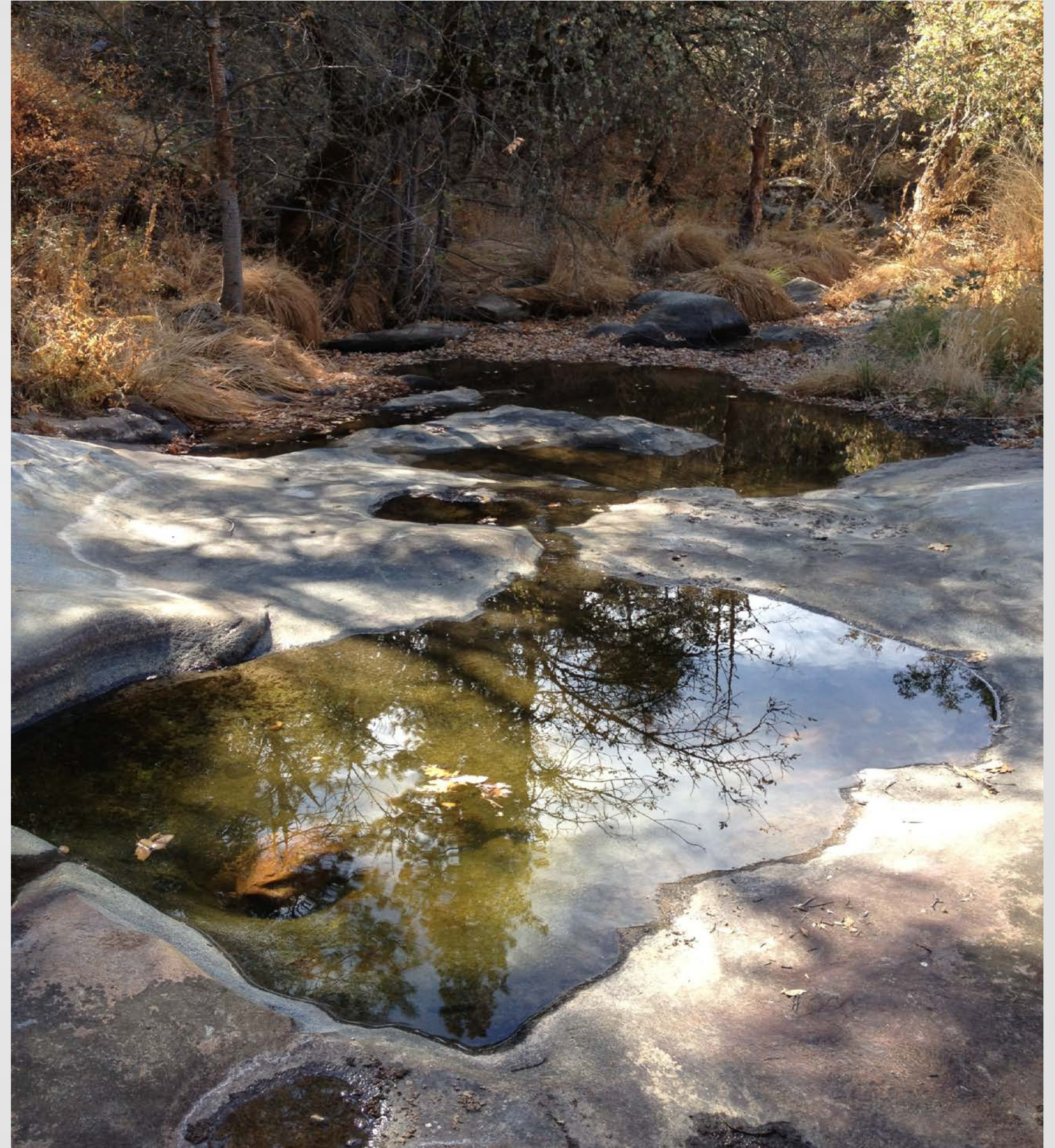
- Approx 2,000 acres land
- Active member of T-STAN
- All of Tuolumne County, the southern portion of Calaveras County, and southwestern Alpine County.





# Challenges

- Educating fellow stakeholders
- Be present
- Appeal to mutual benefits





# Successes

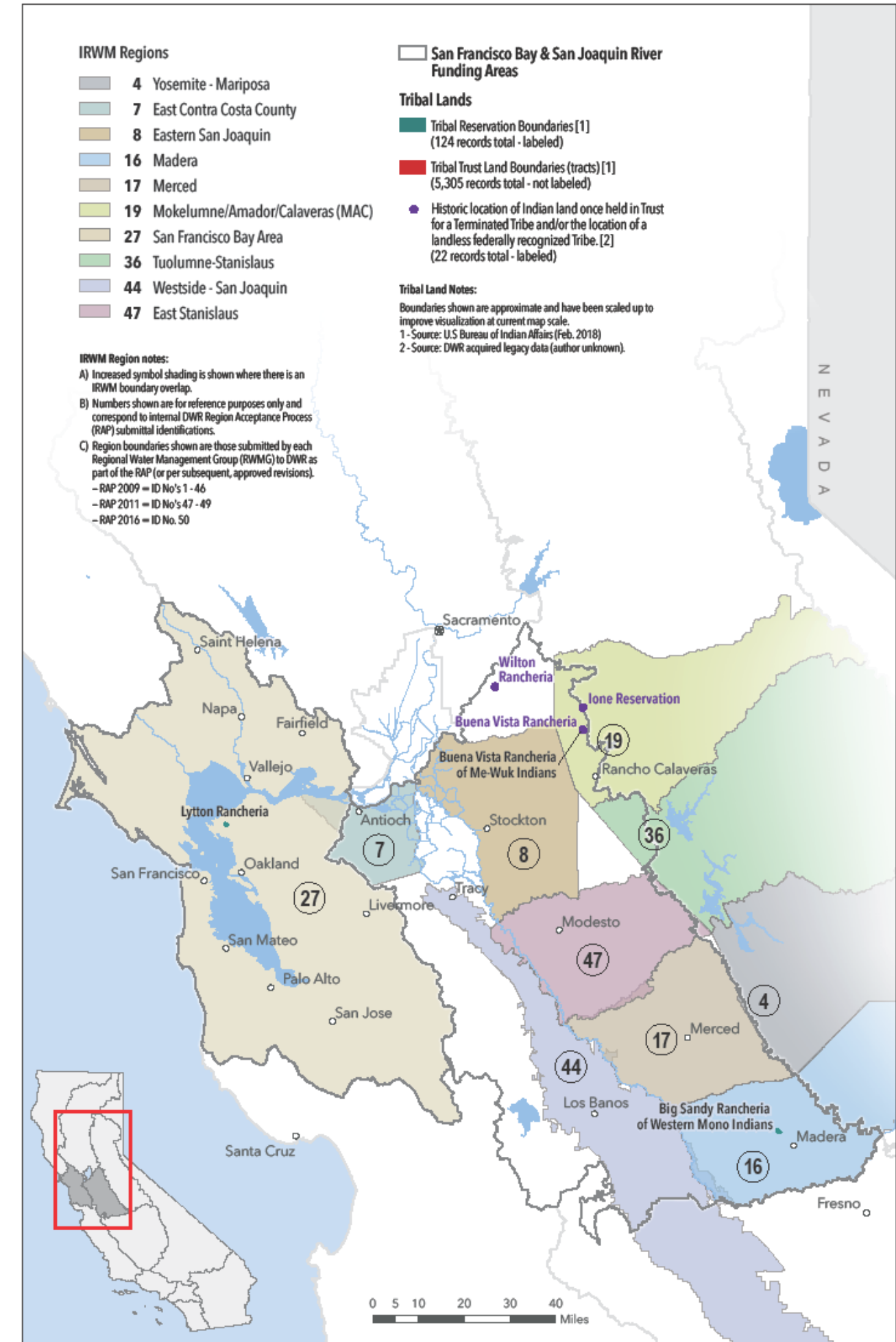
- Active stakeholder
- Relied on for input
- Support of tribal projects



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 Bay Area Tribal Coordinator  
 California Indian Environmental Alliance  
 San Francisco Bay Area IRWM Region



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**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA IRWM**



# UNDERSTANDING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

- The San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) consists of 9 counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.
- CIEA identified 8+ Tribes/Tribal organizations within the SFBA. CIEA currently works with 4 Tribal partners. Federally recognized Tribes recognized that those without recognition should have first opportunities for DACTI capacity building support.
- A large amount of Tribal members do not live on their traditional territories - external factors that are out of their control.
- CIEA's Tribal partners' recognition statuses vary, some have state recognition, but most are un-federally recognized Tribes.



