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Meeting Transcript:

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:07

Thanks, everybody, for joining us today for our July TECC Board meeting.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:14
As a reminder, AI is not permitted, but we will share recording transcript and slides after the

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:24
Events after the TECC board meeting by the end of the week.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:28
Stacked agenda, as usual. I got that out.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:33
to you all moments before the meeting, so appreciate you all joining and bearing with us as we try to breeze through

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:42
Solves.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:44
We'll scan through our slides that are really for kind of new board members or tribes with new representatives joining.

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:51
our meetings. I think, Amy, I think there's some

[Josh Simmons] 00:02:56
Give any updates on stipend payments.

[Amy LaFrance, TECC] 00:03:00
We will be, the invoices are prepared and we'll be sending them out to the payers soon.

[Amy LaFrance, TECC] 00:03:07
Probably this week.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:09
Great. Thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:11
Again, just the slides that most of you are all familiar with. So the 1st topic on our agenda today is the Southern California regional energy networks.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:23
tribal community resilience program, and I've invited

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:27
Ivana Doran from the Energy Coalition, who Setca and trial energy climate collaborative.

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:35
I've been...

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:36
subcontracting under for some of this work. We are currently discussing a contract amendment to continue some of this work, and I wanted to provide Ivana with an opportunity to

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:49
share more information about this program upon

[Josh Simmons] 00:03:54
if you could share your screen, I think, is she allowed to.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:04:02
I just sent the request to share screen.

[Sarina Galeano - TECC] 00:04:05
Okay, let me take a look. Sorry.

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:16
And then just to be... to clarify, this is the... the Southern California Energy Network program is for tribes that are served by

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:24
Southern California, Edison and San Diego gas and electric. Sorry Southern California, Edison and Southern California Gas Company. We also have the San Diego regional energy network program

[Josh Simmons] 00:04:34
in that scope of work, and there's some similarities and overlap, but we wanted to particularly raise this one up right now. We'll talk more about some of the SD-WRM programming a little bit further in the agenda.

[Sarina Galeano - TECC] 00:04:50
Ivana, you should be able to share now. Perfect.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:04:59
All right.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:01
Is everybody able to see that okay?

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:04
OK, wonderful. Thanks for confirming. And thanks for having me. Yeah, so my name is Ivana Doran. I'm a program manager with the Energy Coalition, but here today representing the Southern California Regional Energy Network, or SoCalREN.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:19
for short, as Josh mentioned. But I'm here to specifically give an overview of our new Tribal Community Resiliency Program.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:29
So I'll do that for the next few minutes.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:33
Please stop me along the way for any questions or chat them. I didn't know who was familiar with SoCalREN, so I just included one slide as a very quick overview here. We have a large variety of energy efficiency programs for all of the different sectors that you see here.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:53
On top of the dedicated tribal program, tribes are also

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:05:57
eligible and welcome to leverage any of these, sector-specific services. Depending on your needs and wants, we would work with you to connect you to those folks.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:06:09
As Josh mentioned, anybody paying a Southern California Edison or gas bill, or SoCal gas bill is eligible, and note that our administrator is Los Angeles County, but it's a little bit...

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:06:24

of it's it's it's a little misleading. We actually cover 13 counties. They're just the the administrator for this program. We cover a broad range in Southern California. just one thing to note.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:06:41
Let's see, there's a couple things in the chat. Okay. I didn't I don't think I missed anything.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:06:50
All right, we can jump through. So, this is the Tribal Community Resiliency Program. We call it TCRP for short, because it's a mouthful. Again, it's newly launched just this year, and designed to be our dedicated tribal program.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:07:07
Designed with maximum flexibility in mind, but within the parameters of our funding from the California Public Utilities Commission, which is going to be energy efficiency. I'll go through a few examples of what it entails and what it doesn't, but essentially the goal of TCRP is to provide the most support that we can to tribes.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:07:28
in meeting your energy efficiency needs. You tell us what you need, we say, okay, you know, this is how we can help and align to build an initiative for you that we submit for funding.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:07:42
So there's dedicated funding too. The process includes collaborative planning, capacity building, and again, the culmination is this tailored initiative that's submitted for funding to LA County.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:07:58
So just a quick look at the framework, that TCRP supports. It's really structured around five meetings, that we build upon to come to this, initiative.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:08:12
That's submitted for funding, but again, there's flexibility. If 5 minutes... if 5 meetings aren't needed, if they can be

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:08:20
combined and stacked, that's, you know, that's allowable. It's going to be depending on

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:08:26

scheduling and availability and needs and all those good things. Each of the meetings are paired with a stipend, because we understand that travel time isn't free time, so we want to support with a stipend.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:08:40
In between meetings, we're going to be available. Our SoCalREN team, your team, Josh and Serena, you know, would be available for support for anything. And then, this is an estimate of the time frame that we would be working with, 3 to 6 months.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:08:57
period of time from the beginning and partnership building to a completed initiative that's submitted for funding again, only an estimate. If somebody was really motivated and said, we need it in 3 to 6 weeks. I think we could meet that need.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:09:15
And in some cases, it's taking longer. It just depends, you know, what the preference and the need is.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:09:25
A little bit more detail into what each meeting is going to entail. Again, the first goal being introduction and partnership building and understanding energy, tribal energy needs and gaps and priorities.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:09:38
And then basically everything thereafter is building this initiative that's intended to fill a specific gap and need.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:09:46
We've left the final meeting as, you know, reflection. We want your feedback. How can we change the process? It's not only going to be reserved for the final meeting, we really want that feedback throughout, but

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:10:00
Just to ensure that we... we have that time, you know, we... we have a dedicated time at the end, too.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:10:09
We do have an MOU Memorandum of Understanding process. Simply, it exists to be able to issue the stipend payments, at this time. It's supposed to be a very simple, straightforward

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:10:23

process. It's a one-page document that essentially says what it, you know, what I have here in the slide.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:10:30
It's going to be 2,000 allocated stipend per each meeting for a total of 10,000, you know, times 5 meetings.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:10:38
And then 2,000 for community outreach, you know, to demonstrate community support for the initiative that

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:10:46
that we build together for an NTE of $12,000. So as a next step with any interested tribes participating in TCRP, we would execute this MOU together, and then we can, you know, schedule the meetings and issue the stipends.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:11:05
So, I want to be really clear on program parameters. This is the limitations of our funding and things that we can work within.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:11:14
So ideas, initiatives must be tied to energy efficiency. That's at the core of what we can offer and support. So thinking of weatherization, technology swap outs, lighting, anything for electrification, those sorts of things.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:11:30
can be supported. Education, training initiatives, that are going to support energy efficiency, apprenticeships, things like that.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:11:39
We can't, unfortunately, go into solar, EV, and battery. Those things are not permitted under our funding. Certainly, you know, there are others, and we can, think about partnerships and combinations if they make sense.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:11:53
Again, I want to, say that we have dedicated set-aside funding from Los Angeles County, so the goal is to finish 5 meetings and have an initiative that's ready to be submitted, approved, and funded.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:09
To... to launch.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:13
Yeah, I think that's what's really the most important highlights here. A quick overview of roles then for the TECC TECC team.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:22
we're looking to you as our engagement partners, so let us know, you know, eligible tribes that are ready and interested in... in the, SoCalREN and TCRP program.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:35
engage in outreach to them, let them know what, you know, what this is about, support the tribal commitment process through the MOU, broadly support

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:47
Outreach from TCRP.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:50
Through events and just generally serve as a liaison with all of your expertise in the tribal energy realm.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:12:58
For us, as SoCal REN representatives, we are here to facilitate the process, the meetings.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:13:05
To to say, okay, yes, this falls within the parameters or not quite. Here's some ideas of programs or folks that you might be able to reach out to, to help you with support on other energy needs.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:13:19
And we take the... the... the process of filling in the... the initiative application. Again, a brief, sort of, two-page overview. This isn't, like, a... a big grant.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:13:33
process. It's really designed to be flexible and straightforward. We input your ideas, have you review, and if you agree, we submit that to the county for funding for you.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:13:45
And basically, we're here, you know, through those meetings and offline every step of the way.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:13:51

Most importantly, what would be the tribal rule? Confirm interest and commitment in participating, go through the MOU process, so we can, you know, mutually execute that.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:14:04
Ideally allocate one representative that's going to continually participate throughout the meetings and the process.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:14:12
dedicate, somebody to participate, approximately, you know, we said 3 to 6 months, okay, if we started anytime soon, that would be through Q3, Q4 of this year, and then provide us with feedback as we go. That's essentially the ask.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:14:33
And finally, just a quick glimpse of of what we start every meeting with every meeting with tribes to understand energy priorities. We start with questions. We're here to

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:14:44
Before we explain everything under the sun that's available, we want to learn, about what tribal energies and needs, priorities, gaps are, so we start with this, these questions, and let it guide our conversation.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:15:02
the end of my presentation. Let me see if there are any questions in the chat. But at the same time I don't know what our time limitations are, but you know, as far as I'm concerned, anybody can feel free to come off mute and ask questions.

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:18
Thank you, Ivana. I dropped the. As I mentioned, we have the Sd. Ren program covering the the tribe served by Seneo.

