Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association

SCTCA

TRIBAL ENERGY & CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

TECC Board Meeting

July 7, 2026

BEGIN MEETING RECORDING

TECC Board Meeting AI Policy

AI Notetakers are no longer permitted to join TECC Board Meetings. We will share meeting slides, recordings, notes, and transcripts with TECC members by the end of the week.

Meeting Agenda

- SoCalREN TCRP overview, contract
- TECC Summit registration, speakers
- Capacity Building and Technical Assistance (TA) Program
- Policy & Regulatory Advocacy updates
- 40101(d) updates
- Tribal Energy Data Access & Sovereignty
- TECC EV Infrastructure Grant program
- Economic and Workforce Development
- Access Clean CA and Clean Cars 4 All
- TECC Innovation Center
- Events, Funding, Input, and Other Opportunities for TECC Tribes. See TECC Opportunity Tracker
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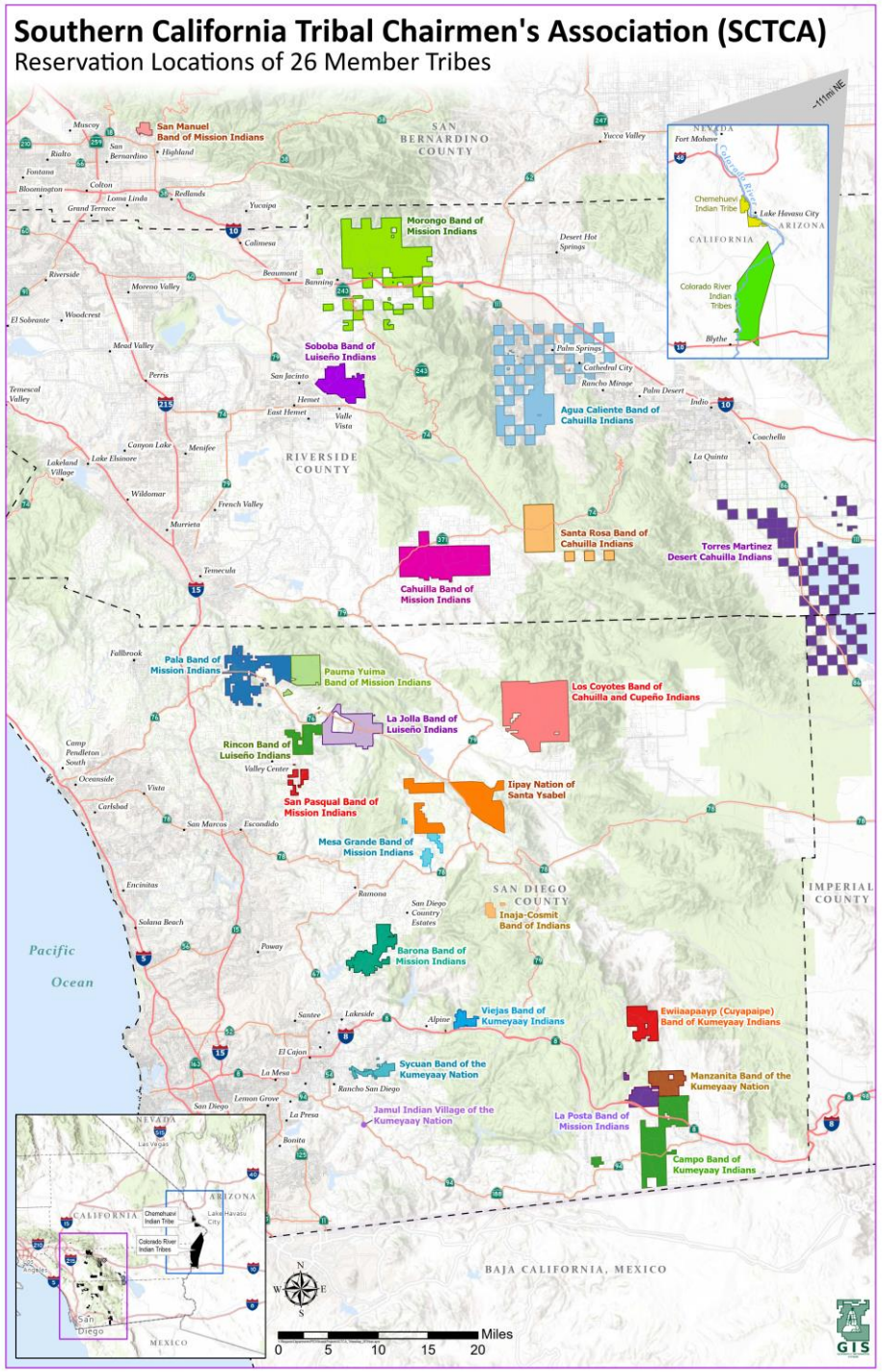

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Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Barona Band of Mission Indians

Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians

Campo Band of Mission Indians

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

Colorado River Indian Tribes

Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Inaja Cosmit Band of Indians

Jamul Indian Village

La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians

La Posta Band of Diegueño Mission Indians

Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians

Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation

Mesa Grande Band of Diegueño Mission Indians

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Pala Band of Mission Indians

Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

YUHAAVIATAM OF SAN MANUEL NATION

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TECC Governance & Management

SCTCA Board
26 member Tribes

TECC Board
26 member Tribes

- **TECC Chair: Shasta Gaughen (Pala)**
- **TECC Vice Chair: Ray Teran (Viejas)**
- **Econ. & Work-force Dev Chair Anne Turcotte (La Posta)**
- **Capacity Building & TA Chair: Christian Aceves (Soboba)**
- **Policy & Reg Advocacy Chair: Jacob Norte (Los Coyotes)**

- **Economic and Workforce Dev.**
  - **Co-Directors**
    Matt Rantanen, Josh Simmons
- **TA & Capacity Building**
  - **Co-Directors**
    Shasta Gaughen, Josh Simmons
- **Policy & Reg. Advocacy**
  - **Co-Directors**
    Matt Rantanen, Josh Simmons, Barona & San Pasqual reps

Support Staff: Pala, SCTCA, Barona, San Pasqual, Prosper Sustainably
Advisors and Technical Assistance Providers:
Prosper Sustainably and Technical Partners

Stipends for TECC Tribes

Max stipends budget per Tribe

- SGC SCT RCC: $10,037.50
- CPUC EEE: $3,100
- SDREN and SoCalREN: ~$10,000
- CJF RII: $9,600

Primary purpose of stipends is to compensate Tribes for participation in TECC Board and TECC activities

- Stipends are unrestricted, once earned.