## **OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

- Before the DACTI program, Bay Area programs and Consultation structures had placed SF Bay Tribes in competitive positions – fueled by federal recognition and territorial / overlapping traditional use areas boundary disputes.
- When CIEA began the process to create a Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) we were told it would be challenging.
- Switching primary funders twice within the 2019 year delayed funding but that did not prohibit Tribes and CIEA's work.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CIEA's planned Needs Assessments events to get a larger sample of the issues affecting Tribal members has been delayed.

## **UNIQUE TO URBAN EXPERIENCE**

- Each Tribe has their own budget to do capacity building, which is unique to the SFBA.
- SF Bay IRWM region is mostly urban area, and most Tribal members are living in rented homes, apartments, which are attached to the county or privatized water systems.
- Most Tribal members live outside of the SF Bay IRWM area and have to travel to their traditional lands.

## **SF BAY TRIBAL DACTI PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- SFBA has completed their Needs Assessments
- The Coordinating Committee gave 3 seats with 3 alternates to Tribal members from the SFBA.
- Successful in convening 4 Tribes and 1 Tribal organizations to join the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC),
  - Met 4 times
  - Guides the DACTI Program
  - Evolved into working Bay Area Tribal relationships

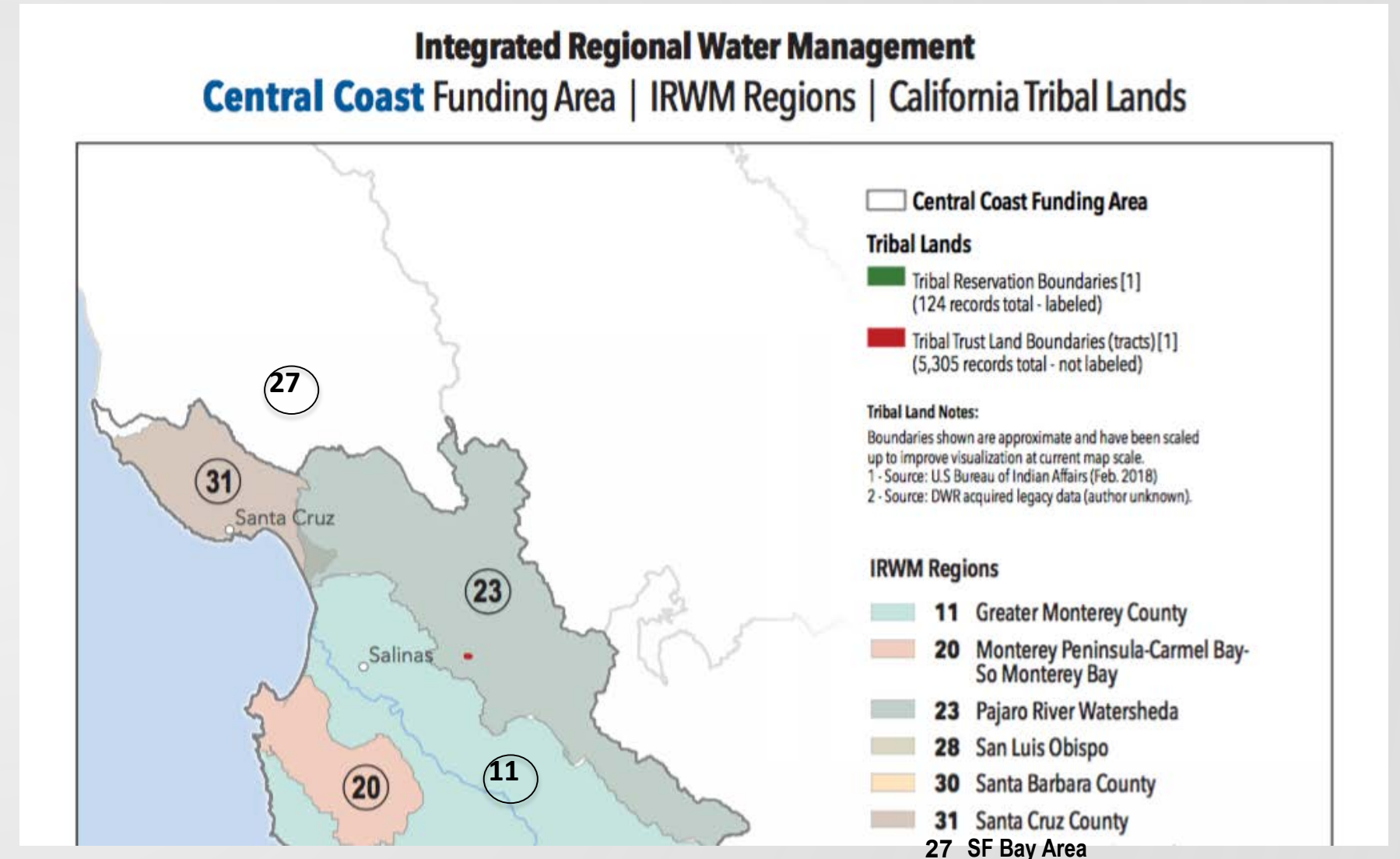
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# Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

- Living descendants of Native peoples taken to the Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista Missions.
- The Tribe's ancestral homeland includes territory within four IRWM regions—SF Bay, Santa Cruz, Pajaro River, and Greater Monterey County.
- No federal recognition or Tribal landholdings; most members live outside traditional territory.
- In 2006, Amah Mutsun elders requested the Tribe honor its obligation to care for the lands, waters, and inhabitants of its traditional homeland.

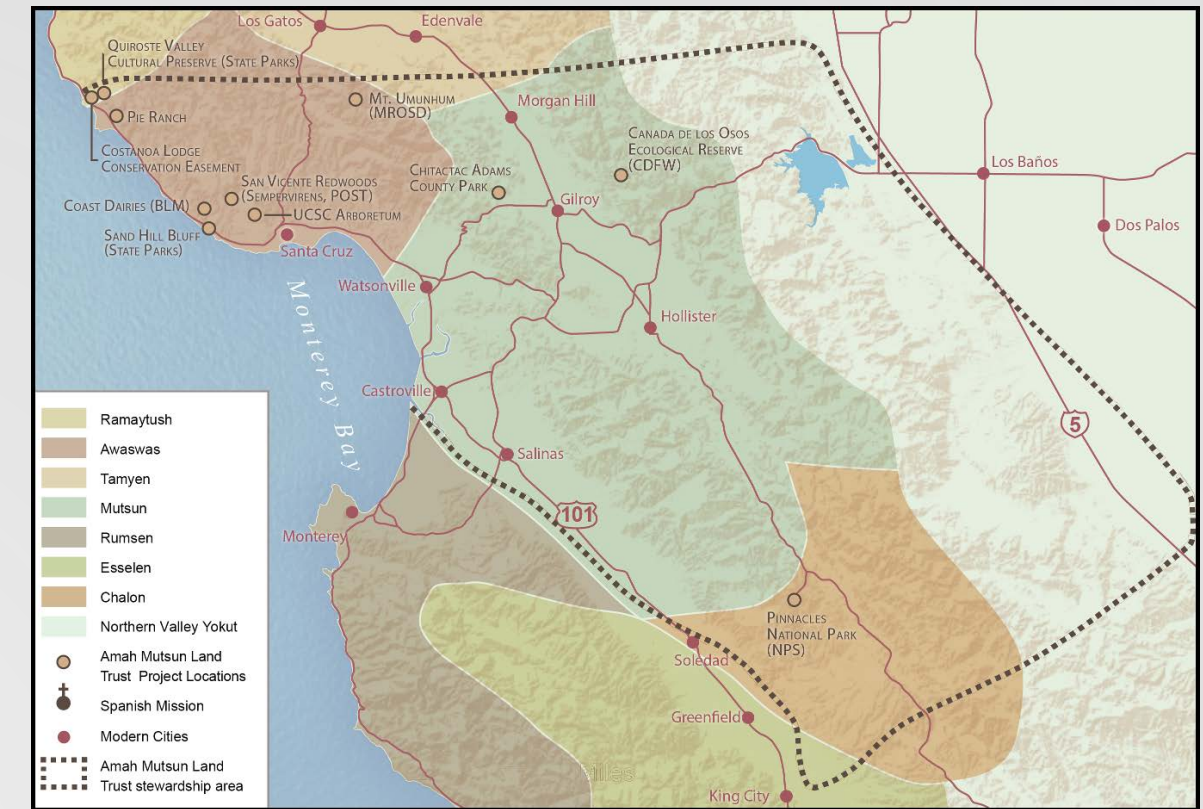




# Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT)