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:26
gas and electric. I dropped these eligible Socalren tribes in the chat. Unfortunately, you know, to the member tribes Santa Rosa, Korea and Korea bands are are not eligible because they're not. They're served by Anza Co-OP. But yeah, any any questions.

[Josh Simmons] 00:15:45
about... about the program in general for Ivana before we let her go.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:15:54

This is Glenn from Agua Caliente. Can you hear me?

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:15:59
Yes.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:16:00
Yeah, question is several.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:16:02
Typical projects that we could, I could need help with, is there a limit on the.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:16:07
Project funding or the limit that you could go with the SoCal REM projects as far as but we get everything together so I can only get.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:16:16
$2,000, what, what is?

[Glenn Woodson] 00:16:18
Limit per project.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:16:22
There's no such limit that exists from the SoCalREN perspective, and that's...

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:16:30
I mean, even per program, you know, we can bundle different programs to help you with your energy needs, depending on what they are, so we have

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:16:39
Our public sector, core program that can help you with municipal facilities and, like, upgrades and audits and things of that nature.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:16:49
And then there, you know, there's there's no limit to to that funding either. We'd work with you to prioritize, you know. Say, how many audits and how many facilities targeted, etc. There's also no limit to

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:17:06
The dedicated tribal program here, it's just depending on your initiative. We'd work with you to figure out what budget

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:17:16

You're envisioning, of course, we want to, you know, we would work with Los Angeles County to communicate, hey, is this within the realm of possibility for this year or next year, or whatever your targeted time frame is?

[Glenn Woodson] 00:17:29
Understand.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:17:30
Yeah, the question, my concern, the reason I asked was because sometimes, like.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:17:34
looking at some of the grants and stuff for the tribal, it's like, I need, I need a, grid analysis, a grid study, but seems like every time I try to get funding for that grid study for the project, it's like, well, that's not eligible. You can't use the money for a grid study, so that's one of the reasons I'm asking this question.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:17:53
Yeah, so, I mean, unfortunately, the same limitations are gonna apply here with grid studies. We're going to be limited to energy efficiency and technology upgrades.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:18:06
You know, looking at, lighting, HVAC, electrification measures, heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, etc.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:18:18
And again, anything related to energy efficiency, education.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:18:24
Any apprenticeship, workforce education and training programs, we can help support anything for your residential sector, for commercial sector. But yeah, grid analysis is unfortunately out of our scope too.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:18:41
But lighting is not.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:18:43
Lighting is not. No, lighting.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:18:45
Alright, thank you very much.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:18:47

Thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:49
And then just to clarify, too, the tribal climate resilient community resilience program is

[Josh Simmons] 00:18:56
you know, is specifically looking to fund things that are not covered by other Southern California Regional Energy Network program. some things, Yvonne, you mentioned, I think, are more fall under public sector and small commercial business. And. Yes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:12
So...

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:19:13
Yeah, exactly. That's an example of where programs would be bundled to support, which, you know, we're actively working on with tribes right now who are enrolled in SoCalREN, taking advantage of

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:19:25
You know, what we call core services under public sector programs, commercial programs, and then this one is designed for

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:19:33
anything else that that those programs can't support with. Tell us what that gap is, and this is designed to identify it and fund it.

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:47
Okay, thank you, Vanna. Any other questions?

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:54
Okay, well...

[Josh Simmons] 00:19:56
Really appreciate you being here, Ivana, and we'll have an internal discussion now, and we'll get back to you on next steps with the contract amendments.

[Ivana Dorin (she/her)] 00:20:06
Sounds great. Thanks for having me.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:08

Awesome. Thanks so much.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:12
Okay, I'll do my slides back up.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:24
Oh, so you got them in there, Serena.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:27
One thing that Ivana didn't show was just some initiative examples of what they've done with other community partners, not tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:36
specifically. But they, you know, they have.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:40
a program that helps residents reduce utility costs through

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:45
outreach, some decarbonization efforts, another one that's kind of education outreach, and then a renter assistance program.

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:53
So... So, you know, I will state that

[Josh Simmons] 00:20:58
tribes can... this is, you know, a program they can sign up for now. So, like, there's kind of two things going on here we want to talk to you about today. The program itself, with which tribes can participate in, and then, like, kind of TECC's role in supporting the program. So...

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:17
the you know we were on. We initiated a contract with the Energy Coalition for under La County, starting in early 2026, in the initial phase that ended in June 30, th

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:31
We're negotiating an amendment to the contract to extend the work, the work through December 31, st potentially beyond that Setca has been and will continue to be a subcontractor.

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:43

to the Energy Coalition, who's contracted with Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County is the one... is the... is the county that's op... that's operating Southern California Regional Energy Network

[Josh Simmons] 00:21:53
So I just want to kind of share our, you know, our perspective in working on this so far about, you know, I think the,

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:02
opportunity and limitations of the program and some of the work that we're doing. We, you know, we ultimately want to be spending our time and effort and resources, and having you spend your time and effort and resources on what's going to be beneficial.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:14
So the advantages are, you know, up to $12,000 for 5 meetings and, you know, some community outreach. Like, there's... that's not insubstantial and consequential.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:26
you know the opportunity to develop a customized energy efficiency program for eligible tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:32
However, the caveat that it's it's for areas that aren't that are already covered by other SoCal REN programs. We have 7 of our member tribes eligible to participate in this program.

[Josh Simmons] 00:22:44
The disadvantages of this program include that, you know, tribes need to sign an MOU up front to participate and to earn stipends, so tribes are basically signing MOU, committing when they don't actually know what, you know, they're gonna get at the end of the day out of it, aside from, you know, up to the $12,000 for showing up to meetings.

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:05
you know, all your time is valuable. It's unclear if the Tribal Community Resilience Program is going to offer worthwhile opportunities, because it's kind of a gap program, filling in gaps from

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:18

those example programs they shared seem to have somewhat limited value. It's only for energy efficiency. So it's not for solar storage and energy energy storage programs.

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:29
Text role, and this is constrained to outreach.

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:33
with limited ability to support tribes participating in other SoCalREN programs. So, we were initially interested in this because SoCalREN has a wide range of programs that we think will be a benefit to tribes. You know, there was that earlier slide that showed

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:48
the different program areas that they have here, public sector, residential workforce education, training, ag, commercial finance.

[Josh Simmons] 00:23:57
Like, we are trying to under... like, there's limited participation among tribes in these programs, and, like, we want to be in position to help

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:05
but to better understand and help you all access these programs while, you know, doing customized initiatives that don't fit within these programs in the realm of energy efficiency, and there is some potential for supporting analysis for solar and storage and DERs according to what they've shared with us.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:23
But in the kind of contract itself, and where we've been steered is like away from helping tribes become familiar with these programs. You know, I think it's like to understand where the gaps are. We also need to understand, like what

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:36
what is already being covered, and then we want tribes to access that. There's overlapping territory between Southern California Regional Energy Network and Inland Regional Energy Network, which is run by WRCOG, so that they cover San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:55
Yeah.

[Josh Simmons] 00:24:57

you know the they're they're both servings Edison and Socal gas customers. We have heard from Socal Ren and from from the Energy Coalition that there's that La County's expressed concerns about

[Josh Simmons] 00:25:11
us collaborating with other regional energy networks, particularly Inland Regional Energy Network, and ultimately, like, you know, first and foremost, we want to ensure that member tribes have access to all programs, and that TECC itself is able to support tribes in accessing

[Josh Simmons] 00:25:26
all programs. I think you know, a major issue for us here, too, is that the program wasn't co-designed with tribes or with TECC. So the program was designed by Los Angeles County, I think, in collaboration with the Energy Coalition. We were kind of brought in after the fact.

[Josh Simmons] 00:25:42
This is in contrast to the San Diego regional energy network program that's been being co-designed by

[Josh Simmons] 00:25:50
Sctca and the tribal energy and climate collaborative from from the beginning. That has a more complete scope that supports access to all of their their emerging programming, their their newer programming program. So our scope with Socalren that we're discussing right now is is marketing and outreach.

[Josh Simmons] 00:26:10
and engagement. And you know, there's

[Josh Simmons] 00:26:14
specific activities to really focusing on engaging tribes and getting tribes to sign up, focusing on the the Tcrp program, and less so on the other Socal rent programs. So you know, we have limited ability to provide technical assistance and to support use of other use of other programs.

[Josh Simmons] 00:26:33
So I just want to contrast that with the SDREN program. So this is, you know, relevant to the rest of the tribes in San Diego County, where we have really full, complete scope of the program, of engaging with tribes, of

[Josh Simmons] 00:26:47

of designing the program, of providing technical assistance to supporting tribes and taking advantage of all of SDREN's

[Josh Simmons] 00:26:53
growing programming. So you know, like.

[Josh Simmons] 00:26:58
there's the tribe's kind of journey throughout this process, and there's TECC's role in supporting them, not just in the initial, you know, design phase and signing up, but also in implementation, too. So that's kind of one of the limitations.

