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Meeting Transcript:

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Josh Simmons: I know that for at least a lot of the environmental staff, they have the Regional Tribal Operations Committee, so it might be a little bit lighter of a crowd today.

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Josh Simmons: So, I'll just,

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Josh Simmons: Dive right in, though. We still have a stacked agenda. As a reminder, we are not allowing AI.

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Josh Simmons: Send out the meeting agenda in advance, where

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Josh Simmons: Moving things around a little bit. In the meantime.

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Josh Simmons: Just keeping this general slides about tech up here for anybody, for you all to share with any new people.

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Josh Simmons: That JoinTech.

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Josh Simmons: Again, seeping through, you know, an overview of our programming and our stipends.

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Josh Simmons: And... is Angie here?

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Josh Simmons: It does not look like it, so maybe we can drop that down and...

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Josh Simmons: jump to dual fuel instead, or just come back to that. So... Alright, so,

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Josh Simmons: We'll start with our policy and regulatory advocacy updates focused on CPUC, mostly

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Josh Simmons: So we're gonna touch upon the decarbonization or dual fuel proceeding, the...

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Josh Simmons: current status of the Tribal Order Institute rulemaking, the draft comments that we're working on right now.

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Josh Simmons: You know, climate adaptation proceeding.

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Josh Simmons: And we'll bring up one point, or one question on FERC in a moment, but, we are now preparing monthly briefings for tech tribes, at least while funding lasts, on the different CPUC-related topics that arise, so that you will have these and can circulate them

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Josh Simmons: Among your... among, those at your tribe.

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Josh Simmons: So I don't think this is actually particularly relevant. I did run it by those that I thought might be more relevant to, but there was a... Burke reached out and sent an email, and you may have received this on...

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Josh Simmons: about an order on a CAISO motion, and...

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Josh Simmons: I think their... the motion is to hold off on ISO needing to show cause on why their tariff is

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Josh Simmons: reasonable, not unduly discriminatory. So, frankly, it kind of breaks my brain to find out... figure out exactly what the motion is for. But I... when somebody looked at it, they said it really focuses on, like, defining large loads as above 50 megawatts.

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Josh Simmons: And as far as I know, no tribes are quite at that level yet. So just, you know, more for an FYI, if it's relevant, let us... let us know. I'll drop the link in the chat.

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Josh Simmons: That's... I can manage to, and then we'll move on to the CPUC proceedings.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so I'm going to turn it over to Michael to talk about, give... do the briefing on the

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Josh Simmons: CPC building decarbonization, or the dual fuel, matter that's recently arose, and then, then we'll provide an opportunity also for, I believe, Karen is here from Morongo to, talk a bit more about it as well.

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Michael Burr: Greg, can you hear me?

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Josh Simmons: Yes.

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Michael Burr: Okay, great. So, this slide is summarizing the SCTCA tech reply comments in the building decarbonization proceeding. They were filed on August 21st.

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Michael Burr: The issue here is that in December 2023, the Commission had approved a decision that categorically eliminated electric line extension allowances for mixed fuel or dual fuel new construction. We believe that imposed an inequitable burden on tribal governments.

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Michael Burr: really all parties in the proceeding seem to agree that a tribal lands exemption is needed here, but the Office of the Public Advocate and the IOUs, specifically PG&E and Southern California Edison, had proposed an administrative gatekeeping

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Michael Burr: process or a set of requirements. They would have required, or would require, specific project applications on every... for every project, and then an advice letter process for every project that would be really burdensome and onerous, and

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Michael Burr: And they would also only want new exemptions to go forward... for projects in the future. They'd only be applied going forward.

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Michael Burr: And then they'd leave prior projects, basically out in the cold.

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Michael Burr: So the filed comments cited other comments that were filed, by, Morongo Band, as Josh mentioned, as well as Sequan.

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Michael Burr: And, they asked the Commission, or we, the SCTCA comments, asked the Commission for 7 things. I'll try to run through them real quick here. You can read it for yourself, but basically, the comments asked, CPUC to reject

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Michael Burr: The utility and staff-run application pipeline process, the, you know, per-project tracking requirements, and the... and also, you know, they asked to allow the relief to apply to past projects and not just future projects.

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Michael Burr: As well as, Edison had tried to substitute the Common Facility Cost Treatment Program, and the comments point out that's not really appropriate or logical. So, second.

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Michael Burr: The comments asked the Commission to adopt, a self-executing tribal cert... self-certification, under the Public Utilities Code, Section 853B.

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Michael Burr: To ensure, you know, tribes maintain their, their sovereignty. And then, also, the comments asked, CPUC to include tribal member-owned small businesses in the tribal lands exemption.

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Michael Burr: And then the other, well, I guess four different things asked to, prioritize equity, self-determination, tribal energy choice.

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Michael Burr: asked the CPUC to order a single advice letter that would amend the rules within 60 days and get over that, you know, per-project advice letter process that really wouldn't work.

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Michael Burr: Then also to mandate improvements in data logging to ensure that tribal utility data isn't getting obscured, as it has been.

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Michael Burr: And then, finally, to provide retroactive relief for projects that already were harmed, specifically citing costs that were documented by Morongo and Saquon.

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Michael Burr: The comments also rebut, Edison's environmental and social justice action plan argument as being paternalistic.

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Michael Burr: And noted that propane and dual fuel access is really a vital resilience measure for tribes, and rural communities too, but, against outages, and that the, really, ESG Action Plan expressly covers all tribal lands. So, I think that summarizes,

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Michael Burr: basically what these comments were. I'm not sure that I can answer any questions about it, but I think that covers it. Josh, I don't know if there's anything else you wanted to say about it.

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Josh Simmons: Well, I wanted to provide an opportunity for, Karen, and, and, you know.

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Josh Simmons: to be able to discuss this further, Morongo really reopened this, I think, to the benefit of everybody, so...

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Josh Simmons: Karen, is there anything in particular you want to...

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kwoodard: I'm not sure I can really add much of anything. Thank you, Michael, that was a good,

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kwoodard: presentation there as far as what has been provided and what we're trying to get here. Consultation, I think, turned out well, considering the short notice we had. There were a lot of partition, participation online, not quite as many as in person, but it was a good participation online, and hopefully.

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kwoodard: CPUC understands. I have not had a chance to read what the IOUs have responded with, so I appreciate that too, Michael, that you brought that up. But hopefully.

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kwoodard: we'll... we'll get this exemption through, and I do think that,

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kwoodard: Commissioner Haug at least understood how this impacts,

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kwoodard: tribal, California tribal... tribes, and their housing.