Payment period (~3x per year)

- SCT RCC (SGC): ends ~12/31/2026
- CPUC EEE: ends ~12/31/2026
- SDREN: ends ~12/31/2027
- SoCalREN: ends ~12/31/2026
- CJF RII: ends ~12/31/2027

Pending payments will cover activities August 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

TECC: Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative

Capacity Building & Technical Assistance (TA)
Energy, climate, and economic development TA, grant writing assistance, training, capacity building

- 600+ hours of stipend-eligible activities by 24 TECC Tribes
- ID'd 50+ Priority Needs/Projects
- 100+ Technical Assistance Requests
- Funding Assistance → ~$24M
- 10 TECC-X meetings w/ ~80 ppl avg. And 430+ registrants
- $1.6M REN and EBD contracts
- $3M CEC EV Infrastructure grant

Economic and Workforce Development
Planning, due diligence, and support to accelerate Tribally-led innovative clean energy and climate technologies and ventures

- Scanned 30+ startups/technologies
- Eight (8) due diligence studies
- Persevered through NSF Engines grant termination (loss of $700K+)
- Designed, planned, and secured GoBiz RII grant for innovation ecosystem to advance Tribally-led ventures
- EV charger training-workforce grant

Policy & Regulatory Advocacy
Education, training, and engagement in climate and energy policies, programs, and regulatory proceedings

- 300+ hours advocating on CPUC matters, including: SGIP, Tribal OIR, ROW, Energization, IComp, Labor
  - Convened Tribes, Agencies, IOUs on interconnection/energization
  - Decision preserving $6M for 20+ Tribal energy storage projects
- 11 Advancing Tribes' Interests at the CPUC Trainings w/ 130+ registrants

Identify and advance climate, energy, and related economic and workforce development goals of SCTCA Tribes

Southern California REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK

SoCalREN Tribal Community Resiliency Program Overview

July 7, 2026

Southern California
REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK

The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) was created to harness the collective power of residents, businesses and the public sector to achieve an unprecedented level of energy savings across Southern California.

Public Agencies | **Residential** | **Workforce Education and Training** | **Finance** | **Agriculture** | **Commercial**

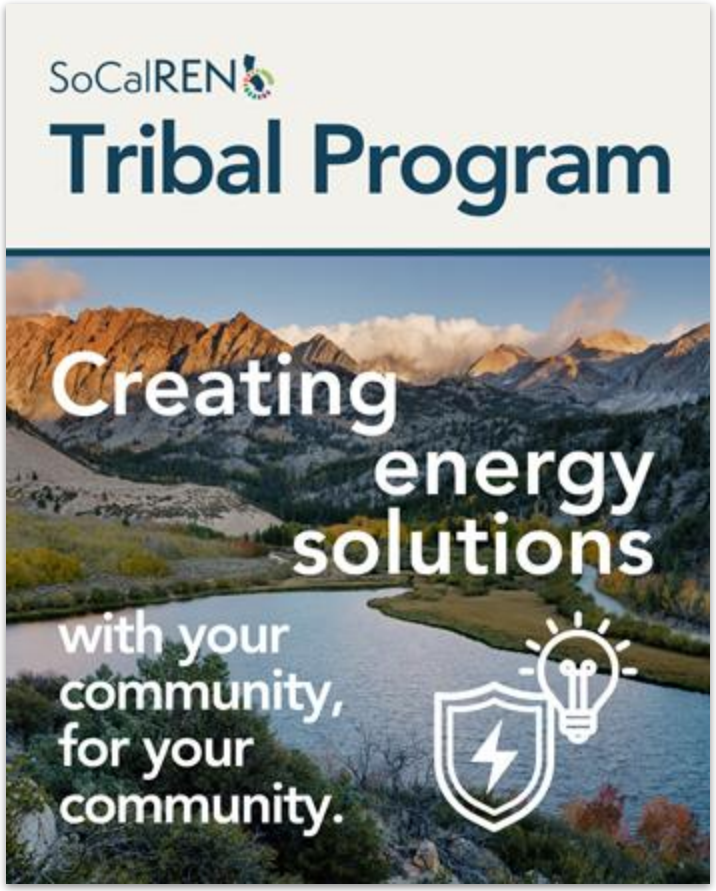
The SoCalREN Public Agency Programs are administered by the County of Los Angeles and funded by California utility ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. Learn more at **socalren.org**.

Tribal Community Resiliency Program (TCRP)

TCRP offers a flexible engagement process to support Tribes in developing energy efficiency initiatives aligned with local priorities and within California Public Utilities Commission funding boundaries.

The process includes:

- Collaborative planning
- Capacity building
- Tailored initiatives



TCRP Framework Overview

- The TCRP framework is structured around **five engagement meetings** to support understanding of energy gaps and priorities and assistance in developing initiatives for funding.
- Each meeting is paired with a **stipend** to support staff participation and ensure equitable engagement.
- Between meetings, SoCalREN staff and TECC will provide technical assistance and one-on-one support.

The five meetings are anticipated to take place over a **3-6 month** period, with flexibility based on each Tribe's capacity and readiness.

