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Relevant TECC Grant Resources: The links are for downloading TECC grant reviews and grant writing plans for each opportunity.

> Tribal Capacity Building Program (TCBP) Round 2 Grant Review Template https://socaltecc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/TCBP-Round-2-Grant-Review-v-5.15.26.docx
>
> Tribal Capacity Building Program (TCBP) Round 2 Grant Writing Plan Template https://socaltecc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/TCBP-Round-2-Grant-Writing-Plan-v-5.14.26.xlsx
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> SGC Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund (THPF) Grant Review Template https://socaltecc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/SGC-Tribal-Housing-Pre-Dev-Fund-Grant-Review-v-5.15.26.docx
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Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Round 2 Guidelines https://sgc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026.04.29-CRC-Final-Round-2-Guidelines-REMEDIATED.pdf

BIA will not get involved with the Temporary Access Permit (TAP), again the Tribe can issue a permit or license to a utility for less than seven years, the authority is: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-25/chapter-I/subchapter-F/part-84

Hi folks, on policy, I'm hoping Tribes are aware that CARB made an unfortunate decision that will trigger a $2B reduction in available Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Fund dollars. This move (unless curtailed by the legislature) will effectively eliminate many community-oriented climate grants ranging from AB 617 community air programs, transit, sustainable agricultural land conservation, Tribal capacity building, and others that have been important to CA Tribes.
https://apnews.com/article/california-cap-trade-invest-carb-climate-emissions-0bf81dfaa623e26bd8ce40968d1edb77

May TECC-X archive page:
https://socaltecc.org/meetings/may-2026-Tribal-energy-climate-collaborative-exchange-tecc-x/

SoCalREN enrollment open: Contact SoCalREN@socaltecc.org to enroll and learn more!

Upcoming Events

Innovative Ecosystem Advisory Board: Please email sgaleano@prospersustainably.com if you'd like to be added to the Innovative Ecosystem Advisory Board meetings. The next one is on Monday (6/8) at 2pm.

Tribal Roundtable: Advancing Strategies to Reduce Plastic Use and Mitigate Impacts
June 10 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
https://socaltecc.org/event/Tribal-roundtable-advancing-strategies-to-reduce-plastic-use-and-mitigate-impacts/

Electric Program Investment Charge 2026 - 2030 Investment Plan Public Workshop
June 11 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
https://socaltecc.org/event/public-workshop-electric-program-investment-charge-2026-2030-epic-5-investment-plan/

In-Person Tribal Energy Efficiency Training and Networking Event Registration
June 3 - 4 at Pala Casino Spa Resort in Pala, CA
https://form.jotform.com/261065188180053

Free EISI for Extreme Heat Online: Report Feature Training for California Tribes
June 18 @ 11 am
https://Tribalclimatehealth.org/eisi-for-extreme-heat/

> The Tribal Climate Health Project is also providing free 1-on-1 technical assistance for the EISI for Extreme Heat Online.
> https://scheduler.zoom.us/d/syq98vix/technical-assistance-eisi-for-extreme-heat-online

Strategic Growth Council's Funding Opportunities: Tribal-only Session
June 24 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
https://socaltecc.org/event/Tribal-only-strategic-growth-councils-funding-opportunities/

Meeting Transcript:

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:06
We boot all AIs now, including mine, but we do provide a copy of the meeting recording and transcript afterwards.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:14
We have a stacked agenda. I don't actually think I updated this, but hopefully you saw the email that had the latest agenda with all the topics, and we'll update this before we distribute the slides.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:26
This is, just to remind you all who we are.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:32
And,

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:36
our Executive Committee and programs. Amy, do you have any updates on the... when the next rounds of stipends might be issued?

[Amy LaFrance] 00:02:46
We are working on those right now, and we'll be getting them out as soon as we can.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:52
Great, thanks.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:55
So... Okay, and this is just for those that's, for a refresher, if anybody wants to...

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:03
get, circulated among Tribal community members of what tech is. Okay, so we'll start off with some capacity building and technical assistance key updates. We had provided some of this information before.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:17

That, we have been notified of a $500,000 CARB award for Community Planning Capacity Building Grant for Tribal Transportation and planning capacity, Tribal Transportation Planning Capacity.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:32
So this is going to be available, assistance for all tech member Tribes, so all 26 member Tribes will have this available to them. And, as we progress through getting through the award agreements and get closer to project implementation, we'll share more details and start to engage you all on these activities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:50
I'm gonna... so we have... we, I...

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:55
Last time we notified you that we believe tentatively we're going to receive... actually, no, we did not notify you this. So we've been notified that Tech's been awarded a... or expects to be awarded a $2 million contract to provide the technical assistance for Strategic Growth Council's Tribal Capacity Building Program.

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:14
Which also may include its Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund awardees, and then we're also going to be providing General Strategic Growth Council Tribal engagement support. So we're in negotiations with this contract right now, the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:32
grant awardees were kind of a throw-in. That's, I think, might strain the budget quite a bit. I'll circle back into this in a moment, but the technical assistance is going to be just for the awardees, so I'm going to emphasize this again and again. We really want tech Tribes to apply for these grants. We think they're...

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:51
you know, good, flexible grants, particularly the Travel Capacity Building Program, through PALA, where the,

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:59
We're providing... we're the technical assistance provider right now for current awardees, and there needs to be a housing emphasis, or at least a housing aspect of the proposal, but it's broadly anything kind of climate-related, so I'll circle back to that.

[Josh Simmons] 00:05:15

In a moment's...

[Josh Simmons] 00:05:16
The three funding opportunities we have on our radar that we're going to be seeking to apply for are the DOE Unleashing Tribal Clean Energy, and that's for the

[Josh Simmons] 00:05:28
Energy Authority, InterTribal Energy Authority,

[Josh Simmons] 00:05:34
entity we're pursuing. I'll get to some slides on this later as a refresh.

[Josh Simmons] 00:05:41
the Strategic Growth Council's Community Resilience Center for a facility that can

[Josh Simmons] 00:05:46
host tech activities and events. And then, the most recent one on our radar that we think is a good complement is the electric vehicle... the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Hub Outreach, messaging and Equipment.

[Josh Simmons] 00:06:03
Grants, which complements, some of our current programming right now that seeks to support residents and community members in

[Josh Simmons] 00:06:13
purchasing electric vehicles and taking advantage of incentives and installing, charging equipment at their homes, and generally understanding what it means to own electric vehicles and travel, you know, a few hundred miles and figure out how to charge it.

[Josh Simmons] 00:06:28
Along the way. So, we've really kind of only scratched the surface on this. We'll probably share more information and seek feedback on this and on the upcoming tech board meetings.

[Josh Simmons] 00:06:41
Okay, so circling back to the... a Tribal capacity building program.

[Josh Simmons] 00:06:48
Grant, and Alyssa, I did... I crimped from your slides. Sorry, I didn't realize you were creating this slide the same time I was, but I did pull from some of what you were

developing. So this is the one where we're... tech is essentially already going to be the technical service

[Josh Simmons] 00:07:03
technical assistance provider. It's a $2 million budget for that technical assistance, although it's

[Josh Simmons] 00:07:09
there's kind of everything in the kitchen sink inside that contract, so we're going to try to work with Strategic Growth Council to preserve as much money for technical assistance as possible. But on the left side here, the Tribal Capacity Building Program Round 2 grants.

[Josh Simmons] 00:07:25
are between $350,000 to $420,000. They're anticipating 12 awards for Tribes, so only Tribal organizations are eligible. There's no match required. They have advanced pay options.

[Josh Simmons] 00:07:39
The eligible activities are grant writing, grant project implementation, trainings, and peer-to-peer learning.

[Josh Simmons] 00:07:48
partnership and economic development activities, planning and analysis activities, training development, organization, capacity building, and operations activities. So certain things are mandatory. I mean, the fact that they're making grant writing mandatory is great, because I think it's hard to find

[Josh Simmons] 00:08:06
Funding to do grant writing, so...

[Josh Simmons] 00:08:09
As I mentioned, there needs to be some aspect of housing that's included in the eligible activities, but it does not have to be exclusively that, so... and then these, these activities should be viewed very broadly, in terms of, like, you know, really, what does your tribe need for doing anything

[Josh Simmons] 00:08:29
On the kind of planning capacity building side of things for... for... for climate.

[Josh Simmons] 00:08:35

So we've provided links to the... perhaps, Alyssa could drop these in the chat. We have a grant review and grant writing... template grant writing plan that we developed, available for you.

[Josh Simmons] 00:08:47
So that's one of the two opportunities that we're going to be providing Tian that we hope sees many Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:08:54
tech Tribes get this funding as possible, but then there's the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund Grants, which has a larger total budget of $20 million. You can get up to $3 million per grant. Again, only Tribal organizations are eligible. There's no match that's required.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:11
Grant... eligible grantees may receive up to a 25% advance.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:16
I'll provide a little more detail on these planning activities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:20
On these eligible activities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:22
Sorry.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:26
Yeah, I'm really a mess this morning. So, this is obviously more exclusively focused on housing, a range of planning activities, but it also can fund infrastructure investments, so sewage and drainage, road and safety, waste management, sustainable transportation.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:44
electric utility, broadband, renewable energy infrastructure. It also can fund site acquisition and preparation, including site appraisals and acquisition.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:54
Site... site prep.