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Josh Simmons: So I guess, ultimately, so, you know, there was the consultation, there were all the comments and reply comments. Peter, I assume then the next step, as Commissioner Houck, is going to review that and...

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Josh Simmons: you know, consider issuing a proposed decision if she's, you know, supportive of... of these changes, is that correct? And then... and then that will be submitted, circulated for

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Josh Simmons: For, comment?

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Peter Allen: Yeah, I mean, unless they decide they need...

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Peter Allen: Some sort of additional process, you know, another...

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Peter Allen: Meeting, workshop, more comments, or something. Assuming that they don't need more of that, then yeah, the next step would be...

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Peter Allen: Commissioner Houck and the assigned ALJ would, draft a proposed decision

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Peter Allen: And then that would go out for comment for 30 days.

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Peter Allen: On the proposed decision, And then,

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Peter Allen: After, if comments are made and any changes made in response to comments, it would go on the Commission's agenda.

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Peter Allen: And if the Commission votes to approve it, it would become a final decision.

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Josh Simmons: Great. Thanks, Peter.

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Josh Simmons: So yeah, well, we'll continue to track that, and hopefully we will see some progress, some movement on there. Any questions or thoughts from anybody?

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kwoodard: Yeah, I was kind of curious, too, because, you know, we're not real familiar with this whole entire process, so Peter, if you do have more knowledge on that, so do you think that we're looking at November before we have a decision? December?

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Peter Allen: You know,

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Peter Allen: So, right now, it's beginning of September. I haven't looked at the docket card to see. I mean, does... does it... Michael, maybe you can answer this, or Karen. Does it feel like they're gonna run any more process, or do you think they're kind of, like, wrapping things up?

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kwoodard: I got the impression they were... from the consultation, that they were trying to wrap it up.

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Peter Allen: Okay, that also makes sense, because Houck's term ends at the end of the year. So,

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Peter Allen: It basically depends on how quickly Houck and the assigned ALJ can write a proposed decision. And then, once that comes out, it won't be any sooner than 30 days after that.

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Peter Allen: So, and I don't have any insight onto that, if...

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Peter Allen: if, how can the assigned ALJ kind of have an idea already where they're at, and they're just kind of getting some...

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Peter Allen: Last-minute things, then, you know, let's see, we're in September...

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Peter Allen: Let's assume maybe they get it out... earliest would probably be a couple weeks from now, so that would be mid.

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Peter Allen: September...

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Peter Allen: the earliest... the earliest anything is going to happen, absolutely earliest, is going to be mid-October, and it'll probably be... it'll... yeah, it'll probably be more... more likely November.

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kwoodard: That's what I thought.

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Josh Simmons: So this is, this is quasi-legislative, right?

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Peter Allen: What's the procedure? Probably. Was it R1901011? Yeah, it's probably quasi-ledge, so...

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Peter Allen: So, Houck is the one who's going to be controlling the decision.

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Josh Simmons: So my, my, my question was because, I mean, it seems like it...

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Josh Simmons: may be a good idea, you know, if... Karen, have you all been in touch with Commissioner Houck, I think continuing to be in touch with her, because I think

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Josh Simmons: They, they, like, Morongo can...

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Josh Simmons: Even as a party, can reach out and have, communications with her.

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Josh Simmons: without ex parte notification, correct, Peter?

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Peter Allen: Yeah, let me just check it real quick here, 1901011, let me press confirm.

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Josh Simmons: And if that is the case, then Karen, I would... I would ultimately ask her what her time... what she, you know, what she thinks is going to happen next, and, like, what timing. She may only go so far in kind of committing to, you know, a decision, but in terms of if she is looking to draft something, she may give you some insights into when that may...

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Peter Allen: Yeah, it's quasi-ledged, so anyone's free to have conversations with Commissioner Hoke.

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kwoodard: Okay, great.

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Peter Allen: On the proceeding.

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kwoodard: Great. Yes, so... We will continue that communication.

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Josh Simmons: So, yeah, and that's obviously for any of the tribes that are interested in this, in this proceeding, in this matter, and it seems like there was a lot of interest, you know, all of you are welcome to reach out to Commissioner Houck and

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Josh Simmons: you know, I guess... Tell her you're supportive, but also ask about timing on... on a decision.

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Peter Allen: Yeah, because she'll have... she has that under control.

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Peter Allen: Or that's under her control. Usually working with an administrative law judge, who often does some of the drafting, but between the two of them,

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Peter Allen: They will... they... they control that.

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Josh Simmons: Yep. Any other questions or thoughts on this?

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Peter Allen: Oh, there's a question, what's the best way for tribes to reach out to the Commissioner?

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Peter Allen: Probably email, Email is probably the best. You can try phone, but it's,

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Peter Allen: It's harder... it's a little harder to get through, and soap.

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Peter Allen: Email is probably best.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, and, you know, if anybody... yeah, so Michael shared Commissioner Houck's email address, and, you know, if you want to reach out to her.

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Josh Simmons: I don't recall who her, chief of staff is, but it's probably good to include her as well.

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Peter Allen: Yeah, and usually if you're sending stuff to a commissioner like that, it'll usually get filtered through her office.

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Josh Simmons: Okay.

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Peter Allen: Not always. I mean, she can access it directly, but typically, stuff sent to a commissioner will... someone in her office will pick it up.

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Josh Simmons: Right?

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Josh Simmons: Thanks, everybody.

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Josh Simmons: So...

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Josh Simmons: It's been a little more active than usual lately in the CPUC realm, so, we also received the proposed decision, long-awaited proposed decision, under the Tribal Order Institute and Rulemaking.

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Josh Simmons: That primarily focused on the tribal consultation policy and tribal land transfer policy.

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Josh Simmons: So the proposed decision includes revisions to each... each of those. So on the tribal consultation policy side, the highlights are

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Josh Simmons: that they're proposing that the Office of the Tribal Advisor maintain the Tribal Contact List instead of using the Native American Heritage Commission list.

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Josh Simmons: Another justification is that they're not sure what's going to happen with non-federally recognized tribes. It's not included here. One of our suggestions is to use both lists, partially because

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Josh Simmons: regardless about non-federized tribes, we just don't think the CP... the Office of the Tribal Advisor has not been... has been vacant, continues to be vacant, so relying upon them to develop a list and maintain it and get the word out

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Josh Simmons: to tribes is, I think, something that's going to put tribes at even further disadvantage in participating in CPUC matters.