AMLT, a Tribal non-profit, provides important organizational and staff resources for the Tribe to engage in IRWM and other resource management processes.



Stewardship area of the Amah Mutsun Land Trust

## Goals for IRWM Participation

- Restore traditional knowledge and grow capacities and opportunities for Indigenous stewardship and management of freshwater and marine ecosystems.
- Regain a voice and vote in resource governance processes within traditional territory.
- Establish new partnerships and projects in support of long-term Tribal engagement and Indigenous stewardship in traditional territory.



AMLT Native Stewards and Interns in summer 2019

More information: [www.amahmutsunlandtrust.org](http://www.amahmutsunlandtrust.org)



## Challenges to IRWM participation

- Territorial complexities
  - Engaging with multiple IRWM regions and governance processes
  - Reconnecting displaced populations and their territories
  - Respecting Tribal boundaries and fostering collaborations
- Limited institutional resources and capacities
  - Costs of participation are significant (financial and time)
  - IRWM often involves “agencies” that many smaller and non-federally recognized Tribes may lack
  - Funding focus on “implementation” projects may be an obstacle

## Supporting IRWM participation

- Organizational and financial support can be critical to developing institutional capacities and promoting engagement **BUT this is a long-term need and may require more than just making funding available.**
- Partnership building is vital, especially for many implementation projects, **BUT establishing trust and shared goals is likely to be a long-term process.**
  - In some cases, water and resource managers can do more to involve Tribes in implementation projects and help to ease project-design and administrative burdens.



# Indigenous Nations and Water in Southern California Planning for the Future of Our Paxaayt (Rivers): Wanawna Wanicha (Santa Ana River), and Paayme Paxaayt (Los Angeles River)

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AnMarie Mendoza and Angela Mooney D'Arcy  
Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples  
DWR Tribal Regional Water Management Webinar  
May 26, 2020

# Origin Stories: Before there was California-Indigenous Peoples Here Since the Beginning of Time

- The Native peoples of California | Map by Timara Lotah Link, who adds: “Although many Native people in California lost their lives and cultures during the Mission and Gold Rush eras, they are reviving their languages, continuing their cultural traditions, and teaching us about this place we call home.” available at <https://www.kcet.org/shows/tending-the-wild/what-john-muir-missed-the-uniqueness-of-california-indians>

## California Native Peoples





# Honoring Our Ancestors & Building Relationships for the Future





# Overview

Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples is dedicated to building the capacity of Native Nations and Indigenous Peoples to protect sacred lands, waters and cultures.

Since organizing the first Southern California Tribal Water Forum in 2013, SPI has been working with Native Nations in Southern California to build the capacity of tribal community members to actively engage in watershed planning in their homelands.

Over the past two years we've conducted multiple Tribal Listening sessions in Orange County and Los Angeles County and distributed over 100 tribal water surveys to community members.





## H2O Equity: Upholding the Sovereignty of Native Nations and Building Environmental Justice in California

Two sessions during:  
Headwaters to Ocean Conference (H2O)  
May 23-24, 2017 • Beckman Center, UC Irvine

Headwaters to Oceans (H2O) is a two-day conference to promote integration across disciplines, sectors, organizations, and institutions around common interests related to water, oceans, coastal environments, resilience, and terrestrial interfaces with marine systems. This year's H2O conference begins to integrate social equity considerations into program themes. Please join us to ensure that this conversation is led by participants from Native Nations and other environmental justice communities.

### H2O Equity Sessions on Tuesday, May 23



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1:30 – 2:50 pm  
Session 2D – H2O, Native Nations, and Environmental Justice

Strategies for building capacity in Indigenous communities and economically disadvantaged communities of color to advocate on behalf of their communities and meaningfully engage in local, state, federal and international government proceedings related to fresh water, coastal, and ocean health.

**Moderator: Angela Mooney D'Arcy**, Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples  
**Anecita Agustinez**, Tribal Policy Advisor, California Department of Water Resources  
**Additional Panelist TBA**  
**Nidia Erceg**, Deputy Policy Director, Coalition for Clean Air; Assembly Speaker A. Rendon Appointment, Coastal Commission  
**Jennifer Lucchesi**, Executive Officer, California State Lands Commission  
**Effie Turbull Sanders**, Vice-Chair, California Coastal Commission



Photo Credit: Kinetic Agriculture

3:20 – 5:00 pm  
Session 3D – Native Nations and Environmental Justice Caucus on Coastal Issues

This open caucus will enable community members from Native Nations and southern Californian environmental justice communities to discuss environmental justice policy implementations regarding coastal issues that are anticipated locally and statewide.

### Conference Scholarships Available

For members of Native Nations and other environmental justice communities, funding is available to cover your conference registration fee, overnight lodging, and transportation to attend the conference as needed. To join, please submit a short form detailing your anticipated travel and conference attendance plans at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2OEquityFund>. **Deadline to get funded: Monday, May 22, 2017.**



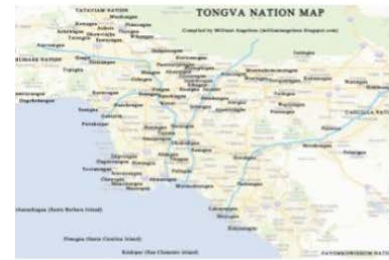
The conference is presented by UCI Oceans, Water UCI, and the Center for Environmental Biology in partnership with the California Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, and the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve. The H2O Equity session and caucus are presented by Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples and the UCI Community Resilience Project, Office of Sustainability.

UCI Office of Sustainability

Photo Credit: Thomas J. Story



We acknowledge that this event is taking place in the ancestral homelands of the Tongva peoples  
**Paara' (Water) Talk #2**  
Planning for the Future of Our Paxaayt (Rivers)  
Paayme Paxaayt (Los Angeles River) and Wanawna Wanicha (Santa Ana River)



Saturday, December 7,  
11:00 a.m.--2:00 p.m.  
Lunch will be provided

Aquarium of the Pacific-100  
Aquarium Way Long Beach,  
CA 90802 – Watershed room



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## Southern California Tribal Water Forum

Part of the UCI School of Law Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources' (CLEANR) Workshop Roundtable series, this Forum seeks to build tribal capacity regarding water issues in California. Tribal leaders will have the opportunity to learn about regional, national, and international tribal water campaigns; discuss the importance of water in Indigenous communities; strategize ways to address tribal water interests throughout the state; and hear about watershed management initiatives and tribal-eligible funding opportunities in California.

The Forum will conclude with an opportunity to learn about the Clinical Program at the School of Law.