[Josh Simmons] 00:09:56

architectural and engineering costs, ecological and wildlife restoration, disaster preparation. Shotspin noted that they'll fund consulting fees, legal fees, a variety of fees that are necessary to consummate this type of, you know, transaction.

[Josh Simmons] 00:10:12
Or, or to deploy infrastructure. So, you know, for Tribes that are, have

[Josh Simmons] 00:10:19
There's planning, so you can focus on planning, and then Tribes that are actually looking to get funding for implementation or infrastructure for housing, this would be a great source of funding.

[Josh Simmons] 00:10:31
So, and as a reminder, we have technical assistance available, through tech, you know, that's not, you know, outside of the contract that has not been executed through SGC. You know, we can help with these grant applications, so please email us, or use our TA form to request assistance.

[Josh Simmons] 00:10:51
Any questions on... texts, Tribal Capacity Building Program Technical Assistance Contract, or... Or these funding opportunities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:11:13
Okay, hearing none, please apply. Please apply.

[Josh Simmons] 00:11:17
So you can learn more about these by, there's a workshop, virtual workshop, being hosted by Strategic Growth Council for six of their funding opportunities, so there's also transformative climate communities, extreme heat and community resilience, and sustainable agricultural lands.

[Josh Simmons] 00:11:33
conservation opportunities that are also funding opportunities that your tribe may be interested in, as well as community resilience centers. So, there are... the first four will be coming... being covered at 1pm on June 24th, and then the Tribal-specific ones that we just mentioned will be covered at 3 p.m.

[Josh Simmons] 00:11:54
Okay, so then, moving on to some policy and regulatory advocacy topics.

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:01

So the energization proceeding, the SATCA became a party, we filed for interveninger compensation. Comments were filed on April 30th. We actually filed reply comments

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:16
Is Michael Burr here?

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:20
He is not. We filed reply comments. Amy, do you recall?

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:25
At the end of last week, right?

[Amy LaFrance] 00:12:28
Yeah, May 28th.

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:29
Yeah, so appreciate we... I forgot...

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:32
Responses from a significant number of Tribes that looked at it, and...

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:37
Provided their feedback, mostly just saying that they were in agreement, and, so, we are hopeful that it will lead to some firmer requirements for the utilities, in terms of them providing electric service to Tribes and others.

[Josh Simmons] 00:12:53
And we will update you as we, as the, as the proceeding progresses.

[Josh Simmons] 00:13:00
So we, in terms of rights of way, I was supposed to meet with the BIA yesterday, but I got, I got, stood up, the regional, the, regional, office,

[Josh Simmons] 00:13:12
Ryan Hunter, the regional administrator, was

[Josh Simmons] 00:13:16
first rescheduled from Friday to Monday, and then he didn't show up to yesterday's meeting, so I assume something came up, but he wanted to kind of check in, and this is... we were going to work with him on, getting,

[Josh Simmons] 00:13:29

More widespread adoptants of the, kind of, temporary easements approach.

[Josh Simmons] 00:13:34
So at the same time, we still are looking for a tribe that's experiencing delays in obtaining a BIA right-of-way with San Diego Gas and Electric, or it could be Edison, and that we would...

[Josh Simmons] 00:13:50
really like to be able to support a tribe in pursuing the temporary easements and doing that through... through the BIA's regs, so that we can get it, to be

[Josh Simmons] 00:14:05
we get documentation that BIA has accepted this as an approach. So please email me if... if you are pursuing a right-of-way right now that you need... that you're either experiencing delays with, or you need to get really fast, and don't think you're going to be able to get a full right-of-way in time.

[Josh Simmons] 00:14:24
Rob?

[Rob Roy] 00:14:27
Josh, I remember at that meeting that we had over at Paula, I can't remember the lady's name that was there from the BIA, but she had expressed some concerns about this, you know, the temporary easement, and said she was going to look into it. Did you ever hear any... get any follow-up from her?

[Josh Simmons] 00:14:44
Well, she's at the Southern California Agency Office, and as a staff member, Ryan Hunter is actually the regional administrator for all of the offices. So we're trying to go directly to the top and work through this. So, you know, he... the latest was we,

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:05
he... we talked about having this go in front of a Solicitor General, over there, or one of their... one of their solicitors, to essentially review it, and...

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:17
you know, confirm that it's a viable pathway for these temporary easements. So, we're working on that strategy. If I can, you know, hopefully get the meeting gets rescheduled again, and I can talk with them this week or next week.

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:29
I didn't touch base on that, but I... I think, Rob, the thing is, is, like, it's going to be...

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:36
I think somewhat theoretical, until we actually have a...

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:41
Specific, like, we work on one of these, with a tribe that's pursuing easements right now, or our rights of way right now.

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:51
To basically prove the concept. I mean, we've... we have had Tribes like Morongo and others do temporary easements under this authority, but we still have this kind of...

[Josh Simmons] 00:16:04
you know, we have each... the utilities kind of treating these each as one-offs and negotiating each one of these separately, so if we can... if we can go through the BIA process and show that this is a, you know, a proven thing, then we... the utilities don't have that excuse anymore. Does that make sense?

[Rob Roy] 00:16:21
Yeah, sounds good, Josh. I know that trying to get a meeting with Ryan is very challenging right now. Just didn't know if the SCA might also be able to assist. You know, like, you know, Karen had said.

[Rob Roy] 00:16:32
Morongu's been using this option for a number of years. Sounds like they've only used it with, what is it, PG&E, or... no, whatever the utility is that they have up there in Riverside County.

[Josh Simmons] 00:16:42
I'm assuming.

[Rob Roy] 00:16:43
like SDG&E was very hesitant to, you know, consider this, but it sounds like Morongu's kind of already set the precedent to do this, but, well, I hope somebody else will be able to move forward and follow up on this, try to push BIA to be able to

[Rob Roy] 00:16:57
You know, clearly established a precedent if Morongo actually already has it. It kind of seemed to me like they had, but... Thanks, Josh.

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:05

Yeah, no worries. I mean, I think the, you know, Bronco's doing it, and the... I mean, the BIA, frankly, their perspective is they're not gonna come back and...

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:13
tell a tribe they can't do...

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:15
You know, they can't... they're not gonna rela...

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:19
they're basically not going to manage these things for Tribes, and come back and tell them that that's unacceptable, at least, you know, from kind of the current people that are running BIA, from what they've told me, but...

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:30
At the same time, like, there's... there is an opportunity for us to get something in writing across the board if we... if we approach it appropriately, through... through the... the current regs.

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:42
So that's really what we want to do, so...

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:45
It's not a matter of just pointing to, oh, Morongo's done it, it's more of, you know, this tribe has done it, and BIA has explicitly provided written documentation that it's acceptable.

[Josh Simmons] 00:17:55
But that's within the tribe's authority.

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:02
Okay, all right, so then the next topic is the Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking proceeding. So we've talked about this a bit, quite a bit, including at the event in February at Paula. We're in the process of preparing supplemental comments that we're going to circulate to all of you, hopefully by the end of the week.

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:23
The big... the main part of it is really about the Office of the Tribal Advisor, and then introducing the Office of the Tribal Advocates.

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:33

So, these were... we have a messy... I closed it... a messy comment letter right now that, like I said, we're going to turn over to you.

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:43
We had some discussion on this last time, and we, you know, our... our,

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:49
CPUC regulatory attorney, you know, has kind of distinguished how the, you know, the advisor really is, like, a staff member that's advising the CPUC, and we want... we want there to be a advisor that's not necessarily an advocate, because

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:04
As an advisor, they can meet with all the commissioners and the different divisions and the executive team.

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:11
Versus there being advocate that's... that's taking a position, that would really be appropriate for an advisor, so that there... there'd be two. But I think one thing we want to emphasize in this letter is just, I don't know, I mean, I... I hope... I hope you all feel it, but

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:27
frustration that, you know, that the office remains vacant. And it's really... it's...

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:35
really, it's just... I think it's insulting to Tribes that they cannot have

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:43
a consistent person, they can't, you know, even at the events that are being held, they're not sending anybody there, so...

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:50
I think, as you all know, Tom Gates, who was CC's Tribal Advisor before, he's... he has not been coming to the events because he's not been allowed to come to the events. And so, it's just, like, it's...

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:04
It's a governor-appointed position, so I think that's part of the problem, too, and I want to work on, with you all, on kind of strategy, how we elevate this need and this... this significant gap.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:18

I am very worried that, you know, Commissioner Houck's term is up in, in February, and if we don't get any traction on this, that, like, you know, if Commissioner Houck is gone, and

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:34
Tom Gates is not allowed to go anywhere, and, you know, visit with any Tribes, then,

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:42
you know, what CPUC's efforts, you know, Tribal efforts are likely to fall flat. I feel like we have some momentum right now, but it's still... still is falling short. So, you know, this may need to be...

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:55
brought to the governor's office, they may need to be brought to the legislature, like, we need to be able to apply some pressure here, but any...

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:02
I guess any... any thoughts, specific thoughts on how to... to... to elevate this, or what... or also what you'd like to see?

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:18
Has anybody, you know, does anybody attempt to engage CPUC on any related matters?

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:26
Our RNA matters at all.