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:11
in the proposed work with SoCalREN is that our scope does not include implementation. We're told, you know, we're not there yet. But, you know, and it seems like in three to six months for tribes to, you know, get there, seems like it's, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:27
it could be sped up. And I'd also feel like, you know, they're... the meetings are about

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:32
Understanding tribes needs. And you know, that's been our work with with all of all of you, you know, since text inception we have, you know, gather a lot of information and data and build relationships with you all to understand what your energy needs are, and you know, be, you know, including and beyond energy efficiency. And so we don't want you to have to start these conversations.

[Josh Simmons] 00:27:54
from scratch. And I I think we're kind of being steered that way where you know you all will be kind of reengaging in conversations about talk about your needs. But there's only so much, you know. They can only fund energy efficiency.

[Josh Simmons] 00:28:05
So...

[Josh Simmons] 00:28:07
I any questions on that before I you know I have some kind of recommendations or or questions or concerns about that before I kind of go into some recommendations about next steps.

[Josh Simmons] 00:28:26

Okay, hearing none. So you know, we ultimately want to be in a position where we're we're providing value to to member tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:28:37
you know, we we are in. We

[Josh Simmons] 00:28:41
are recommending that we send a letter, perhaps even request an MOU with the Energy Coalition, even potentially with LA County, that, you know, will emphasize that SCTCA and TECC prioritize supporting tribal-serving programs that they participate in designing.

[Josh Simmons] 00:28:58
You know, I think that's something where we can't go back in time and and do that. But it's you know, it's important to state that that's you know how we have been engaging with with partners.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:10
pretty much all of our other partners in in developing and implementing programs.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:17
we would like to emphasize that, due to the limitations of of Socal Ren's tribal community resilience program, not climate resilience program and the untapped benefits of Socal Ren's broader programming that Setc and TECC desire a contract that supports broader Socal Ren education and participation among tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:37
We'd like to emphasize that, due to the capacity and technical limitations of of Sdca tribes and pre-existing relationships, knowledge and capacity built through TECC

[Josh Simmons] 00:29:49
that member tribes want TECC available to support participation in SoCalREN programming throughout as not just a liaison, but also an advisor and technical assistance provider.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:00
and then also to to emphasize that, you know, SETCA cannot be limited in working with any regional energy network in any way, and bringing service to member tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:10

and desires collaboration among the regional energy networks to maximize opportunities, benefits, and efficiencies for tribes in the region. You know, we have been trying to have, you know, Socal run and Sd. Ren collaborate.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:23
in in ways that are gonna benefit tribes and and help offer more consistent beneficial programming. And we've been working to take advantage of economies of scale.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:33
So...

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:35
I know that was a lot for you all, and, you know, for some programming that may not be quite so clear, but I guess any thoughts or questions, or any, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:48
thoughts on the recommendations, particularly from the the tribes in Socal Run Territory.

[Josh Simmons] 00:30:54
I mean, you know, Glenn, do you have any? It seems like you have some interest. Do you have any any thoughts Christian and and others from

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:01
Served by Edison?

[Glenn Woodson] 00:31:03
Yes, I do, actually.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:31:06
Want to know if I could use both programs. I definitely have a need here at Agua Caliente, and I'm trying to maximize as much help as I can get. It's just me, and we have a lot going on, so I just want to make sure that

[Glenn Woodson] 00:31:19
I understand because I definitely plan to use your program.

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:24
Okay, do you? Do you? You know the recommendations where we have, for you know, kind of the contract and the relationship between the the you know, sctca and and

[Josh Simmons] 00:31:37
So Cal Rand, these are these consistent with your perspective on how you would like us to be engaging with them on this programming.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:31:45
Yes, looking at, kind of gathering information, some things I need, but definitely the thought of the things that you covered are issues that we need, and we're trying, not trying to, of course, everybody's trying to save money, but trying to maximize all the programs, so it seems like it would be a big help for us, yes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:02
Okay, great. Any feedback from, you know, Christian, Kate, I see Marty on here as well. I mean, I can reach out to you separately about this, too. I don't, you know, need to put you on the spot, but

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:12
you know. Ultimately this is mostly beneficial and benefiting the edit. The tribe served by Edison.

[Christian Aceves Soboba Band] 00:32:18
Yeah, it's definitely... hey, Josh, Christian here. It's definitely a good opportunity. I'm unfortunately limited on the capacity. We're not fully staffed at the moment, so I do want to explore this. I just have to prioritize a few other things,

[Christian Aceves Soboba Band] 00:32:33
So maybe we can connect after, or another time. I know I owe you a few other things, but I'm definitely interested in this, and I know Sabov would benefit from... from this.

[Josh Simmons] 00:32:42
Yeah, and I'll circle back with you, Christian, too, because it's part of, like, you know, we want you to take advantage of this programming. We also want to make the TECC's role in supporting tribes and taking advantage of these things clear, too, and help you access all of their programming, not just a limited subset.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:32:59
And Josh, Josh, this is Glenn again. I would like to, if possible, maybe we could have some, a scheduled time so I can talk to you because I want to, I want to maximize.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:33:08
This program, too.

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:09

Okay, great.

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:11
Okay, any other thoughts or feedback from Socal run tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:20
Okay, well, I'll follow up with you. We'll likely have a separate separate thread going on this with those tribes in particular to get get aligned in terms of

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:28
you know how like right now we're being offered, you know, to extend a contract to support tribes and take advantage of this.

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:35
whether or not TECC participates doesn't like does not affect your tribe's ability to take advantage of this programming. We just think like we want to be engaged in a way that will, we think, will help you maximize the benefits from this. And right now the contract scope that's being proposed is not really

[Josh Simmons] 00:33:52
getting us there, and you know, and even kind of the program design itself. But you know we we so anyway, we we want to be supportive in that way.

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:05
Okay, I'm gonna jump forward quickly to,

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:11
the Ev. I know, April, I know you joined. So I know there's been a lot of interest here, so I'd like to turn it over to you, April, if you're on.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:34:22
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[Josh Simmons] 00:34:22
Go through this, and then you can hop off afterwards.

[Josh Simmons] 00:34:25
So to turn it over to April Balduke, who's been leading the effort, the the newly launched effort for the TECC ev infrastructure grant program. So take it away, April.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:34:39

Great, thanks. So I've been working with the TECC and Prosper Sustainably team on this TECC EV infrastructure grant program. So it's fully funded through the SCTCA's $3 million CEC grant.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:34:54
And it includes the installation of 86 chargers in total at no cost to participating tribes, which is fantastic. And each tribe that opts in can receive four important benefits that you see listed here. So first, we have up to four level two chargers installed at the site of their choice, and the tribe retains ownership of the charger and the installed infrastructure.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:35:18
Second is a custom charging infrastructure master plan.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:35:23
that assesses not only where the location of these four chargers are going, but actually looks at across the entire reservation at all the possible facilities, looking at a future planning effort so that if you decide to install chargers in the future, you'll know kind of a prioritized list of where those might go.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:35:45
As well as a fleet electrification roadmap, so with realistic timelines.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:35:52
cost estimates, funding pathways to help transition your

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:35:56
cars, trucks, medium duty trucks, even school buses to electric over time, if you so choose. And then it also offers a hands-on workforce training effort for members to build marketable skills moving forward. So that could be in EV system design, installation, and maintenance.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:36:20
And what's great is that a tribe can choose just one of the planning and training components here. But in our meetings so far between Josh, Austin, and I, the participants want all four of these benefits. And I think that that really to what a good program this will be moving forward. They've said that they liked that

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:36:44
You know they have this team that will act as an extension of their own team to support the project so they're not having to do these themselves.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:36:53
Next slide.

[Josh Simmons] 00:36:55
I mean, we have a question from Rob, too. Well, one thing I want to clarify is that this is not limited to to tribal trust lands. So for you know, this can be installed on tribal fee lands off reservation. And Rob asked, would this Ev. Grant also cover having

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:11
utility, install dedicated meters so to get on the lower cost rate for ev charging.

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:16
Basically, like, we're... what we're gonna have is there's just gonna be, you know, an allocated amount of money for the installation of these for tribes, like, up to a maximum amount that will ultimately be subawarded. And, you know, it's, like, we...

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:33
this should be adequate like, if it's a site that's that's kind of shovel ready and and doesn't require significant upgrades, infrastructure upgrades. Then it could, you know, could very well cover for Ev chargers. If there are significant upgrades that are required, it may, you know, cover less, or the main, you know, we may not be able to fund

[Josh Simmons] 00:37:53
the full thing. If, say, there's, you know, a new transformer that needs to be installed. So as of right now, we're looking at probably a kind of a cap of $60,000 per tribe for the installation of up to up to 4 chargers. I mean, shoot, you know. But if you could get more than 4 for under $60,000 installed, you know, all in, including, you know, code compliance fees and utility fees and all that. Then.

[Josh Simmons] 00:38:16
that would be possible as well, but that's the approach. Is that... Answer your question, Rob.

[Rob Roy] 00:38:25
Sure, thanks, Josh.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:38:27
Hi, this is Glenn, I got a question.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:38:30

I have a site where we have, just... we... we had planned to put 17 charges, but we didn't have the money.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:38:37
But they... the connections are there. We only put, like, 8.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:38:42
So, can I put the other... can I use this project to... you put the other...

[Glenn Woodson] 00:38:47
But 7 prod, charges in, because the, the connection, the extra connections and the power's already there. Basically, we just needed to put the other...