Saturday, November 16, 2013

9:30am to 5:30pm

UCI School of Law

MPAA 420 • 4302 Pereira Drive • Irvine, CA 92697

Lunch will be provided  
Register at <http://tinyurl.com/CLEANR-TribalWaterForum>  
For more information, visit  
[www.law.uci.edu/academics/centers/cleanr/events/workshops.html](http://www.law.uci.edu/academics/centers/cleanr/events/workshops.html)



Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples

UCI Sustainability Initiative

# Examples of SPI's Tribal Engagement

In 2019, SPI embarked on a year-long Tribal Community Engagement Process for watershed planning in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

## Methodology

SPI utilized a variety of digital and in-person mechanisms to inform and engage tribal community members who live or work within the Santa Ana and Los Angeles River Watersheds, and/or consider the areas within the watershed to be ancestral homelands, including:

- Tribal Community Surveys for Santa Ana and Los Angeles Watersheds distributed in-person and accessible online
- Tribal Listening Sessions in Orange and Los Angeles Counties
- Pop Up Outreach Booths at tribal community events in OC and LA



# Outreach Efforts



SPI conducted interviews with tribal Elders, elected leaders, youth, and community members and collected surveys at multiple tribal community events including:

- Tribal Listening Sessions and Indigenous Water Talks in Santa Ana, Long Beach, Claremont, Los Angeles, and San Fernando
- Moompetam Salt Water Peoples Festival
- Cal State Puvungna Pow Wow at CSULB in Long Beach
- In addition to feedback collected directly at these tribal listening sessions, we received a total of 106 completed Tribal Surveys for Los Angeles and Orange County.



# What do tribal community members want?



Equal Representation for Tribes in Local Watershed Management Governance Structures and on all Decision-Making Bodies Related to the Watershed



Include Indigenous Place Names whenever possible in representations of the rivers.



Tribal Territories should be visibly demonstrated on all maps and associated materials.



Recognition of local tribes as full partners in ideas, and programs, especially in stewardship programs.



Access is Crucial--Prioritize Spaces for Tribal Cultural and Ceremonial Use Within and Along the Rivers. Plans for Open Space and Parks should consider and prioritize multiple types of access, including spaces where tribal community members can gather clean, safe, pesticide-free plant materials without fear of harassment from private security, local homeowners or police.

## What does Tongva and Acjachemen involvement look like?

“It means being involved at all levels not just a gestural act on their part, but a genuine collaboration, a seat at the table and a voice in the process from the very beginning at all levels because within our communities we have experts and professionals, we have cultural and academic scholars that are more than qualified to respond to these things and probably can educate them [local and state agencies] on how to proceed.” *Participant in Tribal Listening Session*



As was described in the application from the watershed to begin the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program, many community members don't have a strong connection to the decisions that are made about water. The fragmented nature of water management—housed in multiple agencies, each with unique authorities, service areas, and decision-making processes—leaves many communities uncertain how to engage to make sure their needs are met. This particular challenge—ensuring that communities are able to contribute to the decisions being made that will impact them—is core to the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program, and something this OWOW Plan Update 2018 encourages.

#### 4.2.2. TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians reside within the watershed boundary. Just outside the watershed are communities of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians, the Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, and the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. Many of the water infrastructure needs of Tribal communities in the watershed mirror the needs of non-Tribal communities. During development of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 participants in the Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Communities Pillar engaged with members of Tribes to develop recommended strategies for overcoming the challenges faced by Tribes in pursuit of the shared goals of the watershed.

## OWOW Plan Update

- While the Plan has some positive components, the process of plan development and the final plan perpetuate the erasure of non-federally recognized tribes in Orange County.
- Additionally the participation of non-federally recognized tribal community members in the drafting of this document was minimal and limited to a single tribal member from one of the two tribes in Orange County.



# SAWPA

## Tribal Charter

- Stated purpose is to “To educate SAWPA staff regarding water resource needs impacting Tribal lands, and advocate, concerning Tribal beliefs and perspectives of tribal resources. This includes the protection of cultural, environmental, and historical resources, as well as current day Tribal lands stewardship of the environment.”
- While this is not a bad goal, it does not speak to what tribal citizens, traditional cultural practitioners, and elected tribal leaders have consistently and repeatedly voiced as priorities during the tribal listening sessions in Orange County and Los Angeles County.
- Tribes want seats at the table on governance and decision making bodies for watershed planning in our homelands.

## Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP-- Where are the Tribes?

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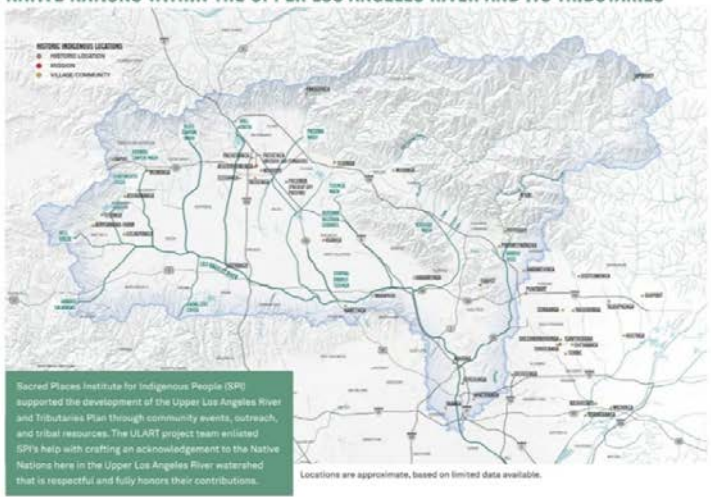
# Upper Los Angeles River & Tributaries (ULART) Revitalization Plan

*This Plan respectfully acknowledges all California Native American Tribes through whose ancestral homelands the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries flow. These Nations include: Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, the Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, and the Kitz Nation Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians.*



# ULART Revitalization Plan- Uplifting Tribal Voices

**NATIVE NATIONS WITHIN THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES**



**NATIVE NATIONS LOCATIONS**  
 ■ ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS  
 ■ MISSION LOCATIONS  
 ■ TOWN LOCATIONS

Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous People (SPI) supported the development of the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Plan through community events, outreach, and tribal resources. The ULART project team worked with SPI to help with creating an acknowledgment to the Native Nations here in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed that is respectful and fully honors their contributions. Locations are approximate, based on limited data available.

Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan | Chapter 1: Introduction of the Upper LA River Watershed and Tributaries


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The Paayme Paaayt/Orit/Wanüt has always been, and will always be, a place of significance to the Native American Tribes through whose ancestral homelands the River flows, including the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, the Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, and the Kiz Nation Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians. There are dozens of Tongva and Tataviam villages along the River. Both communities' connections to land and water was disrupted with the establishment of the Spanish mission system. For the Tongva this disturbance arose in 1771 with the founding of the Mission San Gabriel. For the Tataviam, their Spanish period began in 1787 with the recruitment and enslavement of Indians to Mission del Señor San Fernando Rey de España (San Fernando Mission), the seventeenth established mission in California.<sup>1</sup>

Native American Tribes and indigenous groups in Los Angeles County are holders of both historical and practical experience and knowledge in dealing with the social and environmental issues the Plan is designed to address. They have confronted the environmental affects that accompanied the colonial waves in California and have been uniquely impacted by these environmental challenges. It is these very groups who have historically been on the front-line fighting for the protection of the River since the time of first contact.

Despite the realities of historical and contemporary acts of settler colonial violence, including violence to ancestral lands and waters, California Native American Tribes and tribal community members are resilient and continue to speak their languages, cultivate traditional medicines and foods, protect and restore lands and waters within their ancestral homelands, and assert their sovereignty in land use and water management planning within their traditional territories along the River.

*It is difficult to be Indian under any circumstances; think what it must be like to see a phenomenon like Los Angeles spreading over your meadows and valleys, diverting your rivers, building parking structures on your holy sites, transforming the land that nurtured your ancestors into something unrecognizable.<sup>2</sup>*



Additional information related to California Native American Tribes and TCI can be found on California Landscape Conservation Partnership's Traditional Ecological Knowledge Resources page.

Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan | Chapter 1: Introduction of the Upper LA River Watershed and Tributaries

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Top left: Near Verdugo Wash, Bottom left: Learning Garden of the San Gabriel Mountains in Pacoima, Above: Sculpture in Garden in Pacoima



# ULART Post-Plan Next Steps

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Los Angeles River  
including, but not  
the LA River Master  
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Plan, and the  
California Coastal Water  
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Study

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and help inform the  
projects that can be  
funded. Short term and long  
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projects will be identified where

climate change and  
impacts presented in  
Volume 2, Chapter F  
of the feasibility study and  
the action planning phase of  
the plan to incorporate future  
conditions and projections

as a design component of each  
project

► Incorporate Tribal sovereignty and  
representation through the following:

- Tribal Sovereignty and Government-to-Government Consultation—Incorporate the relevant state and federal laws that recognize the sovereign status of California Native American Tribes related to self-determination, sovereignty, and government-to-government consultation in future ULART planning and implementation, including AB 52, and SB 18
- Tribal Cultural & Ceremonial Use—Prioritize preferred places within ULART's boundaries for Tribal cultural and ceremonial use along the river and tributaries in all future projects through consultation with Native American Tribes.
- Prioritize Tribal Access—Consider, plan, and prioritize access through public transportation by Tribal community members, including Elders and differently-abled community members, to spaces and trails for gathering clean, safe, pesticide-free plant materials without fear of harassment from private security, local homeowners, or police

- Recognize the River as a Living Being—Incorporate local indigenous languages, theories, and practices when incorporating projects to carry out the true spirit of revitalization. Native American Tribes and Indigenous Peoples around the world have adopted similar stances regarding Rivers, Mountains and other land and water entities within their ancestral homelands. Most recently the Yurok Tribe in California adopted a resolution recognizing legal rights for the river<sup>1</sup>
- Consideration to amend composition of Working Group and future Governance and Advisory Bodies to include Tribal Representation for ULART implementation from all tribes within ULART boundaries
- Indigenous Stewardship & Co-Management—Incorporate Tribal goals and objectives gathered at community meetings for Tribally-led projects, specifically those that emphasize habitat restoration and community education forums
- Recognize local tribes as partners in ideas and programs, especially in stewardship programs

<sup>1</sup> Klamath River now has the legal rights of a person: A Yurok Tribe resolution allows cases to be brought on behalf of the river in tribal court, High Country News, September 24, 2019, available at <https://www.hcn.org/issues/51.18/klamath-river-now-has-the-legal-rights-of-a-person>

LA River in Glendale  
Narrows in Elysian Valley



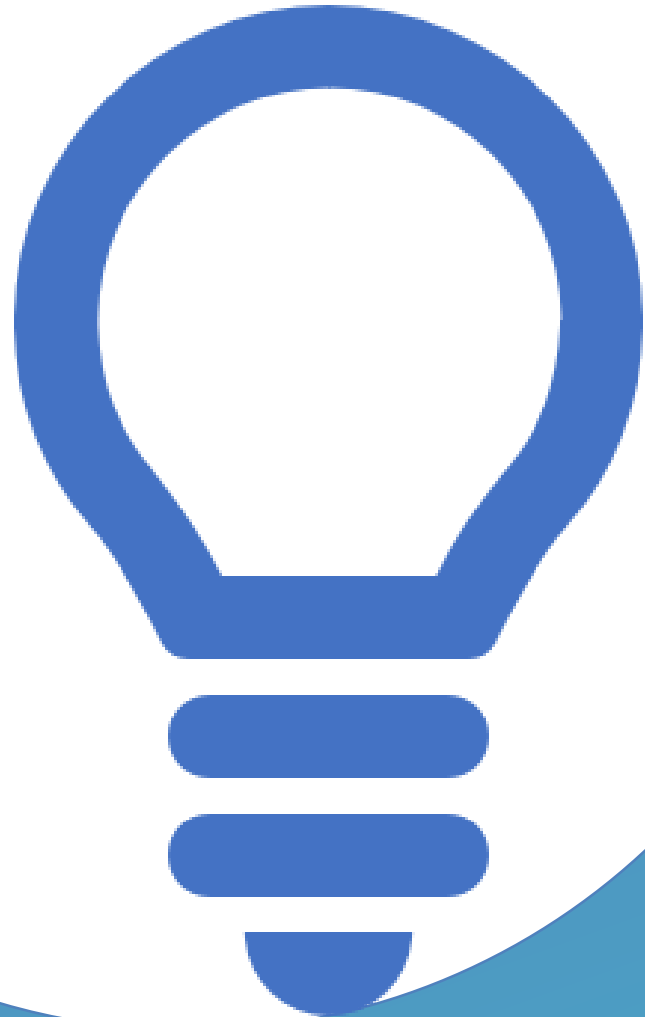
# In Summary

- **Challenges-**

- Historical and Contemporary Erasure of Native Nations with ancestral homelands in urban areas.
- Agencies and institutions in Orange and Los Angeles Counties lack a basic understanding of California Indian history, often have little to no experience working with nonfederally recognized landless tribes, and frequently demonstrate a lack of interest in working with these nations.

- **Opportunities**

- ULART- local tribal perspectives woven into entire document (2020)
- DACIP Tribal Needs Assessment for GLAC
- High level of tribal interest in watershed planning and commitment to our waters. It's about engaging tribal community members in a respectful and culturally competent manner.





# Additional Resources

- Charles Sepulveda, [Our Sacred Waters: Theorizing Kuuyum as a Decolonial Possibility](#), VOL 7 NO 1 (2018): INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE POLITICS OF WATER
- AnMarie Mendoza, [The Aqueduct Between Us- Inserting and Asserting an Indigenous California Indian Perspective about Los Angeles Water](#). 2019.
- AnMarie Mendoza and Isaiah Mendoza, [The Aqueduct Between Us](#), 2019.

## Final Reflections: Kuuyum--Being a good guest in tribal homelands



“Kuuyam is a reimagining of human relationships to place outside of the structures of settler colonialism. Kuuyam is also a theorization that attempts to imagine a future for California Indians in which we can bring our lands and our sacred waters back to life. It is thoughtfully a continuation of our culture and traditions that prioritizes sacred human relationships with land and water.”

--Dr. Charles Sepulveda (Tongva and Acjachemen), *Our Sacred Waters: Theorizing Kuuyam as a Decolonial Possibility*



# Thank You!



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# **Santa Ana Watershed Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program**