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:28
Outside of what tech does.

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:34
Yeah, so I think what part of the thing is, is, like, when, you know, CPUC is an avenue by which Tribes can

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:42
can potentially work with them on if they're experiencing issues with any of their CPC-regulated entities, so...

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:49
If you're experiencing issues with Edison, or SDG&E, or...

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:53

AT&T or, you know, you know, different broadband providers, that the, you know, CPC is supposed to be available to Tribes, so...

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:06
Okay, well, we'll circulate the letter so you can see that in more detail. It also... we're... for the Tribal land transfer policy, we're also advocating to add common carrier pipeline utilities and telecom utilities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:20
And a bit, you know, clarifying, I think, on the latter, the point a bit more. So it's not a very lengthy, supplemental comment letter, and so look out for that end of this week.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:40
Okay, so I wanted to just... I don't know who all was able to join the last TechX meeting.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:46
that focused on transmission, but there is this regional organization for Western Energy that is forming that is... ISO is going to be a part of it for certain purposes, and there are board nominations for RO, or the Regional Organization of

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:04
for Western Energy, the nominations are due June 30th. Part of the effort, that we... of the TechX meeting was to

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:14
ensure that Tribes are aware of what this is, and that they have an opportunity to be involved, because their involvement in this has been fairly limited right now. So I'm gonna just base... I'm just gonna share the slides that were shared by Western Resource Advocates.

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:33
So...

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:35
very briefly, but, you know, so Rowe is going to be a legal entity that's going to oversee the WEIM, that is the...

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:44
EDAM, so that is the day ahead markets. The, yeah, I'm a little bit out of my depth here. I should have put up definitions for those as well. EDAM and WEAM are the wholesale energy markets operated by KISA with voluntary regional participation.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:01
So it's how you participate in the markets, it's kind of based on timing, and it's how, you know, how you make procurements for the market. So, this entity, Roe, is now going to oversee that aspect of what was previously just within KISO's scope.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:19
So, yeah, sorry, WEAM is the Western Energy Imbalance Market, and the, EDAM is the Extended Day Ahead Market. So that... this is what... what Roe is now going to cover. KISO's still going to remain responsible for everything else.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:36
So this is what the governance looks like today with respect to California and KISO, and this is what it's going to look like now, as Roe is going to oversee WEAM and EDM rules.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:48
So, transmission planning is not going to change. Resource adequacy and interconnection will not change.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:59
Versus the regional markets. So, I basically just want to elevate this for you all. If this is of interest, or maybe of interest to your tribe, it really would be great to have there be Tribal representation on the RO board. I know the timing is kind of tight, and we're just starting to wrap our heads around what this is, but...

[Josh Simmons] 00:25:18
It seems, important to have Tribal representation perspectives in the kind of overall governance of these markets.

[Josh Simmons] 00:25:28
Chefs, I hope you're looking at something else, but I keep seeing.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:30
No!

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:32
No, no, no, I'm, I'm, exercising my eyebrows at this, specifically, just because it seems really, esoteric.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:40
I guess what I'm wondering is.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:45
You know, you'd be useful to have Tribal representation on this, but...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:50
How, like, why and how? Because...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:53
I know that I have no knowledge of any of this stuff, so it wouldn't be helpful, so...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:25:58
Who are our folks who are more...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:26:01
in line with this stuff that... that could be useful, I wonder.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:26:08
you know, Karen, I'll put you on the spot, because you do this stuff, or,

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:26:14
Yeah, I know Pechanga's not a member of Tech, but Peta Pitt at Pechanga would probably be great for this.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:26:21
It doesn't have to be somebody from, from, from tech. Sorry, Karen.

[kwoodard] 00:26:25
Thank you, Shasta!

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:26:28
I just... if... I don't want there to be a token Indian on this board, who then is not.

[kwoodard] 00:26:35
Okay.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:26:36
able to say what needs to be said, you know? So, that... I just want to see if we can get some idea of what this would entail, and what kind of knowledge it requires.

[kwoodard] 00:26:47

I agree, and I just want to say, Josh, thanks for breaking that down a little bit. I've been attending those Pathway meetings for probably, oh, I don't know, 6 months? And it's... it is very, very complicated, trying to figure out what all these KISO and,

[kwoodard] 00:27:04
How they all work together, so...

[kwoodard] 00:27:07
Yeah, I would be curious what you think the knowledge would be for this type of board position.

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:12
I'll pull up the link, but I mean, I don't... I mean, Kate, I think you might be... sorry to put you on the spot, but I... I mean, it's... it's... I think it, you know, it's import... the importance is for Tribes that are...

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:27
Involved in wholesale market procurements.

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:31
So, I mean, WAPA, including WAPA, but, and those that are kind of knowledgeable about those procurements, essentially, it's buying electricity, electrons, from, you know, outside of retail, and being able to buy it from, you know, somewhere across the state, somewhere outside of state boundaries.

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:51
From... from one of the hydro dams. So, I mean, Kate, would you... I think you... you may be the subject matter expert in the room here. Could... could you mind kind of trying to summarize what you think the relevance is for... for Tribes to be engaged in this?

[Kate Ellis] 00:28:04
Yeah, so, thanks for that. I would not, by any stretch of the imagination, consider myself a subject matter expert, but it is... we do have ambition to become a wholesale market participant, so this is something we're going to be monitoring.

[Kate Ellis] 00:28:20
I mean, I think it's just that, like, if you're going to participate in a market, you want to have input into how it's designed and, representation. I don't know...

[Kate Ellis] 00:28:30

that I'm interested in a board seat. I think I am gonna, you know, subscribe to the distribution list, and hopefully participate in some of the committee meetings,

[Kate Ellis] 00:28:40
I have talked to Peter about it, and I think he has more... even more interest and more bandwidth, so I do think he's expecting to engage, to an even greater extent than what I will be.

[Steven] 00:28:58
This is Steven Moss. I just wanted to throw out that a couple of issues that might be a little hidden, that could be of interest.

[Steven] 00:29:05
Or any kind of economic development nexus, if any Tribes want to develop power supply sources, or want to have access to a transmission grid because they want to develop some kind of economic development

[Steven] 00:29:18
play. I'll say data centers, not that they're popular, but that some Tribes want that. So there's kind of a nexus between economic development and potentially being a supplier of power that some Tribes might be interested in.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:34
Appreciate that, Steven.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:35
And Steven, I didn't realize you were here, too, before the other topics as well. Was there anything else on the CPC-related stuff that I didn't cover that you think is worth.

[Steven] 00:29:45
No, you did an excellent job.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:48
Thank you for that.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:29:50
It's the supplements.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:52
Supplements, yep.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:53
supplements for the supple... supplemental letter we're gonna submit. So, I mean, it's... ultimately, it is... it is somewhat an esoteric, like, specialized area that, I mean, I think it's, you know, tech itself is building capacity in these areas to be able to better understand and

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:12
you know, position, Tribes to influence these things, and influence it on behalf of Tribes as well. So,

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:22
Anyway, just wanted to ensure that, you know, our member Tribes are aware and take advantage if they wanted to. I definitely, you know, agree that it could be a lift, especially if it's not of strong interest for a tribe, or if, you know, capacity or expertise is limited.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:40
There are other opportunities to participate, so they have a public meeting the fourth Friday of each month. They have a stakeholder distribution list, so these are in the slide deck, these are also

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:53
Full tech board, sorry, the full TechX recording and slides are available.

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:02
on our website now, right? Hopefully?

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:05
So Serena's nodding her head, so I believe they're now on our website. And that... is that somewhat recent announcement where we have, like, our... all of our archive meetings and stuff like that published, correct? Yep.

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:18
Okay, so kind of related to this, we covered this last time, so I don't think we need to revisit it, but I'll just pause for a moment in case anybody wants to raise anything. You know, we are pursuing that DOE Unleashing Tribal... planning on pursuing the DOE grants for

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:37
Doing a study and planning initial formation of an interTribal power authority.

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:41

so we had talked about, you know, this could be... this power authority.

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:47
we wanted to be kind of flexible to meet the needs and kind of scalable. It, you know, could help and support

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:54
Tribes operating Tribally-owned electric goods, that if it's done at scale, could make more sense, but that may not necessarily be anything feasible in the near future. But, you know, developing utility-scale energy projects and

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:11
and community scale. Wholesale market participation, being able to do more and expand policy and regulatory advocacy. This entity could be a service provider for doing operations and maintenance for solar and storage, microgrids, and EV infrastructure.

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:30
support economic development activities, including, you know, development and services businesses, and provide training and workforce development. So...

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:40
Anyway, we covered this last time. I think it was a fairly comprehensive list, but just want to raise it back up if there's anything beyond this that anybody really thinks that this... they would like to see this... this InterTribal Power Authority do.

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:52
Please raise your hand or drop it in the chat.

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:56
Or unpause and speak.

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:58
No.

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:05
Okay, as we progress through that, I would like to be in a position to also share a bit more about the scope of work.