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Josh Simmons: It attempted to a bit more clearly define the, you know, say, OTA's Office of the Tribal Advisor and the Division Liaison roles. They also proposed quarterly tribal information forums to... I think that's really the large... probably the most significant thing out of the... the,

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Josh Simmons: tribal consultation policy, or these quarterly tribal information forms through which tribes can regularly engage in CPUC on matters. There is a

commitment to fill the tribal advisor vacancy, but I think that, you know, I don't, you know, I...

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Josh Simmons: I think there should have been commitment already. So our... the SCTCA-specific asks in the draft letter that's being circulated right now, we're seeking feedback today.

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Josh Simmons: is, that we, you know, that they're... that CPUC empower the Office of the Tribal Advisor and assess, evaluates establishing a tribal oversight.

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Josh Simmons: board.

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Josh Simmons: One thing related to the Division Tribal Liaisons that's not on here that I want to point out, too, is that also just

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Josh Simmons: Publishing on the website who the division tribal liaisons are, so that tribes can reach out to those liaisons, particularly in the absence of a tribal advisor.

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Josh Simmons: There was a, removal of CPUC authorized programming, and we're saying to restore that in the, tribal consultation policy.

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Josh Simmons: And, also that,

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Josh Simmons: Compliance with tribal laws and jurisdictional sovereignty should be the default expectation, rather than something to further discuss, negotiate, so on and so forth. So that was touched upon in the tribal consultation policy of respecting that, but not strongly as we believe it should be.

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Josh Simmons: Peter, since you're here, you want to just touch upon the... the... the charter land transfer policy.

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Josh Simmons: highlights and asks.

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Peter Allen: Sure.

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Peter Allen: So, on the Tribal Land Transfer Policy, SCTCA had proposed to include what...

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Peter Allen: The commissioner referred to as surplus property.

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Peter Allen: Because the TLTP had only applied to

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Peter Allen: Property that was... the utility was currently using

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Peter Allen: that gets... is triggered... a sale of which gets triggered by Section 851. So there's basically a giant loophole in the TLTP for some of the property that would probably be most available to... to go to tribes, and so we asked to close that loophole and extend

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Peter Allen: the tribal land transfer policy to cover surplus property. Proposed decision does that very clearly. Very happy with what they did on that.

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Peter Allen: We had asked that the tribal land transfer policy also apply to the telecom utilities. As of right now, it doesn't... in the current version, it does not.

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Peter Allen: That gives vociferous opposition from AT&T,

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Peter Allen: Most of the other telcos remained silent, but AT&T was very opposed to that. The proposed decision comes out, basically.

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Peter Allen: acknowledges that the policy goals are tribe to the tribes. They're not formally applying the TLTP process.

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Peter Allen: to the telecom...

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Peter Allen: But notes that policy goals do apply to telecom land, and encourages them to cooperate with tribes. Given the state of everything in the parties and the preceding everything, I think this is as good as we can hope to get, and so I was happy with that.

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Peter Allen: It leaves open the,

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Peter Allen: the applicability of the TLTP to telecom utilities. So, overall, pretty good stuff there.

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Peter Allen: there's a question... there were some issues about availability of easements and appraisal information. They set up a process.

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Peter Allen: to do that. It's kind of a compromise. The utilities were opposed to a more aggressive one. It's not a bad process, so we just wanted to encourage that that information be provided promptly to tribes if a tribe is interested in the land. So overall, on the tribal land transfer policy, some pretty good results.

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Josh Simmons: Thanks, Peter. So, you know, we've obviously been pretty actively engaged in this proceeding, and I've raised a number of issues that

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Josh Simmons: really weren't addressed in this proposed decision. I think, you know, understandably, to a degree, because, you know, they're really focused on the tribal consultation policy and the tribal land transfer policy. It did seek feedback on other issues that tribes are concerned about. I think the biggest thing that we

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Josh Simmons: you know, this doesn't really go that far, you know, I think there's probably some bigger wins in the tribal land transfer policy, side of things than anything else, but...

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Josh Simmons: We feel like this...

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Josh Simmons: kind of just... it's gonna fade into nothing. You know, I mean, there's just these tribal information forums, that, you know, are an opportunity to continue the discussion, but what we're really recommending is that

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Josh Simmons: there be a successor process or proceeding or something that's going to happen that's going to re-elevate the other issues that were identified that weren't part of the original scope. So, hopefully that does happen, and this is, you know, does continue to be an ongoing conversation.

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Josh Simmons: You know, and if not, that, you know, we will do what we can to participate in those tribal information

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Josh Simmons: forum.

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Josh Simmons: And, you know, continue to elevate... elevate these issues.

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Josh Simmons: So the draft of the comment letter, I dropped it in the chat.

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Josh Simmons: It is, we are seeking feedback today. Did I... yeah, it was a little further up in the chat. We're seeking feedback by the end of the day today. Comments are due tomorrow to the CPUC. So if you can review that, take a look, let us know if you have any feedback, or otherwise, that would be great. And,

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Josh Simmons: you know, something's better than nothing, I guess. That's all I can say. Any questions or thoughts on the tribal or instituting rulemaking proposed decision?

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Josh Simmons: All right, so this is just a... we'll keep this briefing brief. This is more just an update on what we did, do on the CPUC climate adaptation, proceeding. So there was a... the energy... CPC Energy Division

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Josh Simmons: Filed a proposal recommending improvements to their climate adaptation vulnerability assessments.

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Josh Simmons: So, the framework they proposed.

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Josh Simmons: Was it... was it a full... a four-year... a full four-year, two-way cycle, including three public, touchpoints.

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Josh Simmons: Transparents, advisory groups.

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Josh Simmons: A more focused, discrete tribal engagement process, including a tribal engagement plan, clear respect for tribal sovereignty, prioritization of in-person meetings on tribal lands, coordination with local governments, states, and others to... and other agencies.

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Josh Simmons: To avoid duplication. A stronger evaluation, that's a report, not just a slide deck, that actually includes data, and that's... that's, includes,

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Josh Simmons: Surveying disadvantaged communities more broadly, not just advisors.

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Josh Simmons: The eight adaptive capacity criteria that were proposed were included into 3 groups, public interest, transparency, and data resolution. So, I mean, ultimately, I think this was something where we thought it was going to end up being a big nothing burger, but they... it actually

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Josh Simmons: some of our... we had some earlier engagement, and... and maybe Angie can speak to some of that, too. She's... she's going to be on and talking about the Tribal Climate Health Project Summit coming up, but,

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Josh Simmons: CPUC staff really did listen, and actually proposed something meaningful that was being opposed to by Edison and others in particular. So, you

know, we are looking forward to seeing where this goes. We're going to try to follow up with the staff that were involved with this.