[Glenn Woodson] 00:38:55
7 chargers there.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:38:57
Yeah, what we can do is we can take a look at that on each project on an individual basis and see how we can work with you because we want to support the plans that you already have in place. And so let's talk about that. We would love to see what you already have planned and we'll work with you for sure.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:39:16
Do they only have to, always have to be, are they only level two charges? Can they be level threes or what?

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:39:22
Yeah we just have in our budget right now for level two unfortunately because level three you know you're getting up there into you know just $60,000 is almost the cost of the equipment for example itself and not including the infrastructure so we don't have the budget unfortunately for level threes but

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:39:43
We'll work with you on the Level 2s for sure. And on the Master Plan what we can do is when we're looking at your site broadly then we can look and see where Level 3s might benefit you the most for future funding because there is other funding out there available for Level 3s.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:40:00
Thank you very much.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:40:01

Yeah, no problem.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:02
I'll also add a few things, like, you know, we...

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:06
you know, we're kind of working that $60,000 budget. If a tribe really, you know, strongly wants that, you know. Use that toward level threes instead of level twos.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:15
We can discuss, you know, whether, how we could do that. You know, need to keep in mind that, like, there are going to be requirements for the chargers that are installed using this funding, so there's certain reporting requirements.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:27
they have to be made available to the public for a tribe that that actually can be limited to just tribal membership. So you know, kind of depends on where your chargers are situated. They know they can't be exclusive to fleet. They can't be exclusive to to customers.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:42
so, you know, I think, like, we want to work with you in terms of making this, you know, like.

[Josh Simmons] 00:40:49
as much as we can with the flexibility we have to make it work. And then, as part of our planning process, too, like we, we see our planning as being supporting you and taking advantage of other funding resources that are available. So the Cali Vip fast charge California project

[Josh Simmons] 00:41:09
Rebates. It has its next round coming out for DC fast chargers. We had two tribes that we were aware of that took advantage of the first round.

[Josh Simmons] 00:41:17
So we have familiarity with that program and the program administrators, and, you know, we see that within our scope of the planning process of supporting tribes and accessing that. So, for Glenn and for others that want DC fast chargers.

[Josh Simmons] 00:41:30
you know, having these conversations. Now we can, we can provide insights into like what the requirements are for that. So they do need to be shovel ready, and you do

need to have a by the time you apply. You need to have Sdg. Approved plans for any utility upgrades. But we, you know, we have experience in helping tribes get that John.

[John Flores] 00:41:51
Hi, Josh, how you doing today.

[Josh Simmons] 00:41:53
Good, how are you?

[John Flores] 00:41:54
Good. Hey, so one question I have, and it's something I asked in a previous one with the Cal EVIP one I think we had. I don't remember now, we've had so many of these.

[John Flores] 00:42:05
Will the funding? I have a lot of Ev charging stations here at San Pascual right now, right? I have like 50 60 of these charging stations spread out throughout the reservation, including level 3 chargers.

[John Flores] 00:42:17
As you know, most chargers are moving to NACS now, and the NACS port is the winning dominant form of charging going forward.

[John Flores] 00:42:26
I have a lot of the old CCS chargers, obviously, not... most of them are NACs, right? That was mainly a Tesla thing. Can we use this funding to buy cords to replace, the charging units we have with NACs chargers? I mean, NACs cords.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:42:43
That's a good question and what we can do because we meet with the CEC monthly is we can confirm with them but I like where you're going with that you know you're really trying to future proof what you have but I don't have the answer to that but we can we'll check for you and we'll get we'll get back to you on that John.

[John Flores] 00:43:00
Because I also have some level three chargers that I want to replace. On those, they have both the CCSs and the old Chadmo ones, like the round, and that one never gets used, right? So I have a cord that's just collecting cobwebs and dust that I want to remove off and at least get a NATS on there if I can and keep one CCS. But yeah, I would like to, you know, I have a lot of charging infrastructure.

[John Flores] 00:43:25

Want a few more, but what I could really use is just replacing my plugs to the next.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:43:30
Yeah, that's great. And then as part of just the overall plan that we do for you, we can include that in there as a high priority task.

[John Flores] 00:43:38
And my last question was, you know, with the community in charge program, we applied for that. It had a lot of stipulations I didn't really like and didn't feel comfortable with, including, you know, they had a list of approved charging stations that you had to pick from and types of software and all this stuff.

[John Flores] 00:43:56
Is there gonna be a requirement that we have a list of charging stations we have to select from, or are we free to use any chargers we want?

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:44:06
There is the requirement that you do have to choose from the list. However, what I can say about the list is that it's pretty robust. It's like it's the latest chargers that are out there on the market. The reason why they're requiring you to charge from that list is because they want to make sure that you can, whoever's using it, can access all the different types of payments. So it's really

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:44:29
the list is about offering the most optionality, so I can, you know, strongly recommend any charger that you would choose from that list.

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:42
What'.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:44:42
Pretty relevant.

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:43
Let's check on that, April, because I don't, like, we don't... I think John's talking about the communities in charge list. Like, I don't... I want to double check with this grant that there were... I know there were certain requirements for the chargers. I don't know that they were based on...

[Josh Simmons] 00:44:58
like, the CEC-approved list that they're using for the other programs or not, so let's... if we could double-check on that, unless you are 100% on that, April.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:45:06
Yeah, I'm almost 100% just because of the requirements that it has, especially with OCPP and all of the backend infrastructure that's required. It's really the

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:45:17
Top of the line chargers.

[John Flores] 00:45:19
And my last question, then on this, I want to take a.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:45:21
Sure.

[John Flores] 00:45:22
thing, and I know I have a meeting scheduled with Austin, hopefully next week, as we'll discuss some of this, but, do you guys have a selected vendor to install this, or are we going out to bid independently with each tribe and selecting our own vendor to install these?

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:45:38
So it would be for your own vendor and we'll help support you if in fact you want to go out and do like a request for quote or a request for a proposal. We have documentation that you can use in order to, you know.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:45:53
do enlist bidders broadly if you so choose. If you already have someone in mind that's great.

[Josh Simmons] 00:46:01
Yeah, we're we're piloting procurement with one tribe right now. We actually have an Rfp out that actually just just closed and got 4 bids that came in.

[Josh Simmons] 00:46:12
for it. So we're we're building out the capacity in the network to do so. But we also it's, you know, it's there's not a procurement requirements, what the tribe's procurement requirements are. And ultimately, you know, the tribe is gonna make selection. We we will help support that process and help, you know, evaluate, make recommendations. But we're we will defer to the tribe.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:46:33
Exactly.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:46:35
This is, this is Glenn here, I don't want to cut you off, but

[Glenn Woodson] 00:46:39
some charges that have been there since Noah's Ark, so I'd like to replace those as well. So I'm just saying that would be an upgrade, yes.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:46:47
Great, yeah that's great Glen and we'll ensure that that is included in your plan and then we'll take a look at like how to best optimize this funding for you.

[Josh Simmons] 00:47:01
So then Rob asked, will you be able to review and potentially update the EV charger, backend, monitoring...

[Josh Simmons] 00:47:08
Sorry, the question got bumped. Bonnery... Yeah, so we can...

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:47:15
Oh, go ahead, Josh.

[Josh Simmons] 00:47:16
No, no, sorry. That was the question.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:47:19
Oh, we can look at that at your back end monitoring because also any charger that you choose would have these capabilities. So if you don't currently have those capabilities, the new chargers would have those and then we can look at your system as well that you currently have.

[John Flores] 00:47:36
What if we don't want that? What if we just want stupid, dumb chargers.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:47:40
I know, I hear you.

[John Flores] 00:47:41
That's all I want. I mean, honestly, I have charging stations, and the biggest problem with these is connecting to Wi-Fi.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:47:49

Right.

[John Flores] 00:47:49
And then to communicate properly, and then not accepting, especially because most of my chargers are set to free, like, I don't even want that option. I just want them ripped out and plug and play.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:48:00
Yeah, I hear you there. Unfortunately, it is a requirement to have that reporting capability to the CEC and that's really why they offer this funding is so that they can see over time, you know, the usage of the charger, how much uptime the charger has, meaning, you know, is it 97% of the time operational so that anyone can use it?

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:48:25
and not broken down. So they're using this really as a data gathering effort in return for the $3 million that they're giving us. So I do hear you that dumb chargers oftentimes work better. Unfortunately these cannot be dumb.

[John Flores] 00:48:43
Well, I feel like the Keep It Simple chargers are the ones that are.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:48:46
Right.

[John Flores] 00:48:47
most of the time. The reason why most of these chargers are down, so to say, they have power to them, they have energy going through them, but they're not connecting to the internet because they need to report their time that they're up, or to report, like.

[John Flores] 00:49:03
billing, right? I mean, to run credit card and billing and all that. So, I mean, if you're in somewhere that you don't have good Wi-Fi.