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:16
Okay, so SoCal Ren enrollment's open. We are... we do have a number of tries where we've been talking with about, and engaging in this program, and, you know, I think,

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:27
We'll be reaching out to Tribes individually and following up on next steps, and this is for

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:33
really direct... I mean, it's going to provide direct funding for energy efficiency measures, but it'll also support with

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:40
resilience planning, so it can support planning community microgrids and facility microgrids, and really, it's meant to be customized, and it can include support for Tribes in getting funding as well. So a tribe could say,

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:55
you know, we want to pursue X grant or X funding for deploying a microgrid, and this, the resultant proposal that would provide that assistance for your tribe at no cost. So, please keep that in mind, and that's similar for the SD Rent program, which is a little bit further behind in launching.

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:13
That this could be a means by which

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:18
your tribe could get assistance through tech or beyond tech in going out and securing funding, doing the analysis and going out and securing funding for energy projects, but that it does provide direct funding for, in some cases, no cost, direct install for energy efficiency measures.

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:37
Serena, is there anything you want to help guide you on?

[Joe Wier] 00:34:41
Yeah, is this... is this, you know, small measures or large measures? Are we talking, like, lights and appliances? Are we talking, like, new windows, roofing?

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:53
I don't think roofing is, I don't know about windows. I mean, in terms of, like, it can cover... it's not for residential, except for multifamily. I'll just provide that caveat.

[Josh Simmons] 00:35:06

Unless, Seren, you're... unless you're seeing it differently, if that's my understanding, at least at this point.

[Sarina Galeano] 00:35:11
In both family, we have the EBD program, for LA. Yeah, and there's some San Diego Tribes in there as well.

[Josh Simmons] 00:35:17
Yeah, there's equitability decarbonization that can provide electrification of... measures for...

[Josh Simmons] 00:35:25
you know, gas and other, other fossil-based appliances. But this is mainly for non-residential, and it could be small building, it could be large, it can, it can be, you know, HVAC systems, can be lighting, it can be.

[Joe Wier] 00:35:41
Insulation and drywall.

[Josh Simmons] 00:35:44
Yeah, so I think it's... it's to a degree, it's like there's a list of measures, and then there's also ways to develop, like, a customized package, too. So I think the intention is to work with each tribe, on, you know, an initial set of facilities, that, you know, then come back and do other facilities, and there's going to be some things that are, like.

[Josh Simmons] 00:36:03
Okay, you can swap out a water heater, like, for no cost, right away for a smaller building. But, you know, for larger facilities, it might... it might be, you know, might support upgrading boilers, it might support...

[Josh Simmons] 00:36:16
upgrading pumps, you know, so if you don't have variable speed pumps or, you know, the most latest efficient pumps. So, I think ultimately we want to engage with each of the eligible Tribes, so for... between SoCal REN and SDREN, it's only going to be the Tribes that are served by

[Josh Simmons] 00:36:35
San Diego Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison, or SoCalGas. So, if the tribe's not served by

[Josh Simmons] 00:36:43

and one of the ILUs, they wouldn't be eligible. That's only probably about 2 or 3 of our member Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:36:49
And Serena's saying, actually, there is a single-family program for SD-Ren. So, SD-Ren's program is, like, kind of just launching, like, the Tribal program is launching before a number of the other programs, have actually launched, so we will...

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:05
Be providing more information as we

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:09
As we get it. So I don't know that window replacements is specifically going to be allowable, but we will ask.

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:20
Does that help, Joe?

[Joe Wier] 00:37:21
Yeah, thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:23
Speaking of that, Austin, you wanna... share about the TPEC?

[Austin Sonnier] 00:37:31
Sure, yeah, thanks to everyone who's been joining the virtual energy efficiency trainings.

[Austin Sonnier] 00:37:36
Tomorrow and Thursday are the in-person Tribal energy planning and efficiency sessions. There's a resource rendezvous that'll have, some staff from the California Strategic Growth Council, San Diego Community Power, National Laboratory of the Rockies, SoCalRen, Center for Sustainable Energy.

[Austin Sonnier] 00:37:55
grid alternatives, and more. And then on Thursday, there'll be an in-person energy audit of multiple Tribal facilities. Both of these are at Paula, and there's still room for a few more spots, so please email me if you're interested and able to come. I'll drop my email in the chat.

[Austin Sonnier] 00:38:13
Thank you so much.

[Josh Simmons] 00:38:15
Austin, does that registration link work?

[Austin Sonnier] 00:38:19
Yes, it is, so you can register there as well, just because the event's tomorrow, an email or registering is fine. I'll monitor the registration link as well.

[Josh Simmons] 00:38:31
Okay, yeah, if you put it in there... so you mentioned, I think, you know, so the all-day audit, too, it's going to be at... we're going to be at Paula, so we're... we're... Paula's kind of our guinea pig for doing the audit for some of the facilities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:38:44
But this is a demonstration of the type of audit we've been doing that's going to be available for facilities for each of your Tribes. So, so the process for these... the programmings usually is going to be...

[Josh Simmons] 00:38:55
Let's, you know, talk with you about your needs and prior... your energy-related needs and priorities, and then from there, you know, if energy efficiency is something that your tribe wants to pursue.

[Josh Simmons] 00:39:06
What are kind of the priority facilities, the priority buildings, and then we'll likely get your bills and your utility data and analyze those and try to

[Josh Simmons] 00:39:17
prioritize the higher usage, higher cost facilities in terms of your energy costs. And then the next step from there is going to be then, you know, likely getting out there, doing a site visit, and potentially a full energy audit to look at

[Josh Simmons] 00:39:32
look at your HVAC systems, look at your lighting, look at your envelope, look at your water heating, look at all the things in your facility that could be available for measures, and then we take the information, the nameplates of those... of the different things that you have installed.

[Josh Simmons] 00:39:47
And, the auditors would go out and identify options for upgrades, and then what incentives are available. In some cases.

[Josh Simmons] 00:39:55
like I said, for, like, water heating, it might be that they can... it's actually completely free.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:00
no-cost direct install measure. In other cases, it would be likely, you know, a percentage or a certain amount per kilowatt or kilowatt hour saved, or something like that. And there are single-measure ones.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:15
That can be covered, but there's also, if you do, like, a package of measures at once, you can actually get a higher incentive rate as well. So, we're looking forward to working with Tribes on these, and, you know, please...

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:26
Hopefully you can join us, and then otherwise know that regardless, this program is available to you, and as we progress, we'll provide more information, but if you're really eager to go, let us know, and you'll be one of the first

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:37
That we, work with.

[Sarina Galeano] 00:40:41
And I'll just quickly add, Serena V and I will be there to greet you all tomorrow, and we can share more information in person, and I'll make sure I print out the measure list as well, so we can review that together if you have questions.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:52
Yeah, and if you're able to join for the audit on the 4th, I will be there as well.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:56
I won't be there on the third, though.

[Josh Simmons] 00:41:02
Okay, I'll turn it over to Jonathan for the Tech, Economic, and Workforce Development Program updates.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:41:09
Awesome, thank you, Josh, and hello everybody, good morning. I've got 4 slides here. I'm hoping to make this as conversational as possible. Over the last month or so, we had our initial

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:41:23
advisory board meeting for the innovation ecosystem that I'd like to share, you know, some comments and highlights on. And then also, we've just kind of begun to engage with a number of

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:41:35
of startup clean tech companies, and I just wanted to share what we were thinking about, what kind of categories are coming in, and just sort of, once again, sort of elicit a little bit of feedback, if there's any you think are maybe worth pursuing.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:41:49
But of course, first, I mean, the thing that we're prioritizing, I haven't shared this before, but I do want to kind of clarify that.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:41:56
At the top of our team's list is these, is this no-cost business development services that we have for the Tribes.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:42:04
And so this is everything from if there's a business opportunity, that you're evaluating or you'd like to evaluate, that we've got a team that we're kind of building out, that's able to support that review. And at the same time, if you have, whether it's an existing business or any new business ideas, you know, we offer business development support

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:42:22
We've had a number of conversations, you know, over the last month, and I think in each one, we've had at least one idea, if not, you know, multiple ideas of areas where we could feasibly help. And so it's been really exciting for me to get to meet more and more people, and to kind of have more programs here that we can work on.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:42:40
So, we've now got, you know, a few, active business development support requests that we're working on, and if you know anybody, or if you have any ideas, please, please don't hesitate to reach out to kind of schedule an initial meeting, or let us know here in the chat.

[Josh Simmons] 00:42:56
And then, Jonathan, I know it's always, you know, fine balance to kind of share information about these without revealing too much, but I want to try to

[Josh Simmons] 00:43:04

make it a bit more tangible. So in one instance, these are all in the realm of climate and energy. In one instance, a group

[Josh Simmons] 00:43:13
energy-related group approached the tribe about leasing some land to deploy an energy facility, and it was really about evaluating the, you know, at least the prospective rate of return on that, the prospective impact to the tribe and its electrical grid that it otherwise needs to serve other operations as well.

[Josh Simmons] 00:43:31
you know, there's been, I think, one or two Tribes that are kind of developing small businesses that have sought, kind of, feasibility and business planning support. Another tribe has some existing facilities that there are actually... they have some existing land that they're leasing out.

[Josh Simmons] 00:43:51
To somebody else right now, and the tribe is supplying the power for them using fossil fuel-based generators, and we're evaluating, kind of, the leasing arrangements and the

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:01
power supply options and costs for them, for kind of the ongoing, you know, viability of that, of that business option.