TCRP Framework Meetings & Goals

Meeting	Goal
1	Introduction & Partnership Building
2	Energy Efficiency Overview & Opportunity Identification
3	Initiative Refinement & Community Input
4	Finalization & Submission Preparation
5	Reflection, Feedback, and Future Planning

Commitment & MOU

- Two page Memorandum of Understanding document between Tribe and The Energy Coalition
- Exists so payments can be made to Tribe
  - $2,000 per meeting (total of $10,000 for 5 meetings)
  - $2,000 for community outreach
  - NTE of $12,000
- Outlines compensation structure, roles, and timeline
- Next step: execute MOU with interested Tribes and begin framework participation to build initiative

Program Parameters

- **Types of Program Services**
  - Ideas must be tied to energy efficiency (e.g., weatherization, education, training, etc.); solar, EV, and battery are not allowed.
- **Funding**
  - Set aside and reserved funding for approval initiative proposals from Los Angeles County (administrator of SoCalREN)
- **Sources of program proposals**
  - Participating member Tribes & their communities
  - Collaborations encouraged

Overview of Roles

TECC

- Engage eligible member Tribes for interest in TCRP participation
- Support Tribal commitment through MOU process
- Promote TCRP through marketing and outreach
- Serve as a liaison to member Tribes participating in TCRP
- Provide insights and expertise to guide initiative development

SoCalREN

- Facilitate conversations guided through the Framework with flexibility
- Provide content on energy efficiency, program opportunities, and parameters
- Support developing initiative proposals and applications
- Communicate and assist each step of the way

Overview of Roles, Cont.

Tribe Role

- Confirm participation through MOU and designate a representative to attend remaining meetings
- Provide insights and expertise to guide decision-making and strategy
- Participate approximately
  Q3, through Q4, 2026
- Support gathering community feedback through surveys or in-person sessions

Understanding Your Energy Priorities

- What energy-related challenges are you facing today?
- What are your priorities for the future?
- Where can support be most useful?
- Where do you currently see gaps in energy programs and services?

What energy support does your Tribe need?

Initiative Examples

High Desert Energy Exchange (HDEE)

HDEE is a community-led outreach initiative that helps high desert residents reduce utility costs and access energy-saving programs. Leveraging CHAN's reach of 2,500+ households, HDEE delivers workshops, culturally relevant materials, and grassroots outreach in familiar spaces. It uses canvassing, events, and incentives to connect residents with SoCalREN and efficiency resources.

Education and Outreach

Climate Solutions Navigator (CSN)

The Climate Solutions Navigator is an initiative supporting SoCalREN residents in decarbonization and energy efforts. Partnering with 20+ local groups, it promotes equity, program awareness, clean energy access, and improved health in low-income communities, advancing California's climate goals through trusted regional collaboration and community-centered solutions.

Education and Outreach

Energy Efficiency Community Education (EECE)

This project will deliver 10 educational sessions in Ventura County, promoting energy conservation, related health benefits, and simple, impactful actions. The program aims to build lasting energy-conscious habits through clear messaging, actionable steps, and reinforcement, expanding SoCalREN's reach and impact with accessible, high-level education for local communities.

Education and Outreach

EmpowerRent

The EmpowerRent initiative serves El Monte and South El Monte renters with $3,000 in energy-efficiency incentives per household. Through workshops, mobile demos, and multilingual outreach, it aims to improve indoor air quality, lower utility costs, and expand access to energy-saving tools using trusted, community-based engagement.

Direct Support and Upgrades

SoCalREN enrollment open!

- **Eligibility**: Tribes served by Southern California Edison (SCE) and SoCalGas (SCG)
- Supports with identifying energy efficiency needs
- Provides direct funding to implement energy efficiency initiatives

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

SoCalREN Contract Amendment

- The initial contract started early 2026 and ended on June 30, 2026
- The proposed amendment will extend work through Dec. 31, 2026
- SCTCA will be a subcontractor to The Energy Coalition who is contracted with Los Angeles County

TECC's Perspective: SoCalREN Program and Contract Amendment

Advantages

- $12,000 for 5 meetings and community outreach
- Can develop a customized energy efficiency program for eligible Tribes (that isn't already covered by other SoCalREN programs)
- Eligible Tribes:
  - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
  - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
  - Colorado River Indian Tribes
  - Morongo Band of Mission Indians
  - Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation
  - Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
  - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

Disadvantages

- Tribes need to sign MOU upfront to participate and earn stipends
- Unclear if SoCalREN TCRP offers worthwhile opportunities
  - Example programs seem to have limited value
  - Only for energy efficiency; Not solar, storage, batteries, EVs
- TECC's role is constrained to outreach with limited ability to support Tribes participating other SoCalREN programs
  - Tribes are unfamiliar with other SoCalREN programs, but these program have more prospective value!
- Overlapping territory with Inland Regional Energy Network aka I-REN (San Bernadino and Riverside)
  - SoCalREN (LA County) has expressed concern about collaborating with other RENs, particularly I-REN
- Program wasn't co-design with Tribes or TECC
  - On the contrary, SDREN program is being co-design by TECC and supports access to all SDREN programs

SoCalREN Contract Work Plan

- Marketing & Outreach
  - Co-create at least 3 unique marketing materials with SoCalREN
  - Representation of SoCalREN through at least 3 outreach events
- Engagement
  - Supporting SoCalREN Team with guidance on outreach, engagement, and implementation strategy
  - Support enrollment/commitment of at least 2 member Tribes for TCRP and other SoCalREN programs, as applicable
  - Serve as a liaison and provide guidance for member Tribes that are enrolled, committed, or participating in the TCRP framework through initiative development
  - Serve as a liaison and provide guidance for member Tribes enrolled, committed, or participating in other SoCalREN programs (limited)
  - Support the development of energy initiatives which are structured as pilot projects that will be submitted to Los Angeles County for funding consideration
  - TECC's scope does not include technical assistance

TECC's SDREN Work Plan (enrollment opening soon)