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Josh Simmons: And, and yeah, so I'll leave it at that. This is a little bit more information about our involvement going back into 2024, where, you know, Angie and Chusa presented at various workshops. I presented at a workshop in 2025.

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Josh Simmons: And then we submitted public comments in support of those staff recommendations, including on the prior... on this slide previously. So, Angie, anything else you want to add on this, or Peter?

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angie: I mean, I'll just say it's, like, a nice case study in, sometimes it works to get involved, and, you know, we were... I would say the PC folks on this one really did a good job of

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angie: trying to engage people, and creating opportunities for folks to really provide some good feedback, I think, at the right moments. And so, yeah, I think that we were successful in getting across some really key points, and that they actually got incorporated, and they cited it in their report, is...

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angie: is good news. What my main goal here was...

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angie: to, encourage them to have a process that made sure that tribes were going to be engaged at really meaningful, important points in the decision process, which is what I felt,

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angie: was lacking in previous kavas. And to do it in a way that didn't, wasn't over, overwhelming, and, was a little bit more appropriate for tribes.

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Peter Allen: I don't really have anything to add other than noting that,

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Peter Allen: The fact that Energy Division is engaged and responsive is a good thing, and that's,

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Peter Allen: That's a very helpful... Helpful thing to have going on, of having staff engagement.

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Peter Allen: Even whether... whether or not upper management is engaged having this have

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Peter Allen: Pushing things is, is a plus.

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Peter Allen: Plus.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, yeah, and I think the other... the other kind of critical thing, too, is distinguishing tribes from other disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, which I think is certainly appropriate in pretty much all circumstances.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so I'm gonna... any... any, question... other questions or thoughts on the...

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Josh Simmons: Have a climate adaptation and vulnerability assessments proceeding.

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Josh Simmons: Hearing none, Angie, you have the floor to make your pitch.

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angie: Oh, well, hi again, everybody. So, Angie Hacker, part of the Prosper team, and we'll flip over to, talking a little bit about climate resilience. So, you guys are familiar with our Tribal Climate Health Project. For many years now, we have been doing an annual summit, and we're doing another one this year. We, we usually do it at Pala in early November, and that's what's happening again. And really, when we wrote the grant that continues to support

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angie: this kind of work. We wrote it with Tech Tribes in mind, so we really hope that you will participate with us in this. So it's November 4th, and the theme this year is Keeping Climate Data and Strategies Current, but I realize that that's not a...

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angie: maybe an inspiring of a theme, but let me tell you a little bit about what we're trying to achieve. So, it's a one-day event where we recognize that so many of you have actually made quite a bit of progress on working on your climate adaptation plans, and perhaps even implementing them. And now we know that there's a lot... like, the data continues to

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angie: improve, sometimes disappear, but here in California, there's a lot of new data coming out to help kind of overcome some of these blind spots to making good decisions about where the climate risks are coming for you.

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angie: And your community. So we're gonna tap into some great, information sources, have some great conversations with

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angie: toolmakers, sort of the data experts, folks from the state are coming, and then be able to present some opportunities for resources that can help you get the work done, and lots of opportunities for y'all to engage with each other, learn from each other. And in fact, there's some spots left for speaking as well, and we'd really love to see more tech tribes, up in front, sharing your story, talking a little bit about how

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angie: you are keeping climate data current, and how you're helping to inform your communities, about some of the climate risks. And, part of what we'll be talking about, too, is just, like, what do you do if you've already done a vulnerability assessment, but it's been a few years? So, Shasta and Paula are in that position, and we have a process that we're just going to be starting to identify,

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angie: how to do, sort of, your second one. And so, how do you sort of not start from ground zero, but do a maybe more abbreviated vulnerability assessment that's a little bit easier to manage on a recurring basis? So, if that resonates with you, we'd love to have you. This is just a call for you to register and join us. Hopefully a one-day event is relatively easy to, to get to.

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angie: have to spend a bunch of time on travel. Okay, that's it. Any... if there's questions, I'm hanging around.

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Josh Simmons: Well, Angie, I think you maybe had a hard stop, but I want to jump to something else that may be of interest and may merit a little more discussion, but any, any questions or thoughts on the tech... on the, Tribal Common Health Project Summit?

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, so Angie, while you're here, I want to jump ahead to our... capacity building...

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Josh Simmons: update slide, so I didn't... I didn't build out a slide for this that I wanted to, but, I wanted to kind of discuss

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Josh Simmons: potentially pursuing the Caltrans fiscal year 27-28 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants.

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Josh Simmons: In particular, for supporting TEC member tribes in advancing their climate adaptation, you know, vulnerability assessment and sustainable communities planning activities.

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Josh Simmons: So I think this... what we're trying to do is, you know, we're... we are in the process of merging Tribal Climate Health Project under the Tribal Energy and Climate Collaborative, and this might be the first kind of main grant we go after to do that. So, really, you know, we have a... we have a CARB grant right now that's focusing on

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Josh Simmons: clean transportation, clean mobility, but, you know, really, the Caltrans grant is more focused on infrastructure. So, in terms of climate change vulnerabilities.

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Josh Simmons: you're... we're talking about wildfires that are... that are cutting off communities. We're talking about floods, flash floods and other disasters that are... that are flooding roadways and that are causing, mudslides that are... that are covering... covering roadways. And so, I know for many of your communities, sometimes there's

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Josh Simmons: Only one way in and out, some, you know, some... or, you know, if there's more than one, it's usually only two or three. And so what we want to do is help

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Josh Simmons: you know, all of our member tribes get their vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans focused on... on transportation and more broadly.

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Josh Simmons: to,

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Josh Simmons: Get them where these plans themselves are going to lead to tribes securing funding for projects, like,

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Josh Simmons: You know, the... the bridge replacement project, the stormwater management project, the,

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Josh Simmons: you know, ecological restoration project that's going to protect critical transportation, transportation infrastructure. So, I guess, you know, what I'm seeking is, you know, is this something... and we want to not... hopefully not just help each tribe

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Josh Simmons: You know, either develop a plan or update its plan, but also hopefully have resources to support some advanced planning, you know, some... maybe even light engineering and solutions where

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Josh Simmons: tribes are really in a position where, like, okay, we've identified this critical... this roadway, and this particular bridge as being a critical point, and, like, we need a flood analysis, or we... or we need to do, you know, we need engineering... some initial engineering and engineering estimates for the construction of... of,

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Josh Simmons: a storm drain or something like that that's going to protect this infrastructure. So, I guess is... is that, you know, will that be of interest to your, you know, each of you to have that type of planning occur that will set you up to secure funding to address those transportation vulnerabilities?

