



Tribal Water Stories Graphic Novels

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is offering Tribal Water Stories Graphic Novels complimentary to all Tribes with honorarium and available to Tribal members for their participation and engagement.

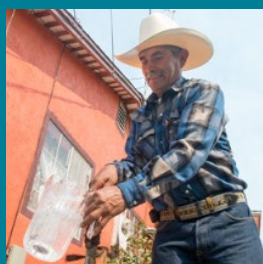
California Tribes have unique and treasured cultural heritages and a tradition of oral history through storytelling. This project creates the opportunity for Tribes to work with DWR through the Underrepresented Communities, California Native American (federally and non-federally recognized) Tribes and Small Farmers Groundwater Technical Assistance (URCTA) Program and their contractor, Dudek, to create an illustrated graphic novel based on a Water Story of a Tribe's choosing. We are happy to work with Tribal artists and welcome Tribal artwork as a part of the project. Tribes can choose to have their selected Water Story:

- 1) Illustrated for a hardbound book (“graphic novel”) with text in the Tribe’s native language and English
- 2) Illustrated as a coloring book in a Tribe’s native language and English text
- 3) Illustrated for a narrated animation in a Tribe's native language.
- 4) All three options—a graphic novel, a coloring book, and a narrated animation

Any questions on this opportunity may be directed to DWR’s Office of Tribal Affairs at TribalPolicyAdvisor@water.ca.gov.

Some of the goals of this project are to bring awareness to the beauty, imagination, and deep connection that Tribes have to water; highlight the diversity of Tribal Water Stories to support the preservation of native languages; and implement the goals and objectives of DWR's Strategic Plan to encourage inclusivity and collaborative, diverse, community engagement in considering all beneficial users of groundwater, including Tribes and underrepresented communities.

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Trout was determined to find a lake deep enough to cover its body and where the Indians and Wolf would not try to trap it. Trout kept swimming and found Walker Lake (a gee ba a or pugwe ba a) but again it was not deep enough. Trout said, "This water is still not deep enough for me to stay, so I will plant some trout here and leave this lake."



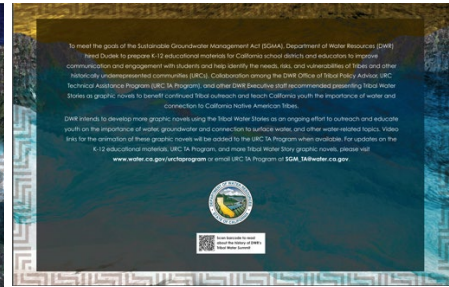
Tribal Water Stories Process

Process	Tribal Representative Responsibilities	Dudek Responsibilities
STEP 1: Concept Development		
	Write or provide your story in both English and translated versions.	Create storyboard Determine number of pages and different elements needed
STEP 2: Story Creation		
Step 2A: Illustrations	Together determine look and feel	
	Provide visual references of regalia, colors, patterns, etc.	Create Illustrations
	Review illustrations and provide feedback	Make edits based on feedback
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL ILLUSTRATIONS COMPLETED Can be used for graphic novel, coloring book, and animation	
Step 2B-1: Graphic Novel		Create book layout
	Review layout/provide feedback	Make edits based on feedback
		Printing and electronic publishing of final Graphic Novel
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Step 2B-2: Coloring Book		Convert Graphic Novel in to Coloring Book
	Review layout/provide feedback	Make edits based on feedback
		Printing of final Coloring Book
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL PRINTED COLORING BOOK COMPLETED Number of copies to be determined depending on need/request	
Step 2B-3: Narrated Animation	Collaboratively create narration script based on the story written in Step 1.	
	Dudek Media Team or DWR will reach out to schedule a time and location for recording of the narration. We can travel to you. We would like to identify a location that is as quiet as possible. We will talk with you about possible locations before we meet to record.	
	Together we record your story's audio on location	
		Create animation, add narration
	Review narrated animation and provide feedback	Make edits based on feedback
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Samples

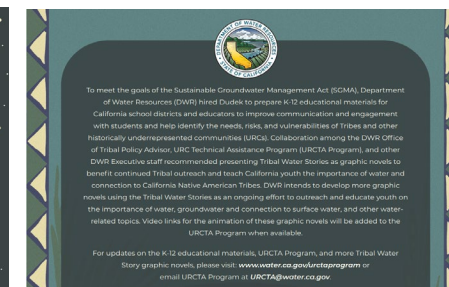
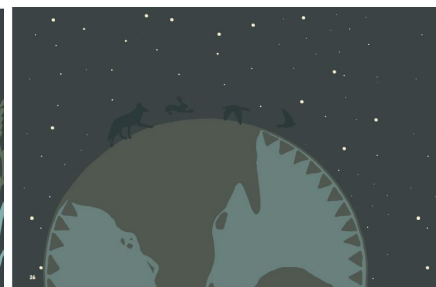
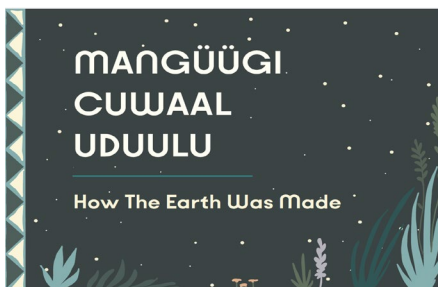
The Making of the World



The Fish Story



How the Earth Was Made



Books and Animated Videos: <https://water.ca.gov/urctaprogram>

Project information: <https://dudek.com/your-sector/water/dwr-native-american-tribal-water-stories-graphic-novels/>