TASK 1: Program Management

TASK 2: Program Pre-launch

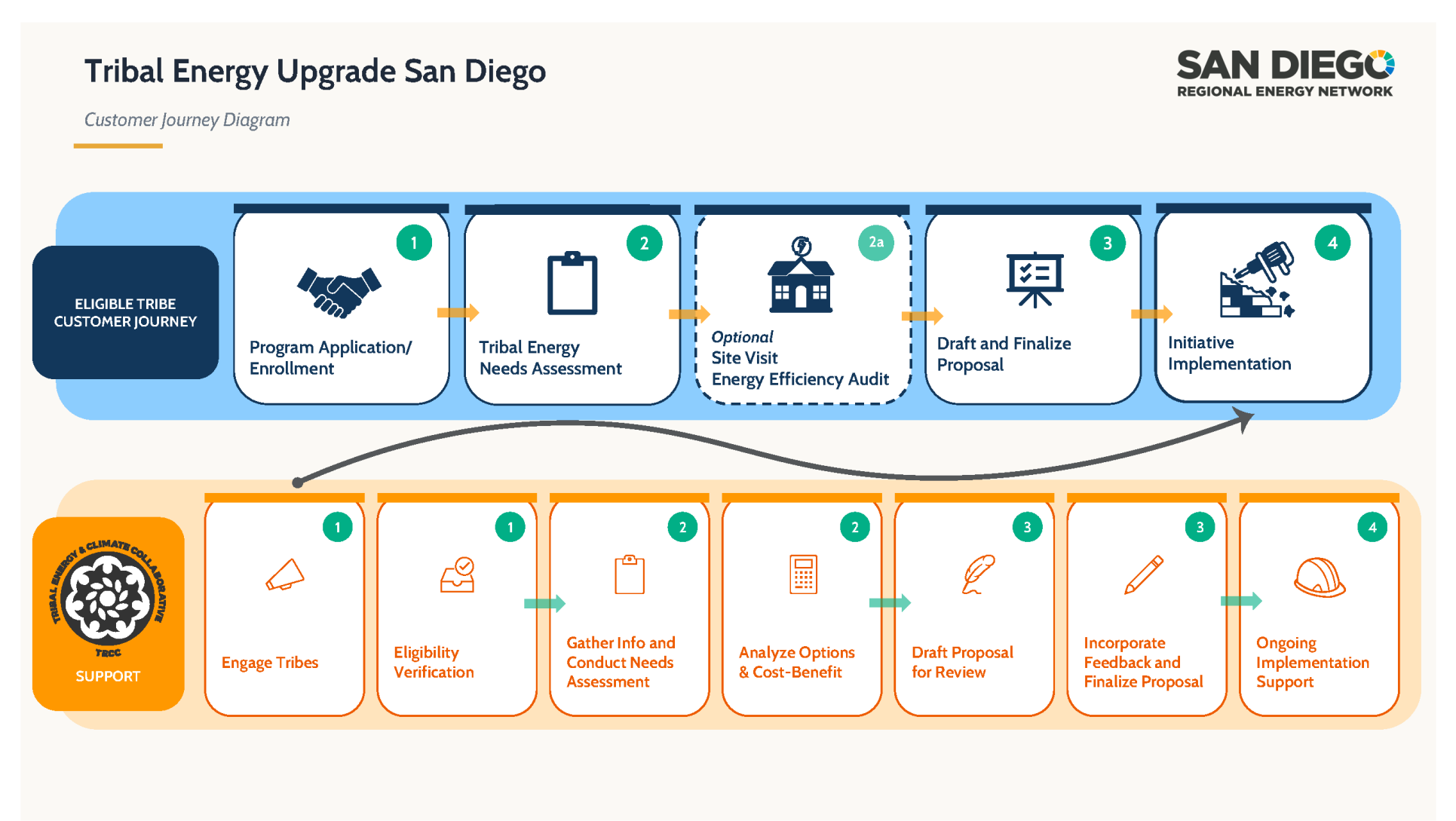
TASK 3: Program Data and Reporting

TASK 4: Education and Outreach

TASK 5: Program Implementation

- Enroll eligible Tribes into the Program
- Individual needs assessment for participating Tribes
- Co-develop Tribal Proposals based on the needs assessment
- Directly fund eligible implementation activities (e.g. staff training, audits or equipment inventories, strategic energy planning, community engagement workshops)
- Provide TA for implementation of approved Tribal initiatives
- Deliver educational content through workshops, webinars, trainings

SDREN Tribe Customer Journey



SoCalREN Contract Recommendation

- SCTCA and SoCalREN territory Tribes send a letter to The Energy Coalition (or request an MOU with LA County), stating:
    1. SCTCA/TECC prioritizes supporting Tribal serving programs that they participate in designing
    2. Due to the limitations of SoCalREN's Tribal Climate Resilience Program (TCRP) and untapped benefits of SoCalREN's broader programming, SCTCA/TECC desires a contract that supports broader SoCalREN education and participation
    3. Due to the capacity and technical limitations of SCTCA Tribes and the pre-existing relationships and capacity built through TECC, Member Tribes want TECC available to support participation in SoCalREN programming throughout as a liaison, advisor, and technical assistance provider
    4. SCTCA cannot be limited in working with any Regional Energy Network in any way in bringing services to Member Tribes and desires collaboration among the RENs to maximize opportunities, benefits, and efficiency for Tribes in the region

NOTE: Tribes can participate in TCRP without an SCTCA/TECC role or contract.

2026 TECC Summit – July 21-22
Registration Extended!

Registration is open for TECC's annual summit!

- Location: Pala Casino Spa Resort
- Up to $1,400 in stipends available
  - $500 for Day 1 (half day)
  - $900 for Day 2 (full day)
- Draft agenda available
- Register by Monday, July 13th

2026 TECC Summit – Agenda

July 21-22, 2026 | Pala Casino Spa Resort

Day 1

1-2pm: Overview of TECC Programs

- Economic and Workforce Development
- Capacity Building Programs
- Technical Assistance Case Study (TECC member Tribe to present, any volunteers?)

2:10-3:10pm: Special Topics on Policy & Advocacy Session

- Intertribal Power Authority
- Energization & ROWs update
- CPUC Tribal advisor/advocate strategy
- Legislative platform

3:20-4:20pm: TECC Scope, Membership, Fundraising, and Strategy Discussion Part 1

4:20-4:30pm: Wrap-up & Adjourn

4:30pm: Informal Networking / No-host Happy Hour

Day 2

9:15-11:15am: Welcome & Deep Dive into TECC Capacity Building Programs

- Economic & Workforce Development
- Policy & Regulatory Advocacy
- Climate Change & Energy TA
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program
- SDREN + SoCalREN Programs
- Access Clean California Program
- SoCal Equitable Building Decarb Program
- CARB Transportation Planning Program
- Tribal Climate Health Project (TCHP)

11:30am-12pm: Member Hub Launch and Demo

12:45-2:45pm: Rotating Breakouts for program enrollment and technical assistance

3-4pm: TECC Scope, Membership, Fundraising, and Strategy Discussion Part 2

4-4:15pm: Wrap-up & Adjourn

Technical Assistance Testimonials

TA testimonials for the TECC Summit requested, seeking brief responses to the following prompts:

- What technical assistance did TECC provide your Tribe? What were the results or benefits of the technical assistance provided by TECC?
  - TECC Team will provide a draft response
- It was easy to get technical assistance from TECC because...?
- Our Tribe values/appreciates TECC because... ?