[John Flores] 00:49:10
Internet like hardline internet like these things are constantly online in the sense that if you drive up to them, they're on, but they don't work like they can't because they're all app now based to and like the app's not working, the billing software is not working, and then you got to try to get a tech out here to fix these and then it's down. I mean, I just find that to be the worst part about charging stations.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:49:34

Yeah, I hear your frustration there and what I like about this conversation is it does give us something to bring back to the CEC as to the issues that we're having because we want to be telling them these things that are going on. If your chargers are not up and running you know that you're right that's the worst thing possible that a customer comes to charge their car and they can't charge.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:49:56
Just for these back end data reasons. So.

[John Flores] 00:49:59
Right. Because, I mean, on the workforce training, you guys talk about maintenance, you know, hands-on training, EV charging system design, installation, and maintenance.

[John Flores] 00:50:07
but like we're not even allowed to get in on that back end of the charging. That's proprietary software by whatever company you're working with, and oftentimes they need to send a tech out. So it's not even something I can really go in if I had someone trained like an It person and fix this because it's like proprietary on the back end, which I get because of data confidentiality of

[John Flores] 00:50:30
You know, credit cards and billing information, you want that protected, but I then it's like I gotta wait for some tech from somewhere to drive out to the res, which can be a week or two of it being down, so to say.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:50:44
Yeah, and what we'll do is we'll work with you to build in kind of these warranty and turnaround, I guess, like, maintenance issues, but I think this is a great point to talk about, when we look into your plan in general, so that we can really

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:51:02
reach out to those companies and make sure that they're following through with the turnaround time that they said they would. But I hear you. We'll get this figured out.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:51:12
This is Glenn again, and I want to just, chime in on that. We've had customers actually not solve them. Customers put their card up, they took the money, and would not charge the vehicle.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:51:24

That was really bad, and I was trying to make an excuse, but it actually took the money off the card and wouldn't charge the vehicle. That has happened to us, and I talked to the manufacturer, oh, we couldn't connect.

[Glenn Woodson] 00:51:36
But then they finally got it connected, but that was not that that made it made us look bad.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:51:42
Yeah, I hear you. And so what I'm gonna do is when we do talk, I'll keep a list and we'll reach out to these manufacturers to tell them that, you know, we are having these issues and this is a good challenge to solve over the coming months.

[Josh Simmons] 00:52:00
Yeah, I mean, this program is intended to build...

[Josh Simmons] 00:52:03
you know, tribal capacity in this realm. I mean this, these workforce training programs and all that that I mean, there's also there's an economic development opportunity for TECC to build these types of services and capabilities. So this is all very helpful. And I think we're going the right direction. And you know, and this is not something limited to what's going on. Reservations is happening

[Josh Simmons] 00:52:23
all throughout California and the world. So again, there's kind of a market here and an opportunity to solve some of these challenges. I'm gonna kind of breeze through these things. You know, you hopefully all saw the email on this. And and and I saw some chat. Rob's trying to schedule a meeting as well. If you did not receive a response, please follow up, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 00:52:47
I know Austin's been engaging you all, but you also can just direct email coordinator at socaltech.org right now if you want, and just say, you know, please schedule a meeting with me, and we'll... somebody will respond within a day or so to set something up, and, you know, you'll at least be meeting with April and Austin, and I may be able to join, too.

[April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies] 00:53:06
And I would just like to close with, you know, a really cool part of this program is 80% of tribes are already have responded. So that's just fantastic that we're seeing that that type of uptake.

[Josh Simmons] 00:53:19
Great. Thanks, April.

[Josh Simmons] 00:53:21
I'm gonna try to breeze through a few topics here.

[Josh Simmons] 00:53:27
So just jumping back a little bit to the TECC summit that we have coming up on July 21st and 20 seconds. You know, we want

[Josh Simmons] 00:53:38
We extended the deadline to register until.

[Josh Simmons] 00:53:42
the next Monday. You know, that will be the drop dead for us. Of course, if somebody's chair comes in and says they want to participate afterwards, we'll we'll make accommodations. You know, we are offering a stipend for each tribe that they send at least one person. They'll get up to $1,400.

[Josh Simmons] 00:53:57
for participating in the events.

[Josh Simmons] 00:54:00
The agenda is available. You know, this is near final, but you know, we have day one programming that hopefully we'll get a number of the chairs that are staying from the SCDCA board meeting to be able to get a higher level overview of the program, a little bit of information on kind of the technical assistance that tribes have received so far.

[Josh Simmons] 00:54:22
Deep diving in some special topics like an intertribal power authority that could offer services like EV, you know, design operations and maintenance types of activities.

[Josh Simmons] 00:54:31
updates on energization and rights of way. Activities are the strategy around Cpc. Engaging Cpc. Starting to develop a legislative platform for for key topics that we want to see legislative change happen at both the Federal and State level.

[Josh Simmons] 00:54:47
And some other topics, and so Day 2's gonna be more of a deep dive into each of the programs, so...

[Josh Simmons] 00:54:54
you know, each tribe can have more than one person show up. There's no limitation on how many, how many representatives, leaders and representatives a tribe can send. And, there'll be a deep dive into each of the, I guess now, 8, 9, 10 programs that we have that are kind of fully launched.

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:09
and and then that'll be in the morning, and then the afternoon they'll actually be rotating breakout tables where each tribe can go to the breakout tables to have the types of discussions we're having here on the different programs, so that you can kind of progress that conversation, progress your your involvement in it, and share kind of key information to be able to take take next steps. We'll also be demoing our member hub that

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:33
You'll have access to a lot of the member information online as well, and we'll have a variety of other topics.

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:40
We've, you know, as part of this, like, we are trying to gather some testimonials for tribes that have been using our technical assistance.

[Josh Simmons] 00:55:48
to share with other tribes. So we're hoping, and I'm going to be doing some direct outreach to those that I know have been active and working with us, and like at least half the member tribes have had some pretty active TA with us. Like, what was the technical assistance? And what were the results and the benefits of the technical assistance provided by TECC to your tribe? We'll actually draft a one sentence response for you on this, based on what we know we've worked with you on. That's we've been

[Josh Simmons] 00:56:11
impactful, and then for, you know, in one or two sentences, you know, to be able to share, like, it was easy to get technical assistance from TECC Because, and

[Josh Simmons] 00:56:19
Our tribe values or appreciates TECC because

[Josh Simmons] 00:56:22
These are things that we can, you know, hopefully, if we get permission, can use in some of our outreach to fundraiser fund for fundraising purposes, but also to share

with other tribes, so they understand what TECC's doing, what they have to offer, so that we don't have tribes that could be taking advantage of our services that are not.

[Josh Simmons] 00:56:43
So I'm gonna skip over this. We have some funding applications in the works, including for the Intertribal Power Authority. We covered that last time. We also want to encourage tribes to apply for two of the funding opportunities currently available, particularly the Strategic Growth Council's Tribal Capacity Building Program grants.

[Josh Simmons] 00:57:01
TECC is going to be the technical assistance provider for the grantees here. So if your tribe gets this, you'll actually have our assistance at no cost.

[Josh Simmons] 00:57:11
going much deeper than we're allowed to do even here. And then there's also the pre-housing development grant fund that we may also be supporting, but they have not, SGC's not figured out who's going to be the technical assistance provider for that yet.

[Josh Simmons] 00:57:24
Okay.

[Josh Simmons] 00:57:25
I sent an email last week on the energization proceeding. There was essentially a guide. How?

[Josh Simmons] 00:57:32
guidehouse report and study on the energization data that the utilities have been gathering, essentially concluded it's kind of inadequate. So we responded to the, you know, there's a series of questions about that in a workshop, we prepared responses to this is all in the effort to help tribes get energized sooner, get homes hooked up to the grid sooner, facilities hooked up to the grid sooner, get

[Josh Simmons] 00:57:57
get facilities and, you know, solar and storage systems online sooner. I guess that's interconnection. But, you know, for tribes trying to bring new facilities online, connected to the grid and the IOU territories, you know, this is part of our effort to improve that process.

[Josh Simmons] 00:58:14
and we've submitted comments on the tribal order and student rulemaking. We got feedback from you all on, and then, right away, we're still looking for a tribe to step up

and who's having trouble pursuing temporary easements to work with you to, work with the VIA to establish a precedent of the tribe doing a temporary easement.

[Josh Simmons] 00:58:32
That does not require the full.

[Josh Simmons] 00:58:35
initially the full right of way in order to proceed to getting that new connection to the grid while making progress toward getting that full easement as well. We've been having conversations with BIA, had another one about two weeks ago. They're supportive of trying to help us figure out this path.

[Josh Simmons] 00:58:54
So that, you know, the utilities like SDG&E feel comfortable. So please, I'm really looking for volunteers here. Reach out to me if you are having difficulty getting right away with San Diego Gas and Electric or Edison.

[Josh Simmons] 00:59:10
On the 411D grant, I received a call from Vanessa Vandever yesterday from SDG's tribal liaison. She

[Josh Simmons] 00:59:18
in some, said that SDG&E is unable to formally partner with tribes on the DOE 40101D grid resilience.