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Josh Simmons: Thank you, Maria.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so we know, it's helpful for Palma. Thank you, Councilman.

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Josh Simmons: Chairman?

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Josh Simmons: Okay, okay, well, so these are due, I think, early October.

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Josh Simmons: And I, you know, I think ultimately this does, you know, this does not preclude tribes from going after this funding on their own, too. We encourage you to pursue the funding on your own. We recently got the CAR Planning Capacity Building Grant, which has some overlap.

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Josh Simmons: We want to... we want to be able to bring more resources to bear in this particular area. We did have some... some tribes, some member tribes secure their own, of those grants, and we expect, member tribes to be able to secure grants here as well.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, great. Well, thanks for... thanks for the feedback on that. I'm, not hearing any opposition to that, so...

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Josh Simmons: Let's see, I will go backwards in the agenda. So, Angie, did you have any...

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Josh Simmons: thing to add, or any thoughts on that, if you're still here?

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Josh Simmons: You're not here anymore.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so the next topic is the, Tech Executive Committee nominations. So, the, last meeting of the inaugural Tech Executive Committee is... is going to be this month in September, and...

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Josh Simmons: You know, first and foremost, a lot of them aren't here, but we really appreciate

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Josh Simmons: the... the participation of... of the initial committee members, Shasta rate, from Pala rates ran from Viejas, and Turkov from Reposta, Jacob Nori from Los Coyotes, and... and Christian Aceves.

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Josh Simmons: From Savoba, so we appreciate them in helping us kind of pilot the executive board and participating and really providing a guidance for TECC's programming.

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Josh Simmons: All but, Christian are going to be returning to the board, and we've decided to open up the board to be, 7 members instead of just 5 members, so we can, we can maintain the 4, those 4 members.

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Josh Simmons: And, and then we've added a... so, just to revisit them, so there's the... there's the,

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Josh Simmons: Committee Chair, who's currently filled by Shasta, the Vice Chair is Ray Turan, the Policy and Regulatory Advocacy Chair is Jacob Norde, and the Economic and Workforce Development Chair is

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Josh Simmons: and Turk out from Moposta, so there's a vacancy in the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Chair, and then our new... two new chairs are the Energy Chair and Climate Change Chair. So we are... this is open for nominations.

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Josh Simmons: These are gonna be for two-year seats, so the current board will serve one more before their seat comes up for nomination, so we'll have a rotation of three and four seats every year.

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Josh Simmons: The call for nominations, which I'm hoping, Amy or...

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Josh Simmons: Sarina can drop in the chat. Oh, they already did. Thank you. Is open until September 18th. I will say we are hoping for the perfect number, that we get exactly 7, and therefore, you know, people, you know, want to do the open slots. As of right now, we have interest

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Josh Simmons: We have, nominations for the Technical Assistance Capacity Building Chair and the Energy Chair, so I guess...

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Josh Simmons: Ultimately, I'm hoping somebody will, seek to be nominated for the Climate Change Chair. There can only be one,

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Josh Simmons: representative per tribe, so keep in mind who's already on the board for that. And if you're interested in joining the executive committee, in particular the Climate Change Chair, please, please apply, and the common nominations will end on September 18th.

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Josh Simmons: We will have voting if there are more than 7 applicants, we will have voting occur between September 23rd and October 7th. We will notify the new members, and then

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Josh Simmons: the week after that, and then they will participate in the second, you know, the first executive committee meeting of this, second year, starting October 26th.

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Josh Simmons: Sarina or Amy, did I miss anything?

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: I don't think so.

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Josh Simmons: Awesome.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, well, like I said, if you're interested, please, please,

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Josh Simmons: Click the nomination link, or the apply here in the chat, and we're looking forward to year two.

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Josh Simmons: All right, so I wanted to provide an update on our fundraising efforts. So, as we've discussed in the past.

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Josh Simmons: We have and continue to be successful in securing

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Josh Simmons: Particularly state and also federal, grants. We actually just got another federal grant I'll talk more about in a moment.

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Josh Simmons: The issue is, is that, you know, we've... we... TEC originally formed, using a regional climate collaborative grant from Strategic Growth Council. That was very broad. That allowed us to really do pretty much anything we wanted with respect to

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Josh Simmons: responding to your tribe's needs and priorities. So, while we've gotten funding to go deeper in many areas and, like, really fully launch programs, and they're all, I think, you know, we're rolling out a great

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Josh Simmons: lineup of programs. We want to continue to be completely responsive to your... each of your tribes

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Josh Simmons: You know, energy and climate and workforce and economic development-related needs and priorities within the energy and climate realm.

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Josh Simmons: To ensure that, you know, when things arise for you, we can be responsive. We can... we can provide guidance, we can provide appropriate

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Josh Simmons: expertise. So, it's really critical for us right now to secure some base level of funding that allows us to provide technical assistance in this realm that's not limited to the scope of one grant or one contract or another.

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Josh Simmons: So...

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Josh Simmons: We have brought on a fundraising consultant who has experience working with tribes and tribe organizations. She seems to be really, you know, excellent, and I'm thinking, you know, she's

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Josh Simmons: You know, she's been a great fit so far, she's been on for about a month or so, and she's gonna be supporting us in scheduling meetings with fundraisers. And so, as of right now, it's mostly me in these meetings, kind of providing the overview of tech, and what TEC's, you know, kind of...

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Josh Simmons: purpose is, what our programming is, what our goals and objectives are, and I will continue to play that role. But ideally, we would have representation from our member tribes in those meetings, so that funders can participate and share what

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Josh Simmons: what TEC means to them? What are the climate and energy-related challenges and economic and workforce development challenges that they are facing, and how tech is supporting them in, addressing their challenges and advancing their priorities. So,

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Josh Simmons: I guess, you know, open question is how do you want to participate in TECC fundraising efforts? And what we're also asking is that if you are interested in participating in these fundraising meetings, or at least being, like.

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Josh Simmons: available to potentially participate in the meetings, if you happen to be available during the meeting, then if you could email development at socaltech.org, then we can add you to an email list, and when we schedule a meeting, we would say, okay, we're meeting with X funder on X date and time. If you're able to join, please do.