Capacity Building and TA
KEY UPDATES, NEXT STEPS

- Funding awarded:
  - $500k CARB Community Planning and Capacity Building grant for Tribal transportation planning and capacity
  - $2M SGC Tribal Capacity Building Program (TCBP) TA contract for TA for TCBP Rd 2 (and Tribal Housing Predevelopment fund?) awardees (TBD) and SGC Tribal engagement support
- Seeking to apply for these opportunities:
  - GFO-25-608 - Electric Vehicle Hub, Outreach, Messaging, and Equipment (EV HOME)
    - $500,000 to $5 Million for projects that will accelerate electric vehicle (EV) adoption by connecting prospective drivers with incentives for EVs and residential charging equipment, facilitating home charger installations, and providing education and outreach on EV benefits, charging options, and available incentives
  - SGC Community Resilience Center
    - Up to $10M for a PED / SCTCA / TECC building
  - BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity
    - Up to $2M for Tribal energy authority entity feasibility study, planning, and formation
  - DOE Unleashing Tribal Clean Energy Development
    - Up to $2M for Tribal energy authority entity feasibility study, planning, and formation

Submit Technical Assistance Requests at any time using this form or email coordinator@socaltecc.org

TECC's TA scope could decrease by September 2026 (act soon!)

TECC Tribes Encouraged to Apply
Applications due August 11, 2026

SGC Tribal Capacity Building Program Round 2 Grants

- $350,000-$420,000 awards ($5M total)
  - Only Tribal Orgs eligible. No match required.
  - Advance pay options for eligible entities
- Eligible Activities (climate and housing* related):
  - Grant writing*
  - Grant project implementation*
  - Trainings and P2P learning*
  - Partnership and Economic Development Activities
  - Planning and Analysis Activities
  - Training development
  - Organization operations
  - **Mandatory*
- TECC grant review here
- TECC grant writing plan here

SGC Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund Grants

- Up to $3M awards ($20M total)
  - Only Tribal Orgs eligible. No match required.
  - Eligible grantees may receive up to 25% as an advance
- Eligible Activities
  - Planning Activities (e.g. community/partner engagement and outreach; needs assessment; feasibility studies; market analyses; env. assessments; etc.)
  - Infrastructure Investments (e.g. sewage and drainage infrastructure; Road and safety infrastructure; Waste management; Sustainable transportation investments; Electric utility, broadband, and renewable energy infrastructure; etc.)
  - Site Acquisition & Preparation (e.g. Site appraisal and acquisition; Site preparation, including surveying, grading, and mitigation; Architectural and engineering costs; Ecological and wildlife restoration; Disaster preparation)
- TECC grant review here
- TECC grant writing plan here

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Policy & Regulatory Advocacy Updates

Energization Proceeding (R.24-01-018)

- Prepared draft comments on Guidehouse report and workshop (feedback due by 7/8)
- Filed for intervenor compensation (pending)
  - To sustain CPUC regulatory engagement following grants

Policy & Regulatory Advocacy Updates

The June 18, 2026 workshop focused on the Investor-Owned Utilities' (IOUs') reports submitted in March, 2026, and the methodology the IOUs used to analyze their submissions, while the report produced by Guidehouse and circulated by the CPUC's Energy Division is an evaluation of the data the IOUs submitted through September 2025.

In the draft Comment Letter, SCTCA responds to the following questions:

- Do the utilities' energization reports meet the requirements set by D.24-09-020 and D.26-02-025? If not, what do the IOUs need to change or add to the reports to meet those requirements? By what date should the IOUs implement any necessary process changes or Information Technology changes to provide the complete and accurate information the Commission needs to evaluate their performance?
- Should the Commission adopt data sufficency metrics and/or data analysis framework and methodology akin to the Data Sufficiency Thresholds that Guidehouse proposed in their October 2025 report? Both topics will be explored in more depth at the upcoming workshop.
- Are there any other issues germane to the June 18, 2026 Workshop or the Guidehouse report that the Commission should address?

Please submit feedback by COB on Wednesday, July 8th

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Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding

- Submitted supplement comments on:
  - Office of the Tribal Advisor, Office of the Tribal Advocate, Tribal Oversight Committee, etc.
- Submitted comments on Surplus Lands

Rights of Way (ROW)

- Want to support a TECC Tribe in pursuing a temporary easement (without needing BIA approval) to clearly establish precedent
  - Is your Tribe experiencing delays in obtaining a BIA ROW with SDG&E? Are you willing to pursue a temporary easement? If so, please email jsimmons@socaltecc.org

40101(d) Update

Per Vanessa Vandever, SDG&E's Tribal Liaison on July 6, 2026: SDG&E is unable to formally partner with Tribes on DOE 40101(d) grid resilience grant projects this at this time but wants to support projects already in its scope (e.g. brush clearing, covered conductors)

Tribal Energy Data Access and Sovereignty

- Does your Tribe have issues accessing electricity usage or billing data?
- Issues:
  - Can't download 15-minute usage data through online portal
  - Need to request data and wait weeks to months to receive
  - Delays in obtaining data delays energy projects and benefits (resiliency, savings, etc.)
- Options:
  - Discuss issue and solutions with IOUs
  - Engage in CPUC proceeding
  - File informal complaint
  - File formal complaint
  - Other ideas?