[Josh Simmons] 00:59:26
grant projects at this time. They just said they want to support tribe, you know, projects that are within their scope for thing doing things like

[Josh Simmons] 00:59:34
brush clearing and covered conductors. And you know, and for the next general rate case, for you know, things like undergrounding, but that, you know, they didn't conclude that there wasn't really a pathway for them to participate in a formal arrangement. So I know, I think this is something we already determined wasn't really a viable pathway, and we've identified a means by which tribes can directly sub grant to themselves. And so we're supporting

[Josh Simmons] 00:59:59
tribes in in establishing that eligibility in ways that also minimize their cost share requirements.

[Josh Simmons] 01:00:07

Pausing for a moment, any questions on any of what I just covered or comments?

[John Flores] 01:00:13
Hey, Josh, on the 4 0 1 0 1 d. First of all, I am absolutely shocked. Sdg. And he will not be partnering with us. Just app. I mean, if you could see my face right now how shocked I am. But

[John Flores] 01:00:26
Any update if we're gonna get any more money on this? I mean, maybe... maybe I missed an update, you know, I've been kind of busy, but are we getting any more money?

[Josh Simmons] 01:00:36
I've not heard anything. Every time I talk with Amy, which hasn't been for probably a month or two, she seems optimistic, like there's just a few more signatures.

[Josh Simmons] 01:00:45
So...

[Josh Simmons] 01:00:46
I, you know, but I've been hearing that for a while. I mean, my thought is, is like, you know, unless the tribe has a relatively small project, really energy storage project to proceed on right now, it's worth waiting at least probably until the end of the year.

[Josh Simmons] 01:01:00
Before, you know, just starting to pivot and starting to use the money available. Just because, you know, the projects don't have to be deployed until the end of 2032, so I think it's worth waiting to potentially, you know, even double the money, but...

[Josh Simmons] 01:01:13
Yeah, I don't... I mean, I...

[John Flores] 01:01:14
Double the money, but costs are going up every day. Inflation, I mean, the longer, you know, time is money, especially in today's world, right? Copper, conduit, labor. So I get the idea of waiting, but, you know, you might be waiting and the pie just continues to get smaller.

[John Flores] 01:01:33
despite how much whipped cream they put on top of it, it's still the same size pie at the end of the day. So...

[John Flores] 01:01:38
I mean, I would say, yes, wait, but I mean, I'm doing projects right now, and costs are still running out of control. So, the longer you wait, the smaller your project's gonna be.

[Josh Simmons] 01:01:50
Yeah, I mean, I think the best angle here is energy storage systems, and, you know, for kind of small to medium-sized government commercial facilities, and we're here to support. Tri's ready to go, we're here to help, help you all in taking the steps

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:03
to establish eligibility. Those energy storage systems will be available, eligible for the tax credit, the investment tax credit as well, direct pay, so it's a way to leverage that to cover any of the, you know, hopefully most, if not all, of the cost share. So we're here, we're here to move forward if the tribe's ready to go.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:24
Thanks, John. So one thing I want to. You know, I've been encountering, as you know, prosper's role as owner's rep for a number of tribes is

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:33
always having issues in getting data from the utility, particularly electric usage data. I mean, billing data can be probably, you know, challenging too, but it's that 15-minute interval electric usage data that constantly just does not work.

[Josh Simmons] 01:02:48
In the portal, so I just want to, you know, crowdsource this a little bit, like, does your tribe have issues accessing its electric usage or billing data?

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:06
Does anybody ever try to access this?

[Glenn Woodson] 01:03:09
I look at it all the time, and we don't have an issue. Amy's been pretty, responsive, and we have went out on our own to, make sure that we could get our data, so I don't have an issue at this point.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:20
Through Edison's portal.

[Glenn Woodson] 01:03:23
Yes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:23
Okay, and you can pull the 15-minute interval data, no problem?

[Glenn Woodson] 01:03:27
Yes, I went through, and when I started, we... we talked with Amy, and they made it... they made it where I could just log in and pull in, look at the data anytime I want to, but sometimes, if I'm in a hurry with a project, like with a contractor, I'll need the 15-minute inward data, and I'll ask Amy, and she'll get it pretty quick for me.

[Josh Simmons] 01:03:45
Okay, so there, she's responsive and getting it to you, but you don't, like, you're not finding you can easily access and download it yourself through the portal.

[Glenn Woodson] 01:03:52
I can get into the portal and get it. They made it... they made it accessible for me, but she seems to be getting it quicker.

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:02
Okay, interesting. Well, I may want to follow up with you, Glenn, and see how... because, I mean, you should be able to get instantaneous access to that data through.

[Rob Roy] 01:04:10
Josh, it's Rob at La Jolla. I just thought I'd let you know that with SDG&E, I've had access into their energy portal for a long time. I have continuous access. I can get in there and run.

[Rob Roy] 01:04:21
reports when I need, and very kindly on SUG&E's part, surprisingly, there, our tribal... er, not the tribal liaison, our actual account representative

[Rob Roy] 01:04:31
We'll also run reports. I mean, like, I wanted the energy history for every single meter on La Jolla, and for me to do that individually would have taken me a lot of time and effort, and he pulled it together and put it all in a spreadsheet and gave us everything all in a lump sum. So, they will assist when we need it, and we can also get it ourselves.

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:49
Do you, again, Rob, like, do you pull the 15-minute usage data?

[Josh Simmons] 01:04:54
At all? Do you have any... ever have issues accessing that?

[Rob Roy] 01:04:57
No, I don't really love their portal, in that it sometimes takes me a little bit of time and effort to find the right meter, because they're just listed by account number, and I have to go through the accounts to see which meter it actually serves, and so it can

[Rob Roy] 01:05:12
But that's also, you know, our naming, you know, the way that we've set up our accounts, our meters aren't always exactly super well named, so that's partially on our end. But yeah, I can pull the 15-minute increment data just...

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:05:27
Rob, who's getting that... who's helping you? Because we've been having a lot of trouble with our new accounts since we put in our solar microgrid at the administration building.

[Rob Roy] 01:05:39
Our account representative is Craig Akers.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:05:43
I won't return my calls!

[Rob Roy] 01:05:45
Well, he can be hot and cold. Sometimes he takes forever, and so when he won't return my messages, then I CC Vanessa Vanderveer and others on it, and then all of a sudden I get responses quicker. So it's a little challenging.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:05:58
Okay, so he's alive.

[Rob Roy] 01:06:00
He is.

[John Flores] 01:06:02
Yeah, I agree with Rob. Craig Akers is our account rep, Shasta, and he...

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:06:06
Nobody likes dudes, then! I'm feeling very fem.

[John Flores] 01:06:09

He can be very hot and cold with me as well, where, like, and then I have to call Vanessa or CC Vanessa on something to kind of, like, tell on his, you know, tell his mommy on him, and then, you know, mommy goes in and tells him to respond to me. And so, yeah, Craig Akers.

[John Flores] 01:06:25
I don't have a problem with the interval data so much, Josh.

[John Flores] 01:06:29
This is something I think I've been asking, I think Michael Burr and you, Josh, about is more what I need assistance with and would love from TECC.

[John Flores] 01:06:40
is to quantify the amount of money we've saved on our solar projects.

[John Flores] 01:06:45
to show the business committee how much money we've saved the tribe through these projects, right? Like, I need to... because we still get a... we still get a monthly bill from SDG&E, right? We're never going to be zeroed out because they keep raising rates and time of use and all that stuff.

[John Flores] 01:07:01
But I think it would be good to help us tell the story of how much money we've saved to date on these energy projects for the tribe, and that's what I need assistance with, right? Because a lot of times, Josh, and you know what we ran.

[John Flores] 01:07:14
These models, like when we did our microgrid that's in your background, we ran like a forecast of how much we're going to save the tribe and X amount of years.

[John Flores] 01:07:22
But of course, that money has kind of actually, the savings is even more because SDG&E has raised rates over the years, right?

[John Flores] 01:07:30
I would love some assistance to tell the story, because Shasta knows. I mean, you're supposed to sit on that panel with me down at Viejas, and they were like, talk about how tribes love this culturally and the culture aspect. And Shasta and I were like, it's all about the money right with our leadership. They only care about how much money we're saving Sdg. You know ourselves from Sdg. And E. So can we please work together

[John Flores] 01:07:54
to say, here's how much money we're saving the tribe with the microgrid or other solar projects we have going on.

[John Flores] 01:08:00
That tells a compelling story and gets leadership to want to back us to do more of these projects.

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:08
Yeah, noted John, and I know we've talked about that. We're working on that for a number of tribes and trying to get that in place. And I mean, I think that's

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:17
a service that TECC or the Intertribal Power Authority can kind of have, you know, and develop and be available, because, like, really, kind of operation, like, the monitoring of these systems

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:26
to ensure that they are performing, catching issues, making sure, you know, when they're going down, that they're coming back online, or somebody's actually seeing, you know, people know when inverters are out, there's something that's, you know, losing

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:39
losing tribes money without them knowing it. So

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:43
So, okay, well, it's... I'm glad there's not as many issues that I've been experiencing with the tries I've been working with, that, you know, it tends to happen when there's group billing or conjunctive billing, where I just, you know, you can't pull the data, and I have one trial we're working with right now

[Josh Simmons] 01:08:58
couldn't pull the data from the portal, and, you know, kept asking for access, and it took weeks, to get access to the portal to be established, and I pull it once, and I pull it again, try to pull again 5 minutes later, and it wouldn't work. And this is something that I've just consistently experienced, and...