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Josh Simmons: And, you know, and we'll provide some information in advance and, like, kind of questions and things like that to focus on, but again, there's really not going to be any preparation, it's just going to be you showing up and being available to share more about

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Josh Simmons: you know, how TECH is, you know, is supporting and helping your tribe, what your vision for tech is. So, yeah, any, you know, thoughts or questions or ideas for other ways to participate and support TECC's fundraising efforts?

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Josh Simmons: Okay, well, since we have a tight agenda, I won't... I won't... I won't push it today, but we'll send, thank you, Alexa.

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, and if you also just put, you know, if you just respond in the chat that you're willing to, we will add you to...

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Josh Simmons: the email list, and we'll continue to kind of make that call. I mean, ultimately, like, we're... we're developing this program and these resources to... to support you all, and

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Josh Simmons: you know, ultimately, I think, again, it's really... it's critical for the funders to hear directly from the tribes, from their leaders, from their staff, from their community members directly on how this... how their potential funding is going to benefit the communities that they're hoping it will.

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Josh Simmons: So, thank you, thank you, Shane, as well. But absolutely, I think that was brought up during the, the Tech Summit was having, like, an annual golf.

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Josh Simmons: tournament, or an event like that, so I think that's a really good idea, and probably...

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Josh Simmons: maybe something to plan for... for the spring or the winter. So...

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Josh Simmons: We should, a gala as well, that's,

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Josh Simmons: Agreed. We should, Sarina, bring this back and talk through this with Iris, too, and kind of her thoughts on planning this.

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Josh Simmons: as well.

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, and so, yeah, we're... continue to be open to different... different ways with which we can... we can do fundraising for... for TECC's programming initiatives, and it's... it's becoming time-sensitive because our... our Regional Climate Collaborative Grant and our CPUC grants are both

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Josh Simmons: kind of going to be running out at the beginning of next year, end of this year, beginning of next year, and those are two particular funding sources that are really impactful. All this engagement we're doing with the CPUC is dependent upon that CPUC funding, and we want to continue to, be able to participate in those proceedings, too.

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Josh Simmons: All right Thank you.

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Josh Simmons: All right, so just some, capacity building updates. So we continue to negotiate with Chusa Growth Council on the capacity building program round two. We have been awarded the, approximately $400,000, so I want to thank

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Josh Simmons: Viejas for partnering with TEC and applying for this, because SCTCA was not

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Josh Simmons: eligible, to apply directly. So we partnered with Viejas, and they've been notified, that, the application, the proposal's been selected. So this is, for a grant for planning and forming the Southern California Intertribal Power Authority. So this is a

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Josh Simmons: pretty big deal. I think this is, you know, a pretty major milestone, and, you know, the next phase of TECCS programming. I'll come back to that more in a moment.

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Josh Simmons: I already talked about the Caltrans grant, and then we are continuously, actively working on that, that Community Resilience Center grant application that's due later this month.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so circling back to this, so, the grant itself, so it was the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the first federal grant that I've, seen come through, or we've seen come through.

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Josh Simmons: in a while, was a little over $400,000 for the planning and formation of the Southern California Inter Travel Power Authority, what we're gonna call SkyPA,

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Josh Simmons: So the main objectives of this grant are to develop a strategic plan for SkyPA, which will include conducting a needs assessment and identifying the priorities of member tribes.

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Josh Simmons: Establishing admission, vision, goals, objectives, so on and so forth, for Skypa, considering the entity and business model options, and other legal and regulatory considerations.

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Josh Simmons: And identifying the delegated powers from its member tribes to Skypa of what it can and cannot do, what the member tribes wanted to do on their behalf. So, following the development of the strategic plan, we are going to develop an implementation plan that will have strategies, tasks.

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Josh Simmons: and milestones. It's going to identify the collective power supply priorities, and it's going to have, kind of sub-plans for formation, operations, funding and, you know, financing and risk mitigation, staffing, and more.

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Josh Simmons: And then, following the completion of the implementation plan, we will then proceed to form and launch the Skypa, form and launch SkyPA, including drafting and seeking approval for the charter and bylaws, and then working on

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Josh Simmons: developing policies and procedures and really getting this up off the ground to where we can provide the types of services we've been talking about, supporting tribes and participating in wholesale markets for energy wholesale markets, to develop services, to

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Josh Simmons: Develop, maintain, monitor for solar and storage, electric vehicle infrastructure, participate more actively in the, policy and regulatory

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Josh Simmons: Environment for energy for tribes, and much more.

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Josh Simmons: So, I mean, more just kind of an FYI and celebration, on that. I was amazed that BIA actually responded so quickly. We applied in late... mid to late July, and were notified in...

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Josh Simmons: August, so, kudos to BIA for that. And, and I think, ultimately, this is going to be a really major force, influential force, on behalf of tribes in this sector.

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Josh Simmons: Any, any questions or thoughts?

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so continuing on the, on the power thread, so, DUE40101D grants, so two updates here. One is we learned that,

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Josh Simmons: If you... if your tribe has a solar project that is, say, you know, nearing the end of its life.

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Josh Simmons: So, you know, we're working with some tribes right now on repairing solar projects, but we're working on one particular that's nearing the end of its life, and we've asked the DOE if replacing that system and reinstalling it is eligible. And so the thing to note is that

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Josh Simmons: There still is a tax credit for solar projects, and if you replace an existing system with a new system using the interconnection agreement you already have, that's tax credit eligible if it's installed by the end of 2027.

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Josh Simmons: And a big barrier to getting these projects installed is usually because they need new

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Josh Simmons: they need new interconnection agreements, so you have to work with the utility to get that agreement, you have to do all the environmental, the cultural, you have to do the full development. So, if you're doing this at an existing solar field and essentially replacing it using an existing interconnection agreement.

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Josh Simmons: You're... you're likely going to be cutting down the timeline for re... for replacing that project and redeploying it.

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Josh Simmons: and being able to secure the 30-plus percent tax credit that's still available for this project, and being able to use your 401D grant for that purpose. So, I really, you know, if your tribe has a grid-connected

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Josh Simmons: project, maybe even off-grid, I'm not sure, but a grid-connected project that's, you know, not... not a residential project, but serving, you know, government loads, or commercial loads, or as a... a... an export project, know that that's... that's a, that's an option per Amy Heath.

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Josh Simmons: from DOE. We'll... we are pursuing one of these projects right now. We'll continue to provide updates as we go, but time is kind of the essence, because in order to get a project deployed by the end of 2027, you'd want to get moving on it. Any... any questions about that?

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Josh Simmons: And if your tribe has a project that you don't know whether or not would be a good fit for something like that, please let us know.