Proposed OMB Rule Change for federal assistance (grants)

U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Proposed changes to 2 CFR Part 200, the Uniform Guidance that governs most federal funding:

- Federal Agency Review of Merit Proposals
  - Mandatory pre-issuance political review for all discretionary awards
- Review of Risk Posed by Applicants
- Prohibition on Promoting Disparate Impact Liability, Statutory and National Policy Requirements
  - Policy banning federal assistance that promotes or supports "theories that impose disparate-impact liability based on federally protected characteristics such as race, sex, or age." Compliance with EOs, including DEI, gender, etc.
- Termination and Suspension, Oversight
  - Can terminate awards for 1) noncompliance, which has been expanded to include failure to report subawards on SAM.gov, and 2) a discretionary "national interest" determination, where the agency determines the award "no longer effectuates program goals, agency priorities, or the national interest" at the time of termination
- Changes to fixed amount subawards; New requirements related to reimbursement requests and drawdowns
- **Comments due by July 13, 2026**
  - How are Tribes responding? What can/should TECC do?

Holland & Knight Summary

TECC EV Infrastructure Grant Program

SCTCA's $3M CEC grant delivers 86 chargers total, at no cost to participants:

1. **Up to 4 Level 2 EV Chargers**

   Installed at a facility of the Tribe's choice — the Tribe owns the infrastructure.

2. **Custom EV Charging Infrastructure Plan**

   Site assessment and a step-by-step plan tailored to the Tribe's facilities.

3. **Fleet Vehicle Electrification Roadmap**

   Timelines, cost assessments, and funding sources for transitioning Tribal fleets to EVs.

4. **Workforce Training**

   Hands-on training in EV charging system design, installation, and maintenance.

Early Results

One week after outreach began:

80%

of TECC's 26 member Tribes have already expressed interest in participating in the EVI Program

How to Participate

1. **Reply to the outreach email**

   Every TECC member Tribe received an email inviting them to express interest — there's no application to fill out.

2. **Meet with the TECC/Prosper team**

   A short intro meeting to discuss the Tribe's facilities, priorities, and which offerings fit best.

3. **Choose your track**

   Full charger installation, EVI/fleet planning only, or both — tailored to the Tribe's readiness and goals.

4. **Stay engaged through delivery**

   TECC supports the Tribe through design, installation, training, and O&M.

Contact: coordinator@socaltecc.org

TECC Economic & Workforce Development Services

NO-COST SERVICES for opportunities, ventures, or investments related to TECC's scope (available now).

Business opportunity due diligence

Evaluate business and investment proposals to inform decisions and strengthen negotiation leverage.

- Examples: completed initial review on land development and lease proposals for an energy storage and specialty crop opportunity.

Business development and feasibility

Assess business feasibility on new and existing enterprises.

- Examples: completed preliminary market and feasibility studies on a targeted grazing and forestry wood products business opportunity.

To request assistance or an initial meeting:

- Email jmacneil@prospersustainably.com
- Submit request through our TA form

TECC Innovation Ecosystem Advisory Board

Advisory Board Meeting Highlights:

- Advisors want to help!
- Good discussion on Tribal interests, capabilities, and constraints

Next meeting is Monday, July 13th, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm PST

Help guide the Innovation Ecosystem so it reflects and advances Tribal priorities

To join the zoom call:

- Let us know in the chat, or
- Email: sgaleano@prospersustainbly.com

Advisory Board Members	
Jason Anderson	• **CEO of Cleantech San Diego** business association
John McMillan	• **AVP of economic development** at SDSU
Rohit Shukla	• **Founder and CEO** of the LARTA Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit **business accelerator**
Craig Cummings	• **Founder of Santa Barbara Angel Alliance**, a venture capital firm • Previous **technology startup founder** / CEO
David Andresen	• Previous **managing director at multiple private equity and investment banks**
Lee Krevat	• **Current advisor to 12+ Climate tech startups** and host of The Climate Champions podcast
Ramon Sanchez*	• Chief Innovation Officer at the **Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy**
Mayte Sanchez	• **Head of Market Transformation** at the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI)
Byron Washom*	• **Director of Strategic Energy Initiatives** at UCSD
Jan Kleissl	• **Director of UCSD Center for Energy Research** and professor of renewable energy
Alfredo Morales*	• **Managing Director** at UCR's Southern California **Research Initiative for Solar Energy**

*Member has experience working with Tribes / on Tribal initiatives

Innovation Ecosystem Webpage

Updated Economic and Workforce Development webpage advertising the TECC Innovation Ecosystem is coming soon.

Intake form designed for businesses interested in partnering with member Tribes.

- Please direct inquires you would like TECC's support evaluating to us via the new webpage and intake form.

Access Clean California

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

GRID ALTERNATIVES

TRIBAL ENERGY & CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE TECC

Access Clean CA is now open!

- **Eligibility**: Income-eligible members of California Native American Tribes
- **Goal:** Connect community members to clean energy and clean transportation rebate and incentive programs
- **TECC's Role:** Provide guided support with enrollment and applications
- **TECC Member Role:** Compensated opportunities to develop a tailored outreach strategy for your community

Contact AccessCleanCA@SoCalTECC.org to learn more!

Clean Cars 4 All San Diego

- **Eligibility**: Income-eligible members of San Diego TECC Tribes
- $10M available for the purchase of new or used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) or battery electric vehicles (BEV) or the lease of a new BEV
  - Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) Base Incentive
    $9,500 + $2,000 Disadvantaged Community (DAC) incentive
  - Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) Base Incentive
    $10,000 + $2,000 DAC incentive
  - Mobility Option
    $7,500 for all
  - Public and Home EV Charger Installation Incentive
    $2,000

Apply here or contact AccessCleanCA@SoCalTECC.org for application support!

New Events Calendar!