## **Tribal Outreach Status Report**

**Rick Whetsel / SAWPA**

**Tom Keegan / CRWA**

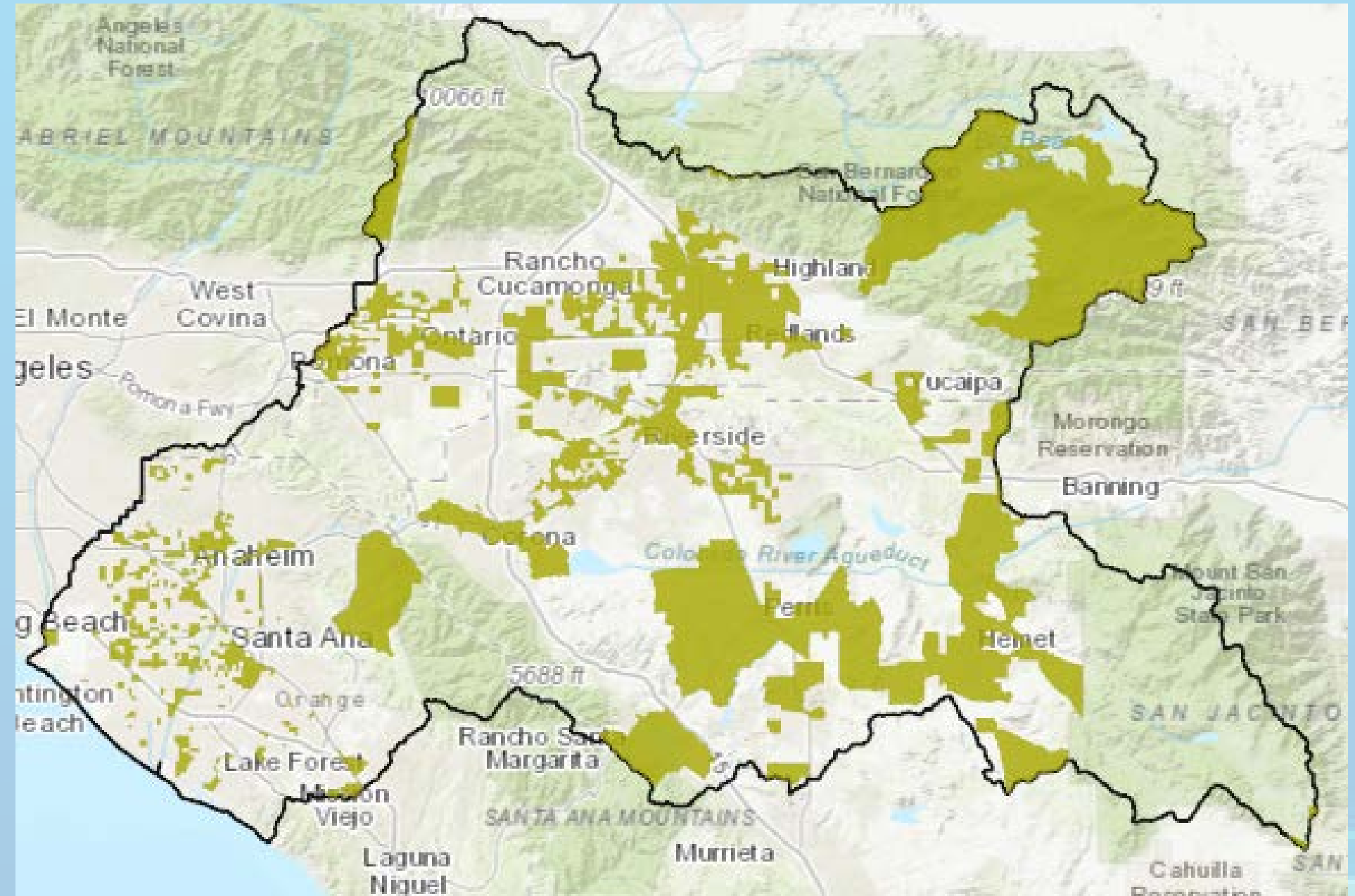
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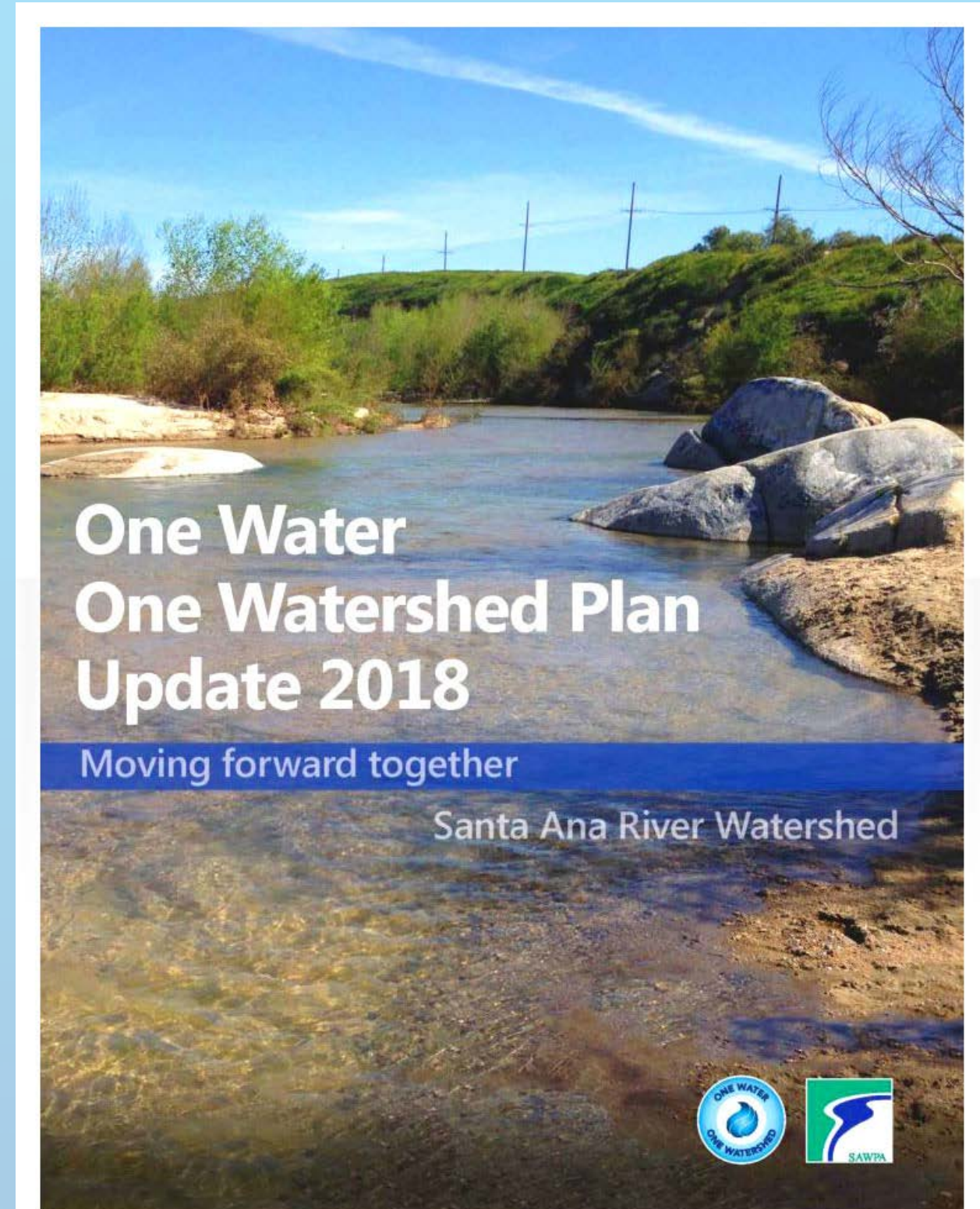
1. Strengths and Needs Assessment
2. Education and Engagement
3. Project Development





# One Water One Watershed Plan: Tribal Communities Chapter

- Adopted by the SAWPA Commission February 2019
- California Rural Water Association facilitated a workgroup to create a section of Chapter 5 that discusses how the goals of OWOW can be accomplished by and with the Tribal Communities of the watershed (Section 5.3).
- Included participation by Tribal representatives at two Tribal Workshops.
- Key in these recommendations is the need for continued development of appropriate ties between the governments of Tribal communities and the government agencies