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:16
in the SDG&E portal in particular. I have experience with Edison as well, working with a tribe.

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:22
too, so I just think it's something where it's, like, it's... it's... should be that tribes should always be able to access their data instantaneously, like, it's their data. So, you know, we're kind of just scoring how we... we establish that, and... and I brought that up with Vanessa when she called me yesterday as well.

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:40
Alright, well, we have limited time, so I'm gonna move on to the next...

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:44
probably incendiary topic, which is the proposed

[Josh Simmons] 01:09:49
office of management and budget rule change for Federal assistance. So this is obviously much broader than just, you know, energy and climate. You know, hopefully, you're aware of of the proposed rule changes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:04
by the administration right now, that's going to dramatically affect their their grant making so some

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:14
highlights or lowlights, depending on your perspective, are that they're now gonna have a political review of all discretionary awards. So

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:23
you know, think about the DOE grant, application that a bunch of the DOE unleashing tribal energy development. Apparently, every single application is going to be reviewed by a political appointee before they decide whether or not to fund it, and, you know, in addition to the merit.

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:38
review. They're going to be looking at a close... making a closer review of risks posed by applicants in whatever kind of arbitrary way they want. They are doubling down on kind of DEI

[Josh Simmons] 01:10:50
and and their ability to cancel awards because they no longer effectuate program goals, agency priorities, or other national interests. So this is, you know, CC was already the victim of this with the Nsf. Award we had, where it

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:05

Came out of nowhere, and they could arbitrarily change

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:08
their priorities at any time and cancel awards midstream for for tribes or or anybody. There's also some things about kind of fixed sub awards and other things. I mean, there's a lot here. It's it's a very

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:21
comprehensive, far-sweeping, significant, proposed rulemaking. Comments are due on this by June 30th. I just, you know, I want to just know, you know, how are your tribes responding? You know, what can or should TECC do? I mean, I think this is something that

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:38
you know, needs legal guidance and support. You know, I mean, I think I don't know that we have any of that, you know, readily available to us.

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:48
at the moment. But anyway, I just wanna you know, make sure that you all aware and see see what we could support.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:11:54
July 13th, please, not June 13th.

[Josh Simmons] 01:11:57
Yep.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:11:58
And that's Monday, y'all.

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:07
any any thoughts or questions on this, and I see Rob talk about Ncai highlighted this.

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:14
I mean, I'm, you know, concerned about the, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:18
the ability to just cancel, terminate awards at whim, meaning, like, you could be halfway through a project, even a development project, and it could cancel your award and take back

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:28

The money, or for canceling of

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:31
Cancel the rest of the money, but, you know, the kind of just discretionary review of all awards up front, like, they're gonna have a political appointee.

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:40
You're reviewing this, and at what point does it become something where, you know, you have to be in favor with the administration and, you know, maybe your campaign contributions in order to be getting awards?

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:12:54
Oh.

[Josh Simmons] 01:12:58
That's all I.

[Angie Hacker] 01:12:59
It's an obvious one to fight. It's just a matter of who's got the capacity to do it. Josh, are you planning to submit comments directly on this one, or TECC, or are you just encouraging tribes to submit?

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:10
Well, make sure tribes are on the radar. I mean, we don't, you know, we don't have the legal resources at our disposal to be able to do so. I mean, I, you know, I mean, by researching this one to the Hollow Knight summary, they clearly, you know, are aware of it. It would be basically, you know.

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:24
Having a firm like theirs, and, you know, you know, or, you know, lobbyists be able to support the tribe in submitting comments.

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:32
On this. So, I don't know, I mean, S-C-T-C may already have this on its radar

[Josh Simmons] 01:13:37
So... But, anyways...

[Angie Hacker] 01:13:39
Just wondering if there's some... maybe somebody has come across another organization that's already submitting comments that we might want to sign on to?

[Angie Hacker] 01:13:47
Might be worth looking into.

[Rob Roy] 01:13:49
There are lots of like the RTalks, the tribal partnership groups, lots of other tribal groups have already submitted comments. Yes, Andy?

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:01
And what I could do is I could reach out to Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty and ask if they've prepared any comments. I think, you know, they typically provide some pretty good, like, template letters.

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:12
and if they have something and and sharing out. Is there anybody opposed to opposing this?

[Glenn Woodson] 01:14:22
Hey, one question.

[Glenn Woodson] 01:14:24
Are some of the comments going to Congress?

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:29
This is a rulemaking, so it's going to OMB, so certainly people can and should be probably pressuring Congress and their legislators on this, but the kind of formal comments are submitted as part of this rulemaking to OMB.

[Glenn Woodson] 01:14:47
Okay, thank you.

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:52
Okay, alright, well, we're, 15 minutes left.

[Josh Simmons] 01:14:57
Let me turn it over to Jonathan for our economic and workforce development updates, and Jonathan, you're gonna have to be lightning fast.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:15:04
Yep. Good morning, everybody. I can be pretty quick here because we really just have a few updates for this meeting. The first is the innovation ecosystem under the economic and workforce development continues to kind of grow, evolve and take shape.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:15:16
So with that, just kind of requesting... the conversations I've been having with you all and that we've been having with the Advisory Board have been awesome.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:15:24
And the work that we've been able to do under the no cost services, just sort of broadly business opportunity, due diligence and business development and feasibility.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:15:33
I think have been really fruitful, and so I want to kind of continue to highlight, this is available now under our RIA grant, free of charge. I put some examples, but I'll kind of skip over them since we discussed a little bit last month, and they're on the slide, but

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:15:49
It's ranged everything from, you know, business opportunities that have come in that trucks didn't have the time to look at at the moment that we were able to kind of go through and do some initial reviews of, or business ideas in terms of markets they wanted to expand into or new businesses they wanted to set up.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:16:06
We've been able to kind of come in and do some of the initial business feasibility studies and market assessments related to that.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:16:13
So, I hopefully will meet as many of you as possible at the TECC Summit here in a few weeks, where we can discuss certainly more, but otherwise, you know, please just continue to reach out over email or through the TA forum.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:16:26
On the next slide.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:16:29
You know, we're continuing to have our monthly advisory board meetings full of external members, some of which have good experience working with tribes. The meetings have been running long, which I will start by saying has been awesome because I've been having a hard time kind of cutting it off. I want to encourage discussions as much as possible.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:16:48

However, I will try to do a better job keeping those, you know, on schedule going forward. Everybody wants to help, right? So the question is really, you know, we've talked about tribal interests, capabilities, constraints, kind of generally, and we'd like to get a little bit more into the specifics, for each individual tribe.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:17:07
The next meeting is this upcoming Monday, July 13th, at 2 o'clock.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:17:11
So if you're interested in joining, either let us know in the chat or email Serena here below.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:17:21
But generally speaking, if you're interested in kind of engaging with us more as we engage with sort of external businesses, you know, please, you know, please don't hesitate to reach out.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:17:32
We've started, I think, looking a little bit more at startups, and the opportunities as a development partner, but certainly that's not what our scope is, you know, limited to. Ultimately, this is all about providing, you know, the right economic and workforce development that, that you all are looking for.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:17:49
On the final slide,

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:17:53
Just want to kind of touch on the fact that we are, you know, coming soon is an update to the TECC, website, with the page for the innovation ecosystem here, with an intake form.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:18:03
This is designed for external parties that are interested in working with, with the tribes, and allows us to kind of get some initial questions answered, and to evaluate them on your behalf.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:18:15
So if you have any opportunities that come to you or your tribes that you don't have

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:18:19

You know, the bandwidth to look at right away, or you'd like our support kind of screening initially, you know, please feel free to connect them with us, either through the intake form or via email.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:18:30
So hopefully that was quick enough, Josh. Those were the three topics I wanted to share today.

[Josh Simmons] 01:18:34
Yeah, that was great, Jonathan. And, so, you know, we will have at the TECC summits.

[Josh Simmons] 01:18:41
there'll be, you know, the in-depth coverage on this program, as well as other programs, so you can better understand these services. There'll be the roundtable there, where Jonathan's gonna be there to engage with each year... each of you, to be able to... and whoever, you know, whoever your tribe sends, to discuss some economic development activities, because

[Josh Simmons] 01:18:59
to energy and climate related business opportunities. Your tribe is interested in exploring and looking for support on and evaluating, or somehow advancing, you know, or if there's workforce development or other kind of

[Josh Simmons] 01:19:11
economic venture-related needs, you know, that... that'll be an opportunity for that in-depth conversation. So, I do... I realize we didn't put it in the chat before, you know, if you have not registered for the summit, I put the link in the chat. Hopefully, you'll do so, and please share it with other...

[Josh Simmons] 01:19:27
others from your tribe leaders and and staff and representatives that have interest in the topics we'll be covering.

[Josh Simmons] 01:19:34
So, I,

[Josh Simmons] 01:19:38
turn it over to... am I covering this, or is this gonna be Serena or somebody?

[Sarina Galeano - TECC] 01:19:45
I think you're covering it, J.

[Josh Simmons] 01:19:46
Okay, great.