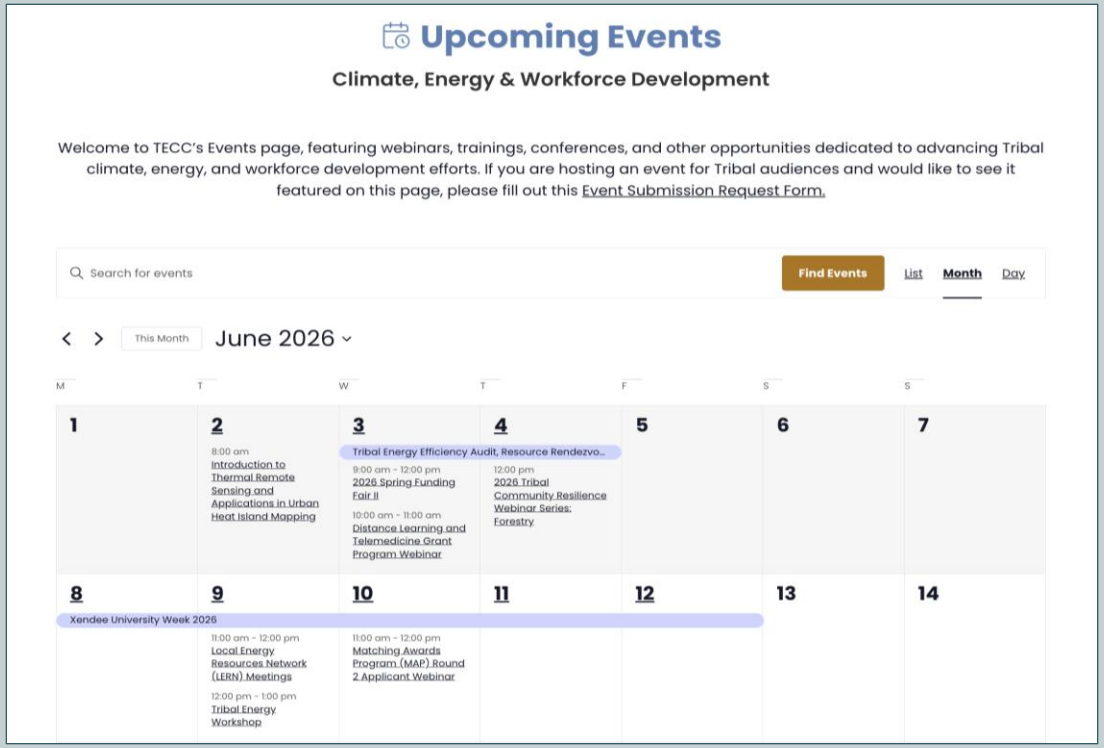
socaltecc.org/events/

Check out TECC's new Events Calendar featuring webinars, trainings, conferences, and other opportunities dedicated to advancing Tribal climate, energy, and workforce development efforts!

Events Calendar – Updated regularly, this page is designed to provide Tribal leaders, staff, and partners with upcoming opportunities relevant to their work and communities:

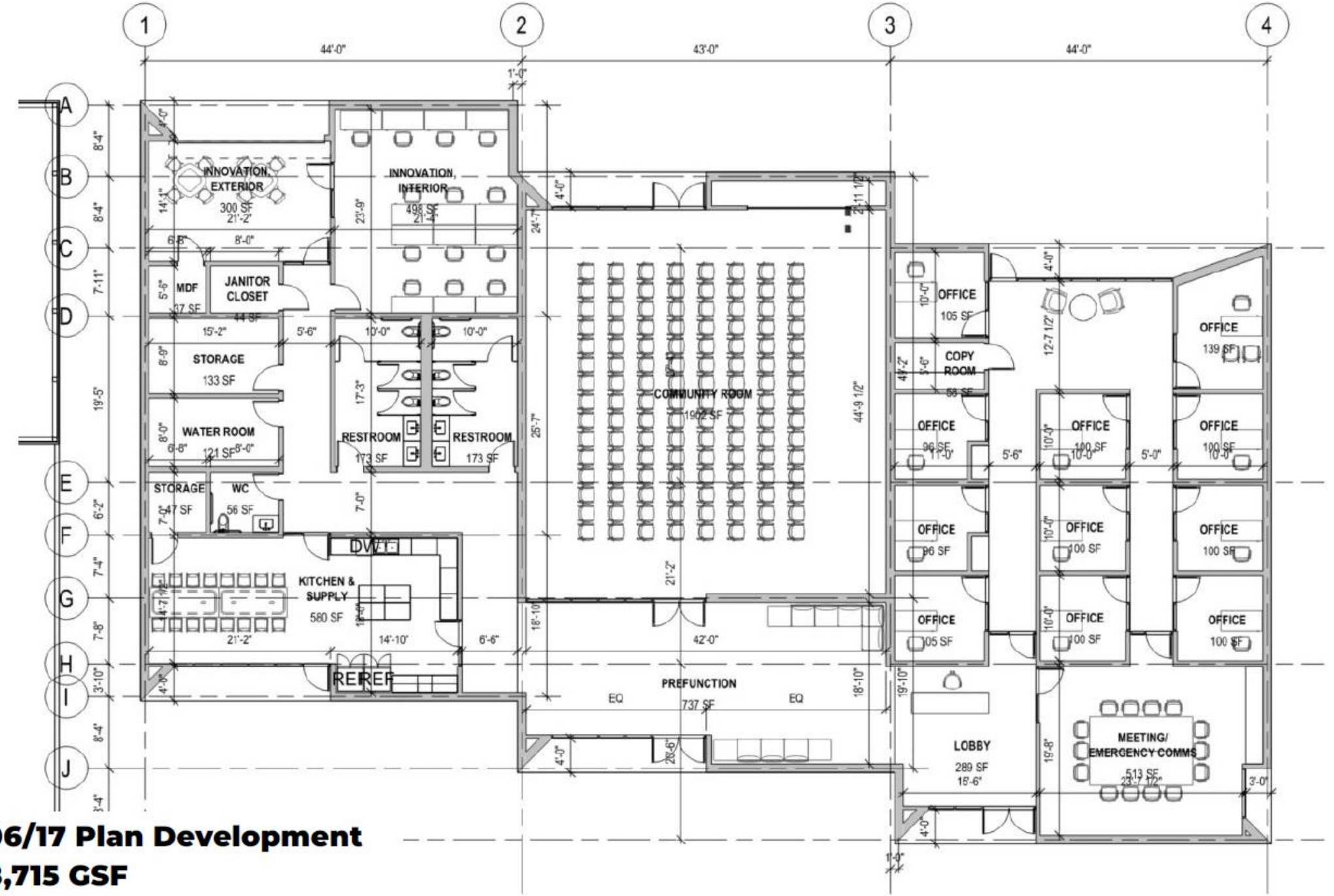
- Discover virtual and in-person climate and energy events
- Find event details quickly and easily
- Stay up to date by subscribing to the Calendar!