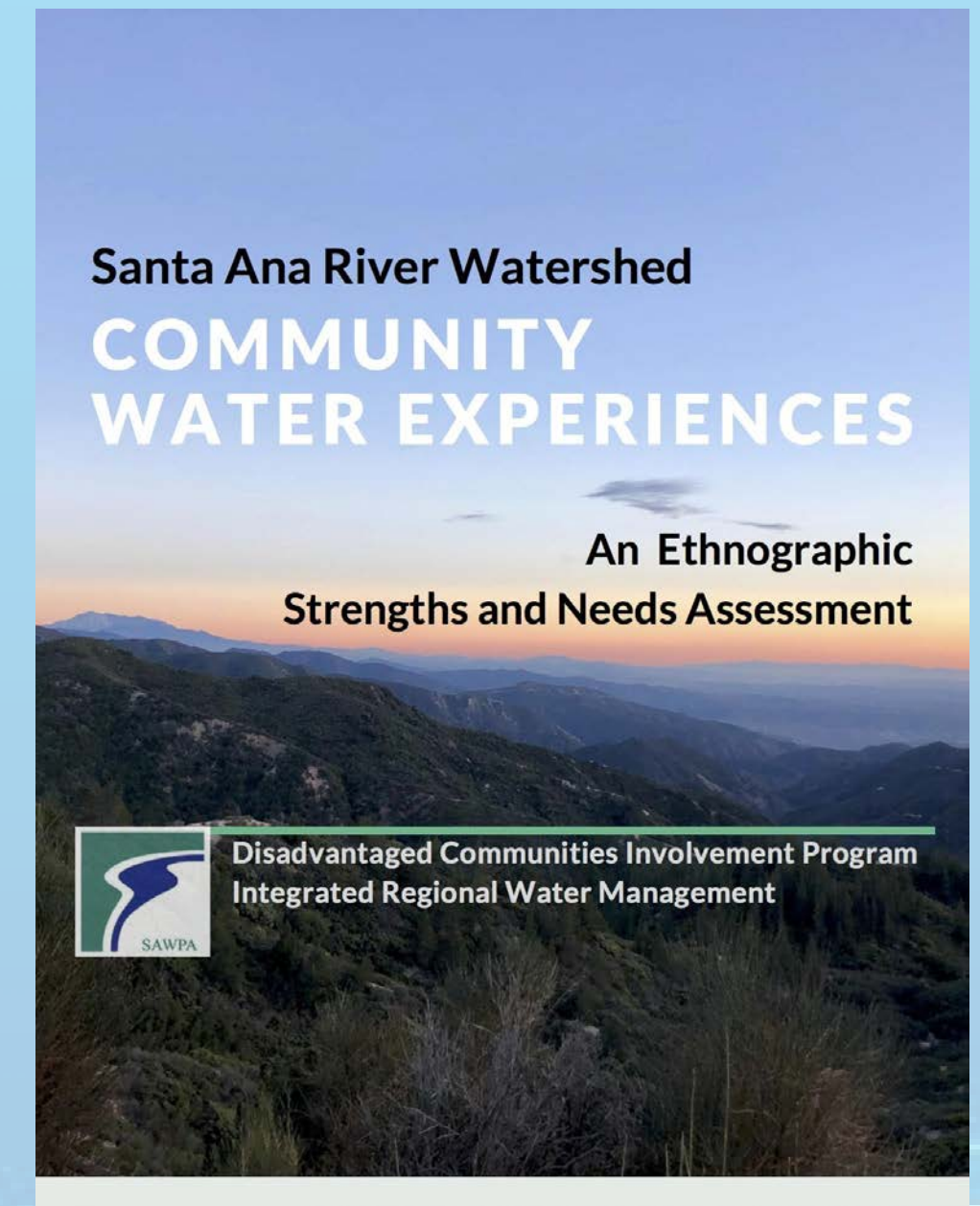
# Tribal Advisory Committee

- Objective: Establish a Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC) with California Native American Indian Tribes and agency staff to discuss water resource needs impacting Tribal lands, and share Tribal beliefs and perspectives of cultural resources protection, environmental protection, historical and current day Tribal lands stewardship of the environment
- Explore strategies and actions to address Tribal water resource needs and environmental issues within the Santa Ana Watershed
- Lead Partner: California Rural Water Association



# Strengths and Needs Assessment: Tribal Listening Sessions

- Engagement, and listening program designed by and for people who belong to Native, Tribal, and Indigenous local communities.
- Approximately 36,700 individuals in the watershed identify as Native American.
- Four formal listening sessions
- Two field-testing sessions
- Two formal follow-up feedback-response sessions
- Lead Partner: CSU San Bernardino Native Listening Session Team

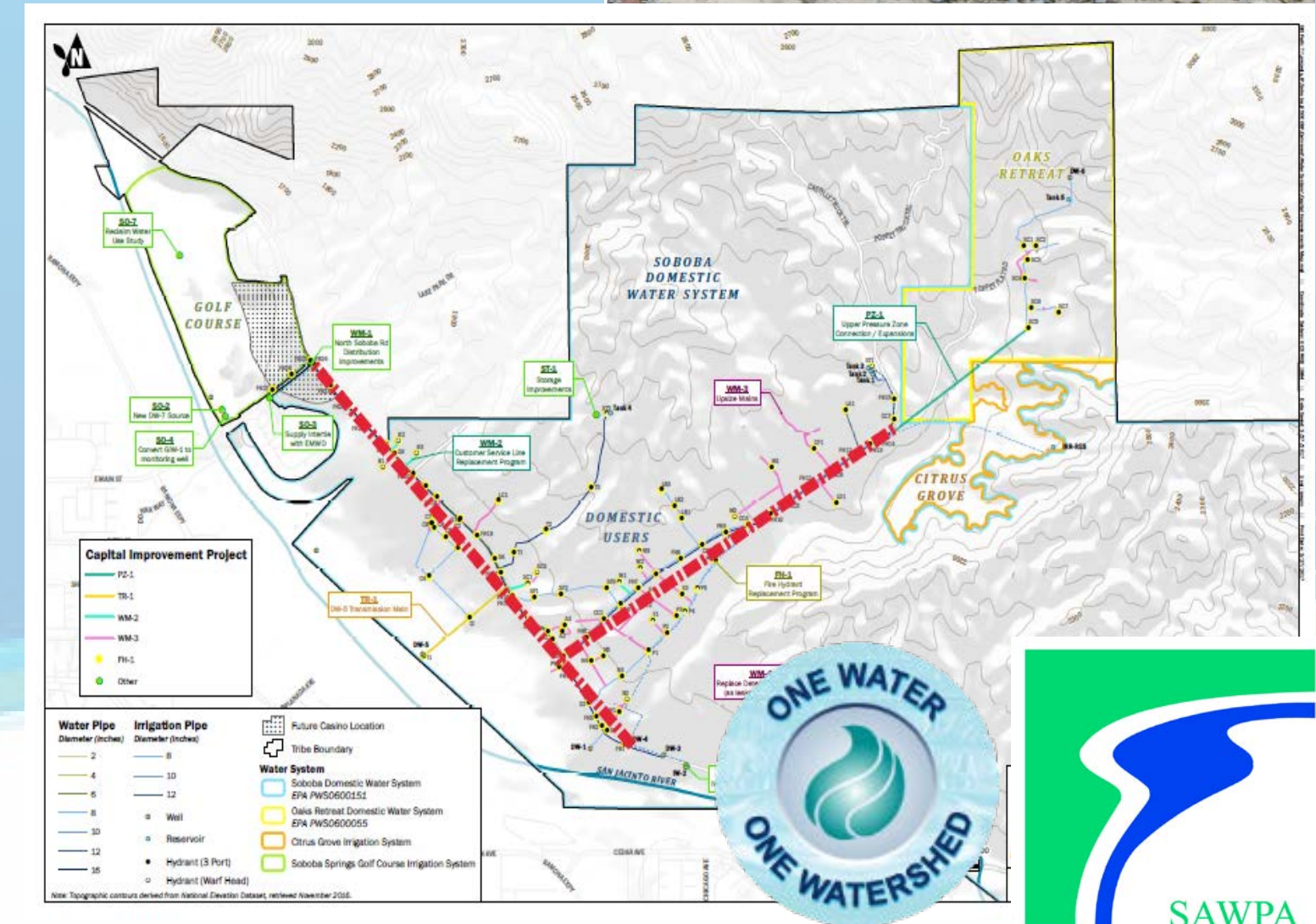




# Project Development:

## Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Residential Asbestos Cement Pipe Abandonment and Replacement Project

- Current water system asbestos cement (AC) pipelines installed in the mid 1900's and have reached and exceeded their life cycle.
- Project to abandon and replace approximately 15,000 linear feet of existing AC pipes in the domestic water distribution system.
- Project includes planning, outreach, environmental compliance, pre-construction engineering plans/design activities