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:11
So, just wanted to kind of provide some... some color on the types of opportunities, but I think, yeah, there's been, I think, 5... 5 so far. So, we initially thought we were going to have, like.

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:22
be bringing to you more external opportunities, but we're finding that a number of Tribes are taking advantage of this to just evaluate opportunities that are coming to them, or

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:37
that they're working on already, and that's what we want to be here for. Like, if that's ultimately what's of most use.

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:37
and most service, that's where we want to be dedicating our time and effort, and I think we've been receiving positive feedback on what we've been able to do for Tribes and doing, you know, the business planning and due diligence.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:44:55
Yeah, thank you, Josh. I just... I'm trying to create a little bit of space here so that people can reach out or say anything if they have any questions or comments.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:45:03
Well, we can go to the next slide, I think.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:45:06
So, we had our first advisory board meeting for the Innovation Ecosystem. This is a group of external people. There are quite a few, or at least 3 here that have prior experience working with Tribes, but a lot of them don't.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:45:21
I thought the meeting was awesome, and thank you to everybody on the call here who was able to join.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:45:27
We had 100% attendance from everybody on the... from every external advisory board member that had said that they wanted to join.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:45:34
Along with 7 member Tribes present, more than had, more people than had originally reached out and said that they wanted to join, so it was great. We went, you know, 15 minutes over, I think there was really good discussion, and so I thought, you know, overall, I was, really excited about how the meeting went.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:45:54
I think what was clear, and this is just maybe the one point I wanted to kind of highlight here from the meeting, is that all of the external advisory board members that didn't have previous experience working with the Tribes had specifically said, hey, we want to know more. We want to know more about how to engage. We want to know more about,

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:46:10
What the capabilities and constraints are, so we can provide, you know, better... better feedback, better strategic guidance.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:46:16
And, you know, with that, you know, between... between Shasta and a number on the call that shared information directly, we're also getting... we're still working on

getting some information from Dr. Ramon Sanchez, who has got a program kind of built up for the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:46:36
But I think overall, the spirit was good, and there's a lot of great content, and willingness to kind of work together there.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:46:44
The other... the other piece that I think came out of that is... is there was, some... some commentary about needing to kind of raise some more of the awareness about what the innovation ecosystem is doing within the SCTCA Tribes. So that's just something I kind of wanted to highlight here, in case anybody has any suggestions on who else we could be talking to, that we haven't already kind of connected with, or what kind of questions you have.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:47:08
That we can, you know, begin to address.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:47:12
So, with that, you know, maybe I will want to pause

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:47:17
And just to see if anybody has any comments or any other, suggestions. Shasta, you were there. Anything that you would share with the group here?

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:47:30
Usually, I'm not at a loss for words, so let me think. Yeah, I found it to be a useful meeting, and I had offered to help some of our advisory board members who have not worked with Tribes before get a little bit of a crash course in some of the unique

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:47:47
Details of what it means to work with... with Tribes and Tribal governments, and...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:47:52
I want to encourage people to take advantage of this. It might seem a little bit nebulous, but if you have some sort of project that is meant to

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:48:01
focus on economic development, or some new strategy to support your tribe, and you have any questions about it, this is a really great opportunity to take advantage of to make sure that you really understand

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:48:16
The nuances and maybe the barriers and pluses and minuses, pros and cons, whatever you want to call them.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:48:24
And making sure that this is a good project to move forward on, or a good opportunity.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:48:31
I'm just a cynical person, and I always assume people are out to screw you, and so this is a way to help.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:48:38
Find out, you know, and be sure that you're doing the right thing.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:48:46
Thank you, Shasta.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:48:49
So, the next Monday, or the next meeting is next Monday, June 8th, from 2 to 3 p.m, so please let us know in the chat if you're interested. And if there's anybody else, I think there were a couple comments, too, at the last meeting that,

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:49:02
They thought that other members of the tribe should, should, should call in or listen, you know, please, this is just a friendly reminder to, to reach out to them or reach out to us.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:49:10
So we can, share the meeting invite.

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:14
Jonathan, do we... do we... are we going to share an email with the Tribes to let them know and invite them to participate if they want?

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:49:20
Yes, we'll send another... well, yes. Yes, we will.

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:24
Okay. I'll also just add, too, that

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:28

You know, what we are trying to set up is an opportunity for Tribes to

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:33
Kind of be at the forefront of going out and identifying opportunities,

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:39
you know, like, being proactive in the sense that I feel like, in many cases.

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:45
Tribes are kind of being approached.

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:47
by outside groups with business opportunities, some of which they're pursuing, and, you know, I think we want Tribes to really be

[Josh Simmons] 00:49:57
In the driver's seat on this, where, you know, Tribes have interest in, you know, business development generally, and then maybe in specific topic areas, and so, you know, this is an opportunity for us to, like, be in a position where, you know, we can mine what is out there in terms of, you know, startups and new businesses and technologies.

[Josh Simmons] 00:50:17
and all that. And then, too, you know, if the tribe is just interested in, kind of, overall business economic development, and we identify, kind of, the areas the tribe is interested in, I think what we want to see is that the Tribes

[Josh Simmons] 00:50:29
Are, you know, having...

[Josh Simmons] 00:50:32
Systematic evaluation of opportunities, that they're looking at all key aspects of the opportunities, the, you know, the financial, the supply chain, workforce, you know, the economic analysis, the

[Josh Simmons] 00:50:45
the market conditions, and so on and so forth. And then the Tribes evaluating against other comparable opportunities as well. I think that's what I see happen often, is that a tribe is approached by one person or one group.

[Josh Simmons] 00:51:00
And that one person or one group doesn't face any competition

[Josh Simmons] 00:51:05
From anybody else, or any evaluation against anybody else?

[Josh Simmons] 00:51:09
too. So, we ultimately want this to empower Tribes in their economic decision-making and their ventures, that they're ultimately, you know, in control of these things, as opposed to, you know, outside parties coming in, steering the ship on these ventures.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:51:29
Thanks, Justin. I think that's a perfect kind of segue to the last two slides here, and I don't mean to necessarily spend a ton of time on either one of these, but I did want to kind of raise a little bit about what we're doing on that point about going out and talking to companies.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:51:41
There is no shortage of companies out there that are interested in engaging with the Tribes, right? So the question is kind of how?

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:51:49
And one of the things that we're looking to, and this is kind of touched on on the next slide a little bit more, is, you know, just how can we make any kind of partnership as valuable as possible for the Tribes? And so that's something that we're really trying to think about here.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:52:03
The, you know, in a relatively short period of time, you know, there's a number of companies that we've just kind of identified and beginning to kind of do some light engagement with, just to kind of explore where what they're interested in.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:52:17
And I kind of wanted to just... none of the companies here really matter by themselves, but it's the... the sort of market segment that they're in that I thought I would just sort of share, because it does span, you know, a pretty decent range here, between one company there at the top that's doing affordable residential homes, they're...

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:52:36
the two pieces of this particular business that I thought were interesting is, number one, this is prefab construction to kind of bring the cost down as much as possible.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:52:44
Tied with, like, a community utility hub, and so the intent is that these houses would be built together, and that they would have, the equipment to store and treat wastewater, and also to, you know, have backup power generation available.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:53:01
balanced between the community, kind of broadly. And so you have, you know, housing companies.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:53:08
And you've got environmentally friendly building materials. I might maybe highlight that first one there, a company called BuyFusion. They have a dual business model where, on the one hand, they are specifically setting up a business to recycle plastic materials that are hard to recycle.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:53:27
And they were thinking, well, if there's excess power available, that that's an easy manufacturing facility to set up.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:53:33
You know, and then you can turn out these, building blocks, which are, you know, you wouldn't build a house, a multi-store house with necessarily, but are good for retaining walls and other kind of building materials to try to take some of the carbon emissions away from, you know, using cement or other types of traditional building materials.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:53:50
So, you've got building materials, there's residential energy efficient technologies, electric transmission technologies, all the way down to the bottom where it's

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:54:01
This was a natural hydrocarbon remediation technology, so these are natural enzymes that they've developed and cultivated, you know, that break down any kind of hydrocarbon left over.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:54:15
From a spill, much quicker than the existing technologies that are on the market today, and so...

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:54:22

I didn't necessarily think all of these would bring direct value, the tech themselves, to the Tribes necessarily, you know, but that we could create partnerships where there is good value.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:54:33
But before I go on to that, I just kind of wanted to pause for a second, and once again, like, just ask if there's any technologies or market segments that, you know, for anybody on the call here that says, oh, that's actually interesting to us, we'd like to, you know, you know, we're interested in the affordable residential homes, or any of the other, say, market segments.

[Josh Simmons] 00:54:55
I guess I would encourage people also to... if there's other market segments, I put some in the chat.

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:00
that I think are worth focusing on, and there have been some prior companies, like Energy Storage.

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:06
microgrids, electric vehicles, and I don't think particularly

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:10
I want to see advances in vehicle-to-building and vehicle-to-grid, and advanced solar panel technology.

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:16
to, I think, yeah, ultimately, Jonathan, I think what we're looking for is, like, where... where... where do you all want us to... to potentially be kind of looking out for, or focusing more so and looking for opportunities?

