



CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government  
*Understanding Tribal-County Relationships*  
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# **Partnership Opportunities for State, Tribal, and Local Governments**

# Why Collaborate?

- County obligation to take care of all within borders
- Learning opportunities
- Problems are not boundary limited- nor are solutions
- Relationship building
- Increased chance of competitive, intergovernmental grant applications
- Increased security, resilience, and public safety (Fire/Drought/Emergency Response)
- Your reasons?
- Note: Collaboration with Local Governments does not impinge on Tribal Government Sovereignty



# Collaboration Examples

- Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants
- Lake County MOU and working group
- Humboldt County
  - MOU and working group
  - General Plan Overlay
  - Wiyot Tribe-Local Government Coastline Restoration Project
- More examples coming soon (*Your County's name here!*)



# Caltrans Planning Grant Programs

- The Strategic Partnership/Sustainable Community Grants Programs offer partnership opportunities for local agencies and tribal governments
- Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program objectives include encouraging Sustainability, Preservation, Mobility, Safety, Innovation, Economy, Health, and Equity in transportation planning.
- Grants can be used for transportation planning to address local and regional transportation needs and issues.
- Grants should lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements.
- Additional information on the grant program:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>



# Collaboration Examples: Caltrans/County/Tribal Government

- Successful partnership between Tribal Government and Local Government in Kern County.
- Kern Council of Governments Central Valley Tribal Collaboration Transportation Planning Grant.
- Kern (and seven other counties) worked with the Tubatulabals of Kern Valley to develop a Tribal Environmental Justice Transportation report that addressed tribal transportation issues, cultural resources, and other matters of mutual concern.
- 2008/2009 EJ Grant. Resulted in mapping and development of a tool that was useful in future planning efforts.
- Information on the 2008/2009 Grant Awards—when the Central Valley Collaboration Grant was awarded:  
[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants/Recommendations EJ 08-09 6-18-08.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants/Recommendations_EJ_08-09_6-18-08.pdf)
- Contact: Lonora Graves, Native American Liaison Branch Chief  
Caltrans, Division of Transportation Planning  
Phone: (916) 653-6315 Cell: (916) 825-4696  
<http://dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/nalb/>



# Caltrans/County Grant- from the perspective of Tribal Leader Donna Begay

“Back in 2009, I was a project and grant manager for a Caltrans funded EJ grant. The grant project – San Joaquin Valley EJ Tribal Collaboration included 7 county governments and over 40 Central Valley Tribes (both federally and non-federally recognized). OPR attended our first workshop for this grant. Overall – very interesting project.

This is just information sharing..... Overall, ***many of the Tribes have developed positive rapport and work very well with their County’s metropolitan planning staff.*** I was fortunate to be asked to help write this grant and later appointed as project manager for this grant. It helped to sustain our Tribal Office in Mt. Mesa – since we are not federally recognized, it is very difficult to keep our office operating with volunteers, donations, and small grants.

Here are some links about my Tubatulabal Tribe:

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/article/t%C3%BCbatulabal-tribe-working-on-land-improvements%2C-cultural-protections-110965>



# Collaboration Opportunities

- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Water Board- Prop 1
- Strategic Growth Council
- CivicSpark
- CA Department of Fish and Wildlife



# Sierra Nevada Conservancy

- Current issues where local governments and tribes can collaborate:
- Fuel reduction work for fire resistance at a landscape scale or for community and infrastructure purposes. These partnerships are already forming in the Sierra Nevada and have been extremely effective.
- Meadow restoration work for water quality, ecosystem health, and cultural resources.
- Mercury contamination in fish. The Statewide Mercury Program is identifying impacted reservoirs in Phase 1. Great need for education on how contaminated fish affect certain groups and what can be done. Tribes and local governments should work together to develop place-based materials and provide outreach.
- Contact: Julie Griffith-Flatter, Abandoned Mine Lands and Tribal Coordinator, Sierra Nevada Conservancy (530) 823-4682 .

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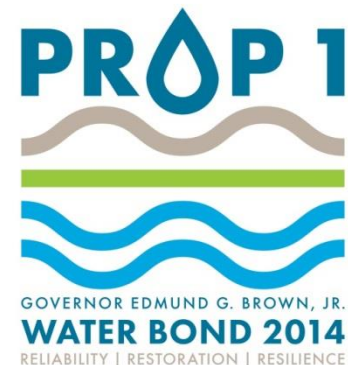
# State Water Resources Control Board- Prop 1 Funding

- Technical assistance is available to help disadvantaged communities, including qualifying tribes, build capacity and successfully implement projects. This includes help for everything from preparing applications to setting rates, planning and designing infrastructure.
- Contact: Gita Kapahi.  
[Gita.Kapahi@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Gita.Kapahi@waterboards.ca.gov)



# Water Board Funding Programs

<b>Wastewater*</b>	<b>\$260 million</b>
<b>Water Recycling</b>	<b>\$625 million</b>
<b>Drinking Water*</b>	<b>\$260 million</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>\$200 million</b>
<b>Groundwater</b>	<b>\$800 million</b>



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# Water Board Upcoming Funding Fairs

- Remaining Funding Fair Schedule
  - August 23, 2016 – Alhambra
  - September 14, 2016 – Fresno
- Register to Attend a Funding Fair
  - Can't Attend a Funding Fair? Submit a Common Funding Inquiry Form on Water Board website

# The Governor's AmeriCorps Initiative- CivicSpark

- Collaboration with the Local Government Commission and OPR
- County Governments and Tribal Governments can co-apply and sponsor members to work on local climate change issues.
- See Handout
- Future topics may include Water
- For more information: [www.civicspark.lgc.org](http://www.civicspark.lgc.org)
- Contact: Kif Scheuer, Climate Change Director, Local Government Commission: [kscheuer@lgc.org](mailto:kscheuer@lgc.org)



# Strategic Growth Council

- SGC administers the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities program, which is funded from proceeds from California's Cap and Trade auction. The AHSC program funds transit-oriented affordable housing development and infrastructure to promote mode-shift to walking, biking, and transit use.
- SGC is working with the Dept. of Housing & Community Development and stakeholders to open up the program to include tribes and tribal entities as be eligible applicants.
- As the SGC moves forward, counties and local governments will be essential partners in the process.



# California Department of Fish and Wildlife

- CDFW administers multiple grant opportunities for Tribes and Local Governments
- Prop 1 Restoration Grant Programs
- Fisheries Restoration Grant Program
- Endangered Species Conservation and Recovery Grant Program
- GHG Wetlands Restoration Program.
- Information on grant programs:  
<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Grants>
- Contact: Nathan Voegeli, Attorney and Tribal Liaison, CDFW.  
[Tribal.liaison@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Tribal.liaison@wildlife.ca.gov)



## ***Example: Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Restoration Grants***

- Anticipated Total Funding: Dependent upon allocation in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Act. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 allocation was \$31.4 million
- Length of Funding: 3 years
- Eligibility Information Eligible entities are **public agencies** (including public universities), nonprofit organizations, public utilities, **federally recognized Indian tribes, State Indian tribes** listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List, and mutual water companies (CWC §79712[a]).



# Follow up and Questions

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