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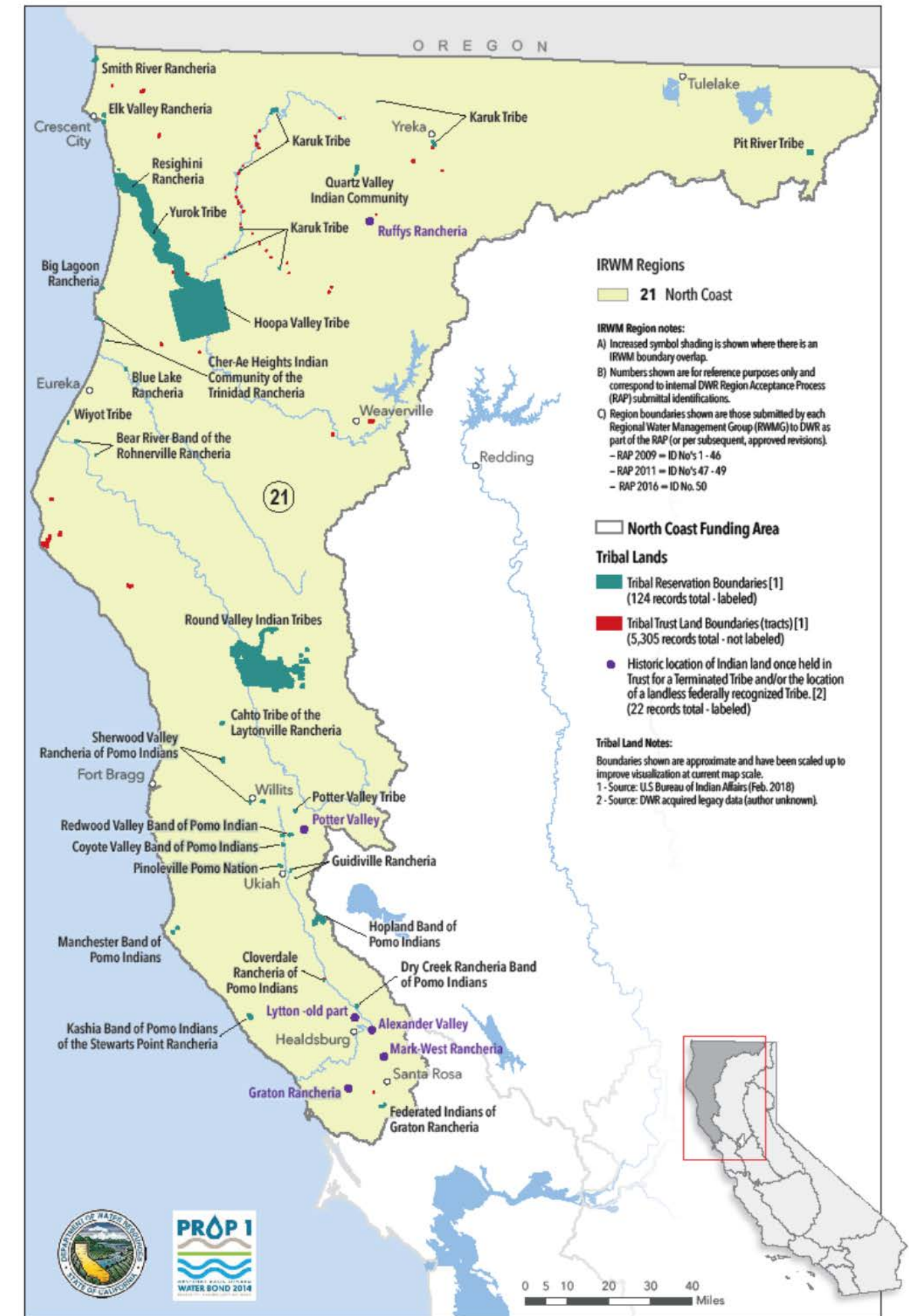
## Tribal Technical Assistance Consultant

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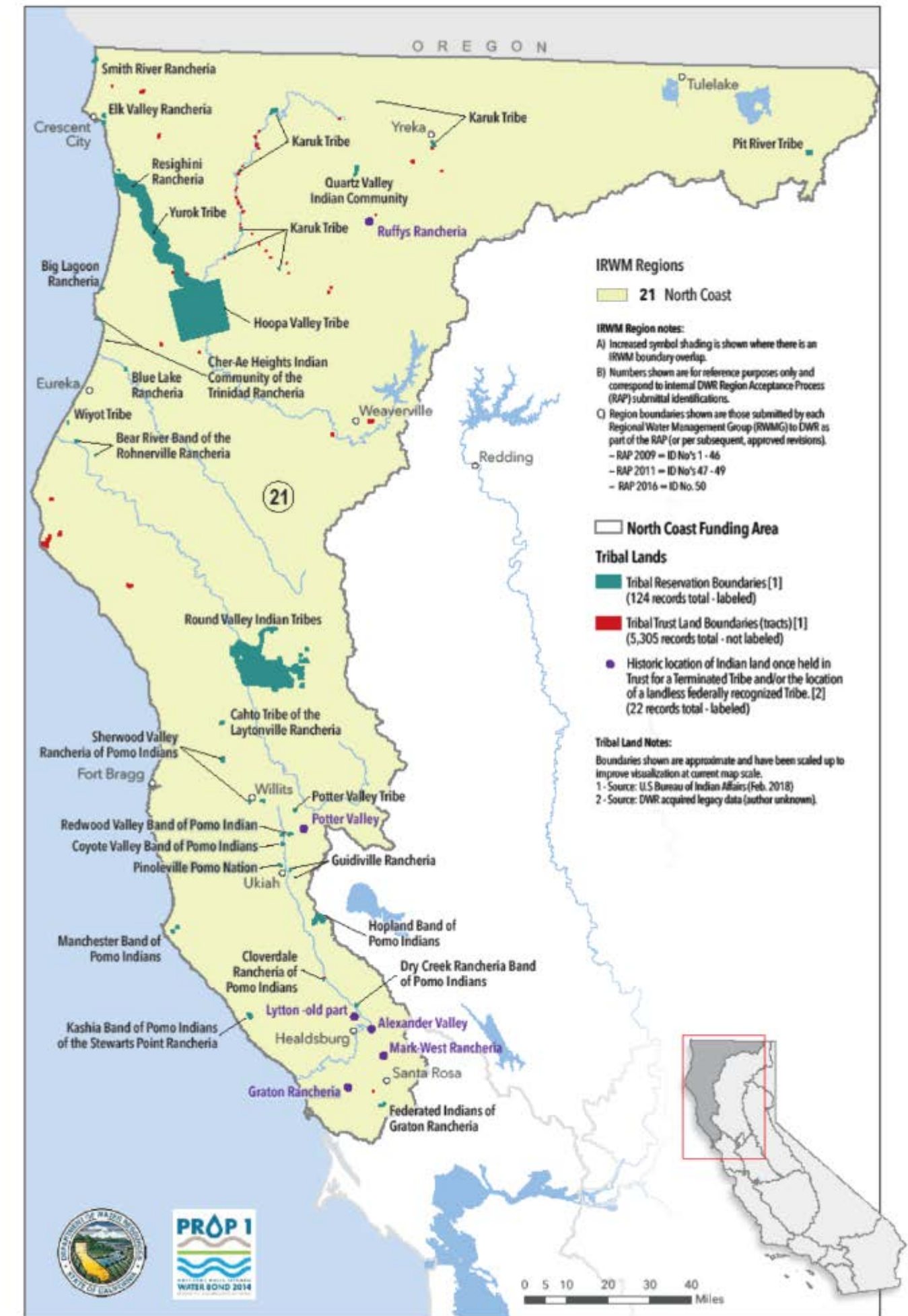
# North Coast

- Needs Assessment
  - Follow-up interviews / IHS etc.
  - Address Water & Wastewater Needs: Capacity Building & Technical Assistance
  - Pilots
  - Prepare for Implementation Projects
- <https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/projects/>



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# PANEL DISCUSSION





# Additional Materials

Materials can be found at: <http://facilitation-team.org/>

- Background Information
  - Statewide IRWM map
  - DWR Regional Tribal Liaisons Map
  - How Tribes Can Engage In Integrated Regional Water Management
  - Tribal IRWM Projects – Prop 84
  - Tribal IRWM Projects – Prop 1
- Funding Area Information
  - 12 Funding Areas – Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program, IRWM Regions, and contact information
- Maps
  - 12 Funding Areas (including IRWM regions & Tribal Lands)
  - Letter (8.5x11”) OR Tabloid (11x17”) size



# NEXT STEPS

Appreciations

Remaining

comments Webinar

Parts 2 & 3



# Tribal Regional Water Management Webinar Series **Part 3**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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