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:55:33
We can go to the next slide, but please don't hesitate to share, either now or if a thought pops in, to email us later.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:55:40
This is the last one for me, and it's just kind of building a little bit on that last... on the conversation we've been having here, but amongst these companies, you know, the things that just popped up over a 5-10 minute conversation.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:55:50

you know, spanned everything from technology pilot projects, to manufacturing and warehousing, product demonstration sites, or even direct investment. That company at the bottom's looking for direct investment, a lead investor.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:56:03
This is kind of what we have envisioned so far would be of interest to the industry. The way we're thinking about the value here, I just kind of wanted to, once again, highlight this and just ask for any kind of feedback or thoughts.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:56:18
But you have, you know, with technology pilot trials, I think, like we've mentioned previously, you know, this is, faster product validation is... really creates strong value, and I think we can negotiate, you know, for equity in the company. And these are... these are startup companies, so there's some risk in that, right? But that...

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:56:34
That, that has the potential for good payoff, if we can provide value around the technology pilots.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:56:40
Manufacturing and warehousing on the other side, right, is sort of if the infrastructure exists, you know, is a simpler sort of commercial lease agreement with sort of immediate revenue, and potential work side up, you know, workside opportunity upside.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:56:54
Which I think is interesting.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:56:56
the product demonstration site, I also really like this as sort of, just kind of creating a relatively new business where, you know, feasibly, a company could come and host. In fact, one... that company, INDT, there, was specifically interested in setting up a demo site where they could bring their potential customers to see it work.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:57:14
In the hope that it helps their sales.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:57:17
We can set up some kind of agreement, whether that's just a revenue for the, you know, or for the land use, or building use, or something else that kind of extracts a little bit more value there for what we're providing.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:57:27
And of course, there's investment, which is one of those high-risk, high-reward, topper type opportunities.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:57:34
So we've got options, and I think every time we go out there, we're learning a little bit more.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:57:40
And so just my last question here is just if there's any

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:57:43
partnership models that you think we should prioritize, and maybe a part B of that question is just if there's anybody else that, you know, from your Tribes that we should be talking to about any of this.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:01
I'm gonna add a few thoughts,

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:04
Thank you for this. I think this is really great to be considering for, possibilities for... for Tribes. I think another thing that would be helpful

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:14
Would be potentially for our tech Tribes to have some, planning done for what they might be able to offer.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:24
In terms of what these companies need, So, I'm thinking things like...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:30
what kind of land is available, what kind of infrastructure might be available. We know that for some of these, they might need, say, closer access to an interstate to be able to ship things, if that's what's necessary.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:46
What about, you know, electricity availability, and water, and...

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:58:52
just an overall kind of plan for what a tribe has, so that a company would know, okay, here's what we need, and you have these things. You have flat land, or you have sloped land, or, you know, how can we make this

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:59:09
work, because otherwise it, it feels like, it's not as It's not as actionable.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:59:16
if you get excited about something... thank you, Joe. Feasibility. That's... I knew I was looking for a word.

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:59:25
So that, that way, we're not... we're not wasting time on, oh, wow, what a great idea this is, and oh, whoops, you need, you know, 70... 72 billion acres,

[Shasta Gaughen] 00:59:35
And we don't... we only have 3.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:59:39
Yes, that was brilliant. Thank you. And certainly is kind of... You're so nice! Stop! Stop flattering me, my hands are so big already. No, no, no, no, no, no. I mean, to me, what we're doing is exciting and difficult, because this is... there are different, you know, different people here that we're trying to bring together and find common ground.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 00:59:56
And, and I definitely wanted to go out there and just kind of test and see if people were interested in talking. And it does seem like there's interest here, and at least in my own head, I can kind of feel... I feel like we can get some value out of it back to the Tribes. And so, I think it's a great...

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:00:11
Time to kind of come back and kick off those kinds of feasibility studies so we understand the capabilities across the different Tribes.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:00:19
I will talk internally, maybe about how we can go... best go about doing that, but Shasta, thank you for bringing that up.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:00:26
Yeah, and one, one, one last thing is also, just helping,

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:00:31
maybe having some sort of a basic primer for these companies on what can or can't be done on Tribal lands, because I think a lot of the assumption is that, oh, it's Tribal land, we can do whatever the heck we want.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:00:42
There's no oversight, there's no permitting, there's no, you know, blah blah blah, and that might be true from a local level.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:00:48
But there's still stuff, and then, of course, Tribes have their own ordinances, environmental rules about how development can be done. So we want to make sure that we have that understanding, because I know probably everybody on here who works for a tribe has had

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:01:03
you know, Yahoo's cold-called him and say, hey, can we build a fusion reactor on your land? We don't even need permits! And I'm like, go away. How'd you get this number? So...

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:01:15
Yeah.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:01:16
No, thank you for that. All this kind of... all this feedback, and to Joe, and Alexa, it's just... this is really helpful for me, as well, so thank you.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:01:26
I'm gonna put those at the top of, you know, on the relative top of the list for us to kind of chip away at. I think it's important for the innovation ecosystem, so thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 01:01:37
Yeah, and I'll just add, like, you know, as we work more and more with each tribe, like, what we're trying to do is, like, we also understand, like, you all have limited time and bandwidth and all that, too. We're trying to kind of...

[Josh Simmons] 01:01:50
be able to do matchmaking based on what we know about each tribe. So, to the extent that we're kind of building out our profiles of each tribe that encompasses economic development, also the other areas, it allows us then, when an opportunity comes up, to, like, we don't want you to waste your time considering opportunities that are not of relevance.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:09
And the more information we have about your tribe and its situation, the better we can do to kind of do that matchmaking that will kind of

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:19
you know, curate them for your tribe. Also say, too, it's like.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:24
You know, we're not... we're realistic here, like, we're not expecting that, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:29
these businesses are all, like, likely winners or successes. Like, you know, among the 100 we scan and engage.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:37
You know, we're probably anticipating, you know, 5-10% are actually going to turn into viable, viable businesses. So that's part of the process, too, where we're trying to really, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:47
look at these... these companies, and who... who... who are better prospects, who are better prospects for, kind of, meeting some Tribal needs, as well. And so, like, that's kind of our effort on our end, too, to, to curate this.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:05
Okay, so I see we have, August here, from Methune.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:13
And, I'm gonna jump ahead to...

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:17
the, Tech Innovation Center planning. So, we're... we've been working on a draft facility design. I want to, you know, provide a few caveats up front, that, you know, we have a working draft, not a work draft, they're working... I can edit that in real time.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:35
And so, you know, based on some of the feedback and considerations of really the logistics of this, too.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:41
you know, we're not looking to have tech own or operate a facility. I mean, I think tech itself is serving Tribes throughout Southern California. There's not, like.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:51
You know, like, we, we...

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:53
want to be nimble and flexible at the same time. It's nice when we have our events to have a place to go to, and then build out some of our programming and all that in kind of a flexible, scalable way, but I, you know, would anticipate... I'm hoping that as tech grows, we start to see more

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:13
facilities that tech is using and collaborating with for Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:18
throughout Southern California, potentially beyond. So the facility itself is intended to be full-time space for the Paul Environmental Department and SCTCA.

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:27
I feel like, you know, from our standpoint, SCTCA, who, you know, this programming's under, does not actually have, like, a nice storefront area, so this is an opportunity for SCTCA to kind of.

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:43
grow in prominence, and all of your member... all of your Tribes are members of SCTCA. But this facility itself is essentially, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:52
serving as the full-time home for... for Paula and... Paula and Marble Department at CTCA, with event and innovation ecosystem space available to the Tribal Energy and Climate Collaborative.

[Josh Simmons] 01:05:05
Okay, so we initially discussed this at the 2025 summit, and some things we heard there are, you know, don't, you know, don't assume shared governance will function smoothly, so I think part of that, too, is

[Josh Simmons] 01:05:19
of us, of tech itself not owning and operating the facility, we kind of avoid that. Like, we want tech to be nimble and be able to operate in different places, but it's nice to have one that has some... some kind of customized, curated design that meets tech needs.

[Josh Simmons] 01:05:36
It's also, like, you know, the funding we're pursuing right now is the Community Resilience Center funding.

[Josh Simmons] 01:05:40
It's $10 million, and, you know, it's supposed to involve a year or so of programming. $10 million does not go that far in building a building, so we don't really have a massive amount of funding to build some massive facility. So, this is something that's, you know, meant to be as a starting point. I don't, you know, the other...

[Josh Simmons] 01:05:59
point, Amy, you kind of pulled from some of the feedback was.

[Josh Simmons] 01:06:03
you know, don't treat Tribes as a commodity or entry point for businesses. I mean, I think we definitely understand that, you know, loud and clear, and...

[Josh Simmons] 01:06:10
you know, certainly would not do that. I hope you don't think that, you know, tech itself is doing that. We would certainly provide barriers against that, but I think it goes back to some of the planning that we were talking about before, in terms of trying to empower Tribes to be proactive in leading the decision and development of its ecosystem, of its engagements with businesses and opportunities and stuff like that.

[Josh Simmons] 01:06:31
Some of the things we heard are, you know, do offer training and meeting space.

[Josh Simmons] 01:06:36
Consider startups, accommodate scaling and training, such as for EV infrastructure. We heard solar, and other areas as well. Connect to community outreach, education, and workforce development through partnerships. We had some asks for incorporating cultural and medicinal planning, and including space for additional planning.