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Josh Simmons: I saw somebody pop on camera, I don't know if that's to ask a question, or just because... Okay, sorry. I appreciate being with people on camera, so I'm sorry, I didn't mean to discourage... discourage you and scare you away. Okay, so then, we were recently, approached by the Environmental Defense Fund, or EDF,

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Josh Simmons: About the fiscal year 25 and 26.

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Josh Simmons: Funding, funding under the DOE 401D grant program. As you're aware, and as we've talked about, there's supposed to be two more fiscal years of funding that could potentially double the amount of funding that you have available under this program. It's stackable.

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Josh Simmons: the Environmental Defense Fund and talking with tribes and states, you know.

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Josh Simmons: thinks that these are being, you know, held, and maybe will never be released, and are asking if tribes are interested in pursuing a legal action, against the DOE to... to force them to proceed. So...

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Josh Simmons: Is there, you know, I...

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Josh Simmons: We've been advocating, we've been telling tribes, like, you know, at least before deciding whether or not to proceed with their current funding, wait, you know, if they have larger projects, to wait the end of this year, but...

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Josh Simmons: you know, is there interest in pursuing an action with the EDF? I mean, we wouldn't as SCTCA, but we could... we could help tribes connect with EDF.

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Josh Simmons: Does any... do any of your tribes have interest in this? And you're welcome to email separately, too, but...

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Josh Simmons: Any, any, any, yeah, any interest?

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so, I mean, it made you that, you know.

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Josh Simmons: It's something where you don't want to raise it to the group if your tribe's, you know, open or considering legal action.

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Josh Simmons: You know, we think, you know, this would be more powerful if there are tribes and states across the nation, all collectively working together, and we're happy to connect you with the Environmental Defense Fund if you want to participate. I mean, I do think it's worthwhile. SCTCA is not a grantee itself.

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Josh Simmons: And, you know, we don't necessarily have the resources to participate in this, but, you know, we want to be supportive and hopefully unlock that funding that is... was legislatively mandated.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, alright, you've heard a lot from me,

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Josh Simmons: I will turn it over. Thanks, Alexa. Agreed, there definitely will be power... power numbers there. I'll turn it over to you, Jonathan, for our Economic and Workforce Development Program updates.

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Jonathan MacNeil: Right on, thank you, Josh, and good morning, everybody. It's so good to be here. As always, I just have a couple of quick updates here. I'll share, predominantly what's on this slide, which is what we heard over the last couple of months in some of the discussions, that we'd like to kick off some market studies.

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Jonathan MacNeil: Starting with data centers, which was sort of the loud, clear, more pressing of the different options that we had.

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Jonathan MacNeil: And so we... I'm excited about this.

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Jonathan MacNeil: You know, over the next, well, basically the remainder of the year, you know, we are... we call it a couple different things, right? But, but, high-level

member tribe assessments, feasibility studies, tribal profiles, you know, we are building that out with publicly available information and the information everybody has previously shared.

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Jonathan MacNeil: While also doing some of these market studies across data centers, and looking forward to get started on affordable factory-built housing, manufacturing geothermal energy, and utility energy storage, so battery energy storage kind of thing for the grid.

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Jonathan MacNeil: To get an understanding of what the opportunity is, for, for, you know, and which member tribes might have the best fit, to be able to, to take advantage of that.

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Jonathan MacNeil: And so I'm looking forward to this. This is what we're doing in parallel to any requests. We have a few good new technical assistance, due diligence requests that we're working on as well.

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Jonathan MacNeil: But, but yeah, generally, this is the work for the rest of the year. If anybody has any comments or suggestions on the list or prioritization, you know, please let us know. We're taking all that very seriously.

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Jonathan MacNeil: But, but yeah, so this is really the main update. After this, I've got a couple of update slides, if you want to jump to the next two.

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Jonathan MacNeil: I like it, affordable housing ventures agreed, right? It's not just affordable housing. What we are looking at is bringing that together with the broader economic and workforce development.

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Josh Simmons: John.

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Josh Simmons: What we're trying to do, actually, right now is, like, I'm realizing, you know, I'm trying to do an informal poll through, like, thumbs up, and, like, put these topics in here, and just see, like, so I'm gonna put in the... going back to this slide, you

know, affordable housing ventures, manufacturing ventures, geothermal energy, utility energy storage, and data centers.

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Josh Simmons: And I'm gonna put these in here, and just... if you can provide a thumbs up, if it's of interest, and...

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Josh Simmons: thumbs up as many as you want. We want... we're just trying to gauge the relative interest in helping prioritize, like, which ones we work on when, and then, like, just in general, just trying to understand

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Josh Simmons: you know, with manufacturing.

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Josh Simmons: I'm sorry, with affordable housing ventures, like, what level of interest there is as well. So, I think the ones that get the most thumbs up will be the ones we... the order with which we prioritize these market studies. And these market studies are intended to... we're going to provide these market study analyses

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Josh Simmons: to each of the tribes, so you all have a starting point. Like, you're being approached by a data center. Well, like, is it really a good idea? Under what circumstances is it a good fit or not? What is the market potential? What are the advantages and disadvantages? So, we're actually going to try to kind of curate that baseline level of information.

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Josh Simmons: that you all have a starting point when you get approached by these things. So, if you can, Jonathan, put these topics in the chat along with mine for affordable housing ventures, if you can add some thumbs up to those, or thumbs down if you don't like it, I suppose, we'll subtract it out, then we will help us prioritize

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Josh Simmons: what to do. So, yeah, please look in the chat and... and...

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Josh Simmons: Thumbs up, thumbs down, or nothing. Thanks.

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Jonathan MacNeil: Oh, awesome. No, I think that's a super smart idea. I kind of intended for that slide to be there, and for us to start bringing those forward, so I'm hoping that by next month, we're presenting the initial sort of fact sheet on data centers to the group here, and then circulating that information to the broader listserv, and then kind of working through that as we go forward.

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Jonathan MacNeil: Just two quick updates, or reminders, really, is all this is. It's just, we have these no-cost services available, like we've shared for the year, through the RII grant that we have.

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Jonathan MacNeil: I'll just put a little extra highlight around the opportunity screening services, since that is relatively new to the list here.

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Jonathan MacNeil: Whereas if you have third parties that are reaching out with business proposals, and you don't have the time or expertise to kind of evaluate properly, you are welcome to put that through our screening process, and you can direct them to our intake form on the new Economic and Workforce Development website.

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Jonathan MacNeil: But otherwise, we're here, so just reach out if anybody has any, you know, any requests.