[Josh Simmons] 01:19:47
Alright, so, another program we've been running is Access Clean California. It's, it's, funded by California Air Resources Board, or CARB. We are subcontracted to Grid Alternatives.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:00
And this is for incentives for qualifying residents, homeowners throughout California.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:07
to, access

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:09
incentives for purchasing electric vehicles. So there are, there, it is income, it is for, there is income eligibility requirements.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:17
The goal is to help community members access, you know, it's not, it's clean transportation rebates. It's not just EV infrastructure or for EVs. So could even, I think there might even be e-bikes and stuff like that that are on there. I don't know enough about some of the details. Maybe we can have that in our next slide of like the list of the kind of available incentives. But TECC is available to provide guided support with enrollment and applications.

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:42
is actually for...

[Josh Simmons] 01:20:44
the a limited number of kind of on a 1st come 1st serve basis, providing compensation for people to participate in the program and to provide feedback on how that participation went. And this will hopefully be a good lead into the we have a car transportation planning capacity building program that's going to be launching

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:03
Hopefully by when the TECC Summit begins to do broader transportation and clean mobility.

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:09
planning and capacity building activities with with our member tribes. We hope that even you know this, this assistance

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:17
for tries and accessing these incentives will continue. We're having some conversations with some other groups, including the foundation for California community colleges who are doing broader programming to ensure that beyond the end of the year we'll still be able to offer things like this.

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:32
Okay, so here are the at least clean cars for all San Diego.

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:38
I think this is fairly representative of what should be available to anybody throughout California. I think we're, you know, not as familiar with, you know. There, there, there's programming beyond San Diego County as well. But you know, in San Diego County there's

[Josh Simmons] 01:21:54
I guess up to 1,100, you know, 1,100, 1,500 available for for plugin hybrid electric vehicle incentives and and 12,000 for battery electric vehicle incentives. So you know, and even some incentives for installing Ev chargers in your homes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:14
We are looking actually at the the CEC EV homes grant funding opportunity right now to be able to offer more comprehensive assistance to tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:22
in... in... for community members, residents, being able to purchase electric vehicles and install charging infrastructure at their homes. So, this is something we really hope this is a start to more extended and broader programming on behalf of TECC.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:37
Any... well.

[Josh Simmons] 01:22:39
any questions going back to. I didn't allow people to ask Jonathan any questions on the innovation ecosystem stuff or on the access clean California. Any any questions or or feedback.

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:05
Okay?

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:06

I think we... I'm not sure if we provided this up last time, but we now have an events calendar that's live on our website, so socaltech.org slash events, and this includes external events that aren't... aren't TECC...

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:21
Specific events that, you know, we're trying to keep this calendar up to date, with relevant

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:28
programming available to to member tribes. Trainings can be, you know, workshops can be listening sessions or whatever it might be. And then we have an event submission request form that agencies and and other organizations can submit to to ask to have events added to our calendar.

[Josh Simmons] 01:23:49
Okay, so this is... I'm not gonna spend much time on this. I covered this last time with some of the TECC innovation ecosystem center planning. You know, this is, you know, we have a working draft facility design. The intention is not for TECC to own or operate this facility. Frankly, like, we don't necessarily want to have any kind of

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:06
At least in the near future, any kind of standing

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:09
facility to have, you know, overhead to be able to have to maintain. We're looking at collaborating with the Paul Environmental Department and Sctca for a facility that's serving them full time with event and innovation ecosystem space available to the tribal energy and climate collaborative. This is the latest floor plan available. We're pursuing a community resilience center

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:33
grant for this, so, you know, there's the offices on the right available to SCTCA and Paul Environmental Department. The community room would be now a, you know, place, larger space to gather for TECC events, including our, our annual convenings.

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:51
Annual summits, and then, an innovation,

[Josh Simmons] 01:24:56
center on the right side, sorry, left side, on the north side of the building, that to support getting some of the innovation ecosystem programming up off the ground,

such as prototyping, pilots, demonstration, training activities as well. So we're hoping this ends up being a training workforce development center that

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:16
supports the economic workforce development, but really supports training and capacity building activities across all techs programming.

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:25
including the tribal climate health project.

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:29
Here's the site, and we're gonna follow up on this. We brought this up last time as well. So part of the, grant application includes defining the initial programming and the year one programming. And so there's a series of strategies with which, you know, you need to

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:46
demonstrate that the facility is going to meet meet the requirements and fulfill these strategies. We're gonna work on a a survey about what kind of programs, specifically trainings.

[Josh Simmons] 01:25:57
that the facility should prioritize in the initial years of operations. So be on the lookout for that. It probably will not be until after the TECC summit. Maybe we'll have it available in time for the the TECC summit to to have it available and begin gathering feedback on what you all want to see, and it'll be informative for us to get feedback on this beyond the facility. And and you know, because, like this is.

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:21
This will help us understand what types of.

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:24
trainings and activities you all want to see that we can. We can work on developing and deploying regardless.

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:31
of us are successful. This grant.

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:34
But...

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:35

Okay, so updates on the events, TECC Annual Summit, please join us there. There's a Tribal Nations Partnership Strategy Workshop.

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:44
What, Alyssa, what's this one? That top one?

[Alyssa Danigelis] 01:26:50
I'm actually not sure. Parisa?

[Josh Simmons] 01:26:56
Oh, it's with SCAG, Southern California Association of Governments. They're trying to engage tribes.

[Josh Simmons] 01:27:03
and partnership activities, so, you know, essentially all the tribes except for San Diego.

[Josh Simmons] 01:27:08
tries to be covered by that. So, our next TechX is going to be on July 28th. It's going to focus on broadband. It's going to be a single topic.

[Josh Simmons] 01:27:16
This time, it's just focused on broadband. Matt Rantanen will be there along with others. I don't know, Angie, do you want to give that a quick plug, or anybody

[Josh Simmons] 01:27:28
Oh, we must have lost Angie.

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:30
Okay.

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:31
Sorry, you want me to talk about TECC? I'm sorry, the Tribal Climate Health Project Summit?

[Josh Simmons] 01:27:36
The TECC... the TECC... upcoming TechX, just.

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:39
Oh, thank you, yes. So our next TechX is going to be on July 28th. We're going to have speakers talking about broadband, and we're actually going to talk about it from a climate resilience perspective, and I feel like that will actually make sense to many of you who know how critical having access to telecommunications

[Angie Hacker] 01:27:56
is, and the relationship between energy resilience when it comes through climate events.

[Angie Hacker] 01:28:01
We're gonna have Matt from SCTCA speaking, and he's a real expert, so we're gonna hear from him, not only about some of the challenges tribes are facing, but where there are some opportunities, including funding opportunities to help access greater broadband infrastructure. And we also have a speaker from the PAO, Public Advocates Office, that works with the PUC.

[Angie Hacker] 01:28:19
I'm going to talk to you a little bit about what access to their support you can get for participating in PUC-related efforts.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:27
Sanji.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:29
Okay, so yeah, please join us for that. So spotlight on some technical assistance. Alyssa kind of helps highlight these.

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:38
support tribes and pursuing. I think these funding opportunities in addition to the community resilience center grants that many tribes are aware of. They're also Lci has awards for

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:52
heat, extreme heat and community resilience grants up to 4 million dollars. So

[Josh Simmons] 01:28:58
this could fund some of what your tribes are trying to fund with community resilience centers as well, so we just want you to be aware of that, and that, if the tribe's seeking TA, that they need to, submit an interest form. Well, they need to submit an interest form

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:13
14 by July 21, st and then an interest form without by August 11.th What's what's the due date for the actual grant applications in September, October.

[Alyssa Danigelis] 01:29:23

Let me just pull that up real quick.

[Alyssa Danigelis] 01:29:28
It is going to be October 13th for the full application and everybody who submits the required pre-application interest form will have access to that full application to start working on that once that's done.

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:47
So one thing noted on here, it says small-scale renewable energy systems, which I think are intended to, like, support, say, a cooling center, or place designated as a cooling center, so just to be aware of that.

[Josh Simmons] 01:29:57
you know, variety of funding opportunities available. So you won't go into the weeds on these right now, because we're out of time and kind of same thing, you know. Hopefully, you're you're seeing the the tracker and the newsletter updates and

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:10
getting the updates on the funding opportunities.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:13
And then our workforce development opportunities as well. We have 2 of those that we've highlighted.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:19
And then there's the funding on the horizon, and finally, we'd love for you to start getting some feedback from you all on the board meetings, so we'll send this out afterwards, but, you know, use the QR code.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:31
and we'll send a link as well. It's actually links at the bottom for you to get feedback on on how well the the board meetings are going for you.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:40
Complete one at each time about, like, what went well, what didn't, and helps us improve.

[Josh Simmons] 01:30:47
Okay, well, that's it for us today. So appreciate everybody for joining, and I'll hopefully be seeing most, if not all, you in person in a few weeks at Paula.

[Shasta Gaughen] 01:30:59

Thanks, everyone.

[Rob Roy] 01:31:00
Thanks, Josh and everyone.

[Josh Simmons] 01:31:03
Thank you.

[Jonathan MacNeil] 01:31:04
Thanks all.

[Austin Sonnier] 01:31:05
Thank you.

[Glenn Woodson] 01:31:08
Thank you.