[Josh Simmons] 01:06:55
So...

[Josh Simmons] 01:06:57
So, the conversation we're having today is not so much about the facility design itself. As I mentioned, we don't have a ton of space and budget to work with. Our kind of...

[Josh Simmons] 01:07:09
Main thing we want to have available is to a larger space to be able to do convenings and trainings, but also that has at least some starter-type incubator space that, you

know, can help support, you know, development of new technologies and do pilots and demonstrations and things like that.

[Josh Simmons] 01:07:30
And this is kind of the context. This is really... this is an 8,500 square foot facility, so it's not... it's not very large, at Paula, to the... to the west of... of the new gas station that's going in. We really want to focus the conversation on, kind of the programming. So, the Community Resilience Center grant.

[Josh Simmons] 01:07:50
has strategy programming areas that really align with a lot of what tech is already, you know, wanting to do and doing. So, you know, part of what they want to see is a mapping out of the programming for the first

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:04
year or so of what this facility, you know, is going to offer in terms of trainings, events, activities, so on and so forth. So, there are these seven strategy areas, energy resilience, water resilience, air quality, public health.

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:19
Nature-based solutions and food security, emergency preparedness and critical communications, mobility and access, and workforce development, education, training, and economic resilience.

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:31
So what we want to hear from all of you is, you know, please provide any feedback on any of this that you want, including facility design, if you so choose. But, you know, in terms of the programming itself, of what it's going to be offering to member Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:50
we're, you know, starting with using the starting point of the CRC grant strategies as the basis, and so, where did I...

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:03
So in the CRC grant guidelines, they have examples under each of the strategy of programs and services, and so what we'll likely do is we'll circulate this and ask for your feedback, but for example, under

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:21
energy, they have distribution... flyer distribution and an energy rebate program. So some of this goes beyond the facility itself and just, you know, things that are a function of tech.

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:30
Case management enrollment of community members in energy and weatherization energy assistance programs. Check, kind of. Information on programs like medical baseline. So, I think it's ultimately, like, we could circulate this and, you know, want to gauge you all in terms of the programming that is relevant to tech and could be done beyond

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:48
what this facility is doing, but, like, what particularly could be done, through this facility. So, Serena just shared the, the, PDF in... in the link, in the chat, sorry, the link in the chat. If you...

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:03
you go to it and then start on page 38. You can start to see these. And I just want to, you know, briefly open it up and see if there's any, you know, among these topic areas.

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:14
what any, you know, initial ideas or thoughts or things that you really particularly want to see included in its programming available to tech member Tribes?

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:10:40
Maybe that felt like a lot.

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:44
Yeah, so we have...

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:10:45
You know, look at these, if there's any one or two that pop out at you as like, yes, we really want training.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:10:51
And resources for... this.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:10:54
for air quality, for... for mobility, for whatever, because that's what this thing is going to be for. It's not just a new office for Shasta, but that's, you know, that's a nice part of it, but this is, how can we... how can we bring as many resources to bear as possible for what we're already doing with tech?

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:11:11

Using this, this facility.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:11:15
So if you had, like, if you had to pick one, you know, just put it in the chat. Strategy 3, Strategy 7, Strategy 6.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:11:22
5 and 7. Thank you, Joe.

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:30
Yeah, so we'll... we'll follow up with, I think we still have a few things on the agenda I want to leave space for, so we'll follow up, and I think, like, more, like, specific, you know, also kind of specifics, too. We'll try to extract out some of the examples and, you know, have you all say, we want to see training, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:49
We want to see, you know, we've heard before, basic kind of Energy 101-type training. We want to see, training on...

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:58
You know, how... how community members can

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:02
You know, purchase electric vehicles, and use electric vehicles in their home, or we want to see, you know, more information and training on

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:12
Bob.

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:16
You know, community... developing community gardens and, and, and,

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:21
Food sovereignty and security, and so on and so forth.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:12:25
Nobody's putting air quality in public health, which, fine, thank you guys for putting your stuff in the chat. And I want to remind you, the CRC stands for Climate Resilience Center, so every one of these strategies has a climate nexus to it.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:12:40

And, you know, I like number 3 because, you know, public health is... it really matters in the climate space right now, and of course, as the

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:12:46
Director of the Tribal Climate Health Project, public health with

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:12:51
you know, resilience to extreme weather events, you know, temperature and, poor air quality. Thank you, Joe, you put 3 in so that I wouldn't feel sad.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:13:01
My friend.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:13:05
I know, I know, Rob, you have a great manager, so you can come and do the training for us!

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:13:14
Oh, you guys are the best, thank you so much.

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:18
Yeah, so we'll follow up. Ultimately, like, we want, you know, as part of this process, we want to engage our member Tribes in developing the programming that this facility is going to be offering, so we'll be following up with some surveys and some other information that we hope to get your feedback on.

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:36
Thank you, Stone. Really appreciate that feedback.

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:47
Okay, so there's some events coming up. I'm gonna circle ahead, because we've still got 15 minutes left, and a fair bit of...

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:53
But I took that out. We still want to try to share plans if they want. So two... I want to highlight two input opportunities. Oh, I realize I skipped a bunch of things.

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:05
Well, let me, let me just tease this topic a little bit. I don't know that we're gonna have time to go in depth here, but I... we are, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:14

As... so tech itself has a variety of roles. So tech itself is... is, you know, we kind of are a member organization of the members of SCTCA Tribes are kind of the primary Tribes that we're serving. Tech is also a service provider. Like, we are being contracted to provide services that extend beyond

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:34
the member Tribes, in some cases, extend beyond, federal recognized Tribes to non-federal recognized Tribes, as well. And, you know, those things are subject to, really, the kind of scope and funding requirements of that. But, you know, we've been... I think there are...

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:50
Are other Tribes that have, seem interested in being engaged in tech.

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:56
And I think there's really an opportunity itself of... Of something where techs

[Josh Simmons] 01:15:03
not necessarily membership expands, but tech's scope itself expands. So, you know, putting aside tech as a service provider, and being able to essentially do programming on behalf under a grant, or on behalf of an agency for scope that's, you know, for that agency itself is...

[Josh Simmons] 01:15:21
that, you know, that perhaps looking into having a partner tribe model where Tribes that are non-SETCA Tribes can partner with tech.

[Josh Simmons] 01:15:32
And be able to participate in some regular meetings, and be able to receive some tech services and benefits, which are really typically defined by the

[Josh Simmons] 01:15:42
the scope of the funding of the funder itself. So, I mean, I think the reason we're... and this, you know, as the model stands itself.

[Josh Simmons] 01:15:53
you know, the tech member Tribes, the SETC member Tribes, remain the, you know, those that are exclusively able to vote on matters, if there's, you know, voting on matters, and be elected to the executive committee are really kind of steering the direction of tech. But, you know, the opportunity to

[Josh Simmons] 01:16:13

expand tech to include... to partner with Tribes throughout the state would make tech that much more of a magnet for funding. You know, in the state in particular, there is a lot of funding coming through to, you know, for statewide programming to engage Tribes more broadly.

[Josh Simmons] 01:16:31
And we're seeing that funding often go to groups that don't do it very well, and

[Josh Simmons] 01:16:37
You know, so I think it allows us to continue to be a magnet, you know, a significant magnet, and be the go-to for funding for agencies and organizations that want to work with Tribes, which would both increase our tech's capacity, including bringing in

[Josh Simmons] 01:16:53
Expanding tech... the, the expert... the on-demand expertise that tech...

[Josh Simmons] 01:16:58
has available, and also maintaining standing capacity of those different kind of capabilities and expertise. I think, you know, critically, this presents an opportunity for

[Josh Simmons] 01:17:08
tech to increase its influence. So, when tech is engaging in regulatory or policy proceedings, when it's advocating for something in the governor's office, or federally, you know, that tech itself can be doing it in partnership with, instead of, you know, 20-something tries, potentially, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:17:27
50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 Tribes, and be able to also partner with those Tribes that are...

[Josh Simmons] 01:17:36
more advanced in some areas, so I think the great benefit that tech provides to its membership is that we have Tribes with a lot of different experiences working on different things that, you know, create kind of that shared knowledge.

[Josh Simmons] 01:17:49
exchange and best practices and lessons learned. And so, to be able to work with Tribes, including those in Northern California that have different experiences.

[Josh Simmons] 01:18:00
You know, there's Tribes with different utilities and different authorities that they have, and so I think it just really kind of increases that knowledge exchange and

base. So, I just, like, we're just kind of teasing it right now, trying to get some feedback, but I'd love to... and we have the executive committee already, but I'd love to hear some thoughts from others

[Josh Simmons] 01:18:22
Here today, if you're all still with us in the last 10 minutes.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:18:35
Josh, I don't know if you said this, I got distracted for a second, but I just want to emphasize here that as far as the benefits of having some outreach and work with non-federally recognized Tribes, is that when it comes to state of California funding.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:18:51
their... their funding is always available to non-federally recognized Tribes, and so, for example, the, the Tribal Capacity Building Program

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:03
that SETCA got the Round 2 TA contract for.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:08
The... that funding is...