Event Submission Request Form – Have an event for Tribal audiences? Share it with us!



TECC Innovation Center Planning

- The following is a working draft facility design.
- TECC will not own or operate this facility.
  - The facility will be fulltime space for the Pala Environmental Department and SCTCA with event and innovation ecosystem space available to TECC.



06/17 Plan Development

8,715 GSF

76
CPT-3
PROPOSED CARWASH

TECC Innovation Center Programming
CRC Grant Strategy Program Areas

Strategy 1: Energy Resilience

Strategy 2: Water Resilience

Strategy 3: Air Quality and Public Health

Strategy 4: Nature-based Solutions and Food Security

Strategy 5: Emergency Preparedness and Critical Communications

Strategy 6: Mobility and Access

Strategy 7: Workforce Development, Education, Training, and Economic Resilience

PENDING SURVEY: What programs (e.g. trainings) should the facility prioritize in its initial year(s) of operations?

TECC Featured Events

Tribal Nations: Partnership Strategy Workshop
July 15, 2–3:30 pm, Virtual

2026 TECC Summit
July 21-22, Pala, CA

TECC-X Meeting Series: Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative eXchange
July 28, 10–11 am, Virtual

2026 National Tribal Health Conference
August 17-21, Phoenix, AZ

Annual Convening for Indigenous Stewards and Cultural Practitioners
August 19-21, Sacramento, CA

Fall 2026 Finance & Tribal Economies Conference
September 21-22, Santa Fe, NM

SPOTLIGHT ON TECC TA

LCI's Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Round 2 Grants

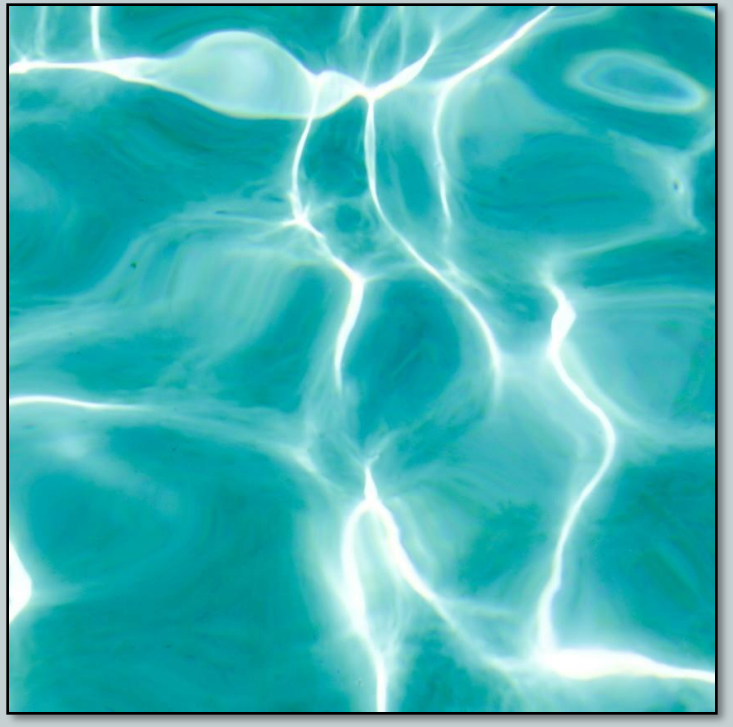
$600,000 to $4 million awards

Early and advanced implementation projects

Examples: Green roofs, outdoor cooling amenities, small-scale renewable energy systems, building upgrades. Early funding requires demo project

Required Form Due July 21 with TA or Aug. 11 without TA

TECC Pre-Application Interest Form Template



SGC's Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Round 2 Grants

$100,000 to $10 million awards

Extremely competitive planning and implementation funding

Planning Due Sept. 4 and Implementation Due Sept. 25

Updated TECC grant review coming soon

Updated TECC grant writing plan coming soon

Highlighted Funding Opportunities

Clean Energy

Access Clean California (ACC) Rebates and Incentives for Members of Southern California Tribes – Available

BIA's Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grants FY 2026* – Due July 16

CEC's Clean Transportation Program Hydrogen Infrastructure Project Opportunity (HIPO) Grants – Due July 20

DOE's Unleashing Tribal Energy Development Grants* – Due July 24

CAL FIRE's Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation Grants – Due Aug. 3

CEC's Electric Vehicle Hub, Outreach, Messaging, and Equipment (EV HOME) Grants – Due Aug. 18

CEC's Reliable Electric Charging for Eligible School-bus Sites (RECESS) Grants – Due Aug. 31

*TECC grant writing resources available

Please see the Funding Opportunity Tracker for details

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Highlighted Funding Opportunities

Climate

CAL FIRE's Forest Health Research California Climate Investments Grants – Concept Proposals Due July 30

CDFW's Natural Community Conservation Planning Local Assistance Grants – Due July 31

SGC's Tribal Building Program (TCBP) Round 2 Grants* – Due Aug. 11

SGC's Tribal Housing Pre-Development Fund Grants* – Due Aug. 11

USFWS's Tribal Wildlife Grants – Due Aug. 14

WWF's National Household Wasted Food Prevention Project Grants – Due Sept. 1

SGC's Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Grants Round 6* – Due Sept. 30

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Highlighted Funding Opportunities

Workforce Development

DOE's Partnerships for Academic-Industry Career Training (PACT) Funding – Due July 17

USDA's Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loans (TPEP) – Rolling Until Funds Exhausted

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Funding On the Horizon

CAL Fire's FY 2025-2026 Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants – Concept Proposal Applications Open July 8

CALeVIP Fast Charge California Project (FCCP) Incentives – Opens October 7, 2026

40101(d) Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants – FY25 and FY26 Release TBD

MacArthur Foundation's Native Self-Determination Program Funding – TBD

Enterprise Community Partners' California Tribal Housing Accelerator Academy – TBD

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Board Meeting Evaluation Form

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Final Thoughts, Questions?

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