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:11
is also available to the non-federal Tribes, and so we... or I should say, the TA provision may already be for that particular grant to some non-federally recognized Tribes.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:22
So by including them, we expand our options as far as that state funding is concerned to give tech the

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:33
the basis that it needs, financially, to continue doing this work, because the state is going to continue making these opportunities available to the non-fed Tribes, and so it would be worthwhile for us to consider that.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:45
To make those funding streams more accessible for us as well.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:49
But I also understand from a political standpoint that, you know.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:55

Tribal leadership is not always, on board with,

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:19:59
with having the non-fed Tribes be involved in... in... Organizations like this.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:05
Chess, I've put a bit further thought into that, and I think initially, like, I actually kind of, while I initially said, you know, potential inclusion of non-federally recognized Tribes in tech as partner Tribes, I think that

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:18
that... I just... there's such distinct needs and interests, and... and just, like.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:23
you know, like, the kind of difference in, kind of, sovereignty between the two, that I actually think, in terms of, like, partner Tribes, that actually we would limit that to federally recognized Tribes initially, as we expand out, versus, like, distinguishing that from service. Like, tech as a service provider is, like.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:43
in a way, an organization available to be contracted to provide services that are going beyond its members and its partnership itself. So, you know, that, you know, tech...

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:57
would serve, I mean, you know, could serve non-Tribal entities, potentially down the road. It's not really our emphasis, versus, like, the partner Tribes that are involved in, kind of, you know, in the regular programming and, you know, we meet with regularly, we focus, kind of, services and benefits for,

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:15
So, anyway, there's obviously some discussion on this, as well, you know, that we're trying to kind of consider and think on the right kind of approach and path.

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:28
So, I guess any... we just want to kind of tease it out there, any... any...

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:33
Strong thoughts or opinions anybody wants to raise before we...

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:36
we... we move on. We'll definitely re-raise this topic as we... we think it through a bit further, and.

[Joe Wier] 01:21:46
Yeah, so non-federally recognized Tribes would be limited to just being a partner tribe. So no... no being elected to executive committees, and no voting rights.

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:57
Yeah, I mean, it's whether or not... whether or not a non-Fully recognized tribe could be a partner tribe or not, I think, is more like TBD. Basically, no non-SCTCA tribe would

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:08
I mean, so, we'll just, I guess, put this in context, too. It's like, tech right now exists, you know, is kind of functioning under SCTCA. SCTCA is the nonprofit is where the funding is flowing, the vast majority of the funding.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:22
is flowing through.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:24
In the near... in the near term.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:26
That's the best model for us. But in the long term, it might be that tech does evolve into its own entity, and that has

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:36
you know, membership and board that go beyond SCTCAs. Right now, Tech's board is SCTCA's board, in terms of membership, so we aren't really in a position to offer even federally recognized Tribes that aren't eligible to be members of SCTCA an opportunity to become, kind of.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:52
member Tribes in terms of being able to vote and, you know, being on the executive committee. So then it's for the partner Tribes themselves, those other federally recognized Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:04
you know, at minimum, would be able to be, you know, partner Tribes with tech without kind of, you know, the voting rights and stuff like that. Not that we have much. I mean, you know, we've had feedback that kind of creates this two-tiered system, and I don't, like, it's imperfect, but I think it's also...

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:23
like, we kind of need to see what interest there is in tech. Like, I think, like, you know, on the one side is, like, we need to be able to provide an partnership opportunity for these Tribes. It's appealing enough for them to want to join to become partners, and two, to see what level of engagement and interest there is before we consider

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:41
even evolving tech into its own entity that has broader membership itself. And then I think that, you know, the question would be, like, do we or don't we, you know, have

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:51
non-federally recognized Tribes be eligible for even partner Tribes or eventual membership versus, you know... and that's this thing from tech's role as a service provider, and we, you know, we ultimately are

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:04
a service provider, you know, under, you know, contract, sometimes based on the contract requirements. Does that... does that help, Joe?

[Joe Wier] 01:24:14
Yeah, that clarifies it, thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:20
Any other questions or thoughts on this?

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:26
I mean, in general, maybe we'll put a poll out eventually, like, I mean, is... is...

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:31
You know, is there... You know, interest in... in expansion.

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:39
I mean, I will say that, like, we would be doing so mindfully

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:46
in, you know, what we're not... ultimately, we see this as an opportunity to create more funding, more opportunities, and more benefits for our core SCDCA member Tribes. We're, you know, so we... we want to, I think, do this

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:01
More solely, organically, as opposed to, like, jumping into a new, different model.

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:11
Well, one thumbs up, at least.

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:13
Maybe we're just getting to the end where we've... fatigue people.

[Angie Hacker] 01:25:23
Maybe I could just chime in, but...

[Angie Hacker] 01:25:26
you know, along the same lines of what Shasta said, so, like, Prop 4, there's up to a billion dollars in technical assistance that's being allocated for that. A lot of that is intended to go to Tribes, and like Shasta's saying, it's not just federally recognized Tribes. So these solicitations, functionally and mechanically, go out at a statewide level.

[Angie Hacker] 01:25:46
And so that's sort of a mechanism to understand if we want to serve SETCA Tribes, we want to be able to access dollars that might be on a statewide basis.

[Angie Hacker] 01:25:56
And so, we wouldn't otherwise have access sometimes if we don't go after something at a statewide level. At the same time, I'm harping on SB54, plus pollution, huge component of technical assistance there, so tech is...

[Angie Hacker] 01:26:12
Out there is really well positioned, to do these kinds of things.

[Angie Hacker] 01:26:17
So long as... so long as we want to.

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:23
Well, Angie, that's a good segue. You can have the stage for a minute, if you can, so I can cover the other rest of the stuff here on SB54, and I don't see the event at RingCon here, isn't that also part of it?

[Angie Hacker] 01:26:38
I actually put it in the chat, so, thanks to RingCon, it looks like they are working with CalRecycle and other agencies to host an event on June 10th, and so that will be a hybrid event, actually, but it's an opportunity to provide input on the development of this.

[Angie Hacker] 01:26:53
Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund, which, like I said before, it's $5 billion over 10 years, and I think there's some real opportunity there to shape what gets funded and how it gets funded.

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:07
And so, I think folks in this room could help make the case of things that should be eligible activities that the state may not be necessarily thinking about, if it's looking too narrow or literally at plastic pollution prevention. I think there's opportunities for land back and

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:26
food sovereignty and potentially even clean energy, if we can get the right kind of momentum on the comments, that come to the state. And right now, because I'm kind of in the innards of it.

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:39
By July is the right time to get the first wave of our input in, because that's when they're going to start making decisions that affect the budget appropriations, so it's like, early stage is really the nice time to get your voice heard. So, June 10th is a good opportunity to do that, and then again.

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:56
We have... we're going to be submitting comments as well around, probably by the end of July, so you have an opportunity to, remark on those comments as well.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:09
Angie. Another input opportunity is, the CEC's Electric Program Investment Charge.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:16
I think so. Has a public, a plan. Their 2026-2030 investment plan public workshop is going to be on June 11th, and what I'm hearing is that there hasn't been enough... much Tribal engagement in the plan itself, and Tribes are being depri... potentially deprioritized.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:35
Here, so Epic has funded projects like, you know, energy storage systems at Suboba and Rincon, if you're probably familiar with the Blue Lake Rancheria microgrid, Epic funded that.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:46

As well, I would want to encourage you to attend, if you are available, to come to this workshop and advocate for there to be, you know, an emphasis in carve-outs for Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:57
I would say even carve-outs for all pilot demonstration and deployment funding opportunities, but, you know, specifically funding and assistance for R&D related for microgrids and energy storage.

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:07
solar, EVs, even training capacity building. So I'm going to attend, and would love to have some other, other participation there to be able to emphasize what you want to see, be included in EPIC funding, which I think is an opportunity, you know, significant funding opportunity.

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:27
Okay, so then there's a few other, well, let's see, we have our highlighted funding opportunities, our... and workforce development. You'll get all this in the slide deck afterwards.

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:39
And then also, I'll just mention, too, that our... we are making progress in launching the EV infrastructure program, where we just released an RFP for Viejas, who's been our pilot tribe in launching this program itself, where we're looking to deploy two to four chargers

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:58
for each tribe.

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:59
pairing that with planning, for infrastructure, EVA charger infrastructure and fleet transition planning, also workforce development and training opportunities for member Tribes. So we're hoping that the pilot program at Viejas is going to create a template for us to then use for other Tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:19
Well, appreciate everybody's time. We're at... we're at time right now. I'll pause and leave it open for a moment if anybody has any final thoughts or questions.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:36
Awesome. Well, thank you all. I hope you all have a wonderful day and week.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:30:41
Thanks, everyone!

[Austin Sonnier] 01:30:44
he wants.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:44
More details on the June 11th call.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:47
Yes, I will.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:50
Are you available for a quick call, Alexa?

[Alexa Martinez / Manzanita] 01:30:55
Yeah, I am. Thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:56
Okay, I'll call you real fast, and...

[Glenn Woodson] 01:30:59
Yes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:59
I assume I'm available. Thanks so much.

[Alexa Martinez / Manzanita] 01:31:01
Sounds good, thank you!

[Josh Simmons] 01:31:02
Thanks, bye.