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Jonathan MacNeil: And then the other one I wanted to share quickly is we have our monthly advisory board meetings, as you all know. The next one is coming up on September 4th, that Monday from 2 to 3 p.m.

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Jonathan MacNeil: I think, what we want to do is actually show you, Sarina, if you wanted to hop off this and go through the Member Hub, we wanted to show you just how you can access both the Zoom link, the schedule, and all the past meeting material. It's all on the Member Hub.

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Jonathan MacNeil: We've had sort of that standing line, like, please join and help guide the innovation ecosystem on there, but I think the other thing, and we've been doing this naturally, but just to highlight it here.

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Jonathan MacNeil: has been being able to just engage with the, you know, those industry experts we have on the advisory board meetings. So just coming with your questions, comments, and being able to pick their brains, for lack of a better way to put it.

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Jonathan MacNeil: So, Sarina, do you want to show them the number up here?

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Yes, so you can still email me if you want to be added to the recurring calendar hold, but there is a way now for you guys all to just find this information, in the member hub. So, once you log in, it's these two features here. So, first, the member-only meetings.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: feature, has an archive of all of these meetings. So if you go here, you can see all the login details, get the login information, you can see the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year, our next one's on September 14th, and then the archive here with each of the meeting, recordings, along with a summary that we typically send out.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And then the other space, too, is on the events calendar, and this feature, it has a new feature,

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Here, you can see our member-only meetings in this yellow color, so they pop out a little bit more for you all, but this page has the actual Add to Calendar button, so this will just be, like, the only... a single occurrence for... for this event, but as you can see on the event calendar, like, when you go through the months, you should see all our meetings for the remainder of the year in here, so you can see the exact date, and...

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: the login information. So, you don't need to rely on us to add you to calendar holds, although I'm happy to, but just want you to know you can also access this information on the back end here in the Member Hub, too.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And then, can I go to the next topic, Josh, on the pathways, or do we need to pivot?

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Josh Simmons: Let's do the, we need,

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Josh Simmons: Let's bring on April, and I believe there's somebody from SDG&E that joins.

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Josh Simmons: Or...

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Yes.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Hi, friends!

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Josh Simmons: Hi, thanks, April. Let me, pull up these four slides back up.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Yeah!

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Josh Simmons: Alright.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: And I have Deanna Gutierrez here from SDG&E, so... Happy to be here.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Great.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: So I'll just jump right in, if that works for you, Josh.

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, I'm sorry, I kept this slide here, too. I know you provided that one, and then it transitions to the other one, so...

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Okay, yeah, that's great. And, most of you know that each of your tribes is currently working with tech

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: our EV team, the infrastructure team, and also with, Austin Sonnier on a no-cost EV charging installation, program, where we're installing four chargers. We're also helping you with any Cali VIP efforts, doing reservation-wide EV charging planning, fleet electrification planning, and then workforce

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: training, and this is part of that CEC and SCTCA EVI grant program.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: So those in SDG&E's service territory, we're learning about that there is a program that I wanted to tell you about that I think it can really help us streamline this effort, and I have Deanna Gutierrez here from SDG&E to tell us about it in just a moment, but I first wanted to provide you my thoughts on the program.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: And it's their Transportation Electrification Advisory Services program, and what I like about it is that it's a no-cost program that would help prioritize

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: any of the electricity capacity planning that we would need to do for your installations on your charging efforts. So, they have their transportation electrification program, and it offers a ton of services, that Deanna is going to go over, but really where we wanted to focus for you.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: And it does overlap some of the tech team stuff, but where we really wanted to focus was that it's going to add in an extra layer...

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: of utility-side planning, and then that's what's really going to assist with this prioritization. So, if you choose to participate in the SDG&E program, then the tech

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: EVI team, Austin and I, you know, we can help you, and attend the SDG&E meetings on your behalf, because we don't want to add more meetings to your plate, but... but the thought was to take advantage of this prioritization effort. So with that, I'm going to turn it over to Deanna.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Gutierrez.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: And are you there, Deanna? I think you were on mute.

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DGutier2: Of course I'm on mute.

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DGutier2: Sorry about that. Good morning, everyone. As April mentioned, my name is Deanna Gutierrez. I work for SDG&E, and my primary focus

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DGutier2: within, our Clean Transportation Department is really centered on our Transportation Electrification Advisory Service, so I'm excited to share some of the program details. We refer to this program as the TEAS program, so you might hear that more often, because transportation electrification is

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DGutier2: long and hard to say sometimes. So, as April mentioned, it does provide no-cost technical guidance, and really what it's doing, it's considering all factors, electric vehicle, charging infrastructure, and really the program was designed to simplify the process and support informed decision making.

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DGutier2: So through the TEAS program, we provide education and resources.

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DGutier2: On topics such as fleet electrification planning, site readiness, some of the things that April had referenced.

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DGutier2: And it also touches on emerging technologies.

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DGutier2: The goal here is to help organizations better understand their options, And identify potential,

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DGutier2: potential challenges early and move forward through, a greater... with greater... Confident through the electrification process.

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DGutier2: Okay, next slide.

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DGutier2: I don't know that I have control.

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DGutier2: Next slide, please.

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Josh Simmons: This slide, I only saw two. Oh, there we go.

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DGutier2: There it is. Thank you.

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DGutier2: So the TEAS program is broken into four phases, and the first phase here is our fleet electrification planning. This is where we focus on helping organizations understand that fleet electrification, and what it could look like for your operation. So we help with customized

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DGutier2: Evaluating vehicle options, charging needs, and available funding opportunities, really to help you be informed with all of the options that are available.

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DGutier2: It is then followed by our pre-energization support.

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DGutier2: This phase focuses on determining whether existing infrastructure can support the charging equipment, and identify any upgrades that might be required.

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DGutier2: And so we help customers evaluate electrical capacity, prepare for future growth, and we reduce that uncertainty before construction even begins.

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DGutier2: As you can see on the slide here, there are a couple of services in that phase that are highlighted. These are areas that we would really like to focus, with the tribes on... in... in collaboration with S- Curve.

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DGutier2: One of them being our capacity analysis. This is really looking at your site as a whole, and whether it can support that electrical capacity. And then site and load planning, and this provides a roadmap for deploying charging infrastructure that supports fleet's current and your future needs.

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DGutier2: Our team develops a customized site and load plan, so we'll help you prepare for that future, power requirements.

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DGutier2: And then followed by our post-energization support. This phase really helps customers better understand their energy usage.

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DGutier2: Charging behaviors, available pricing plans that might be available, and we work with customers to identify cost-saving opportunities and strategies to improve charging efficiencies.

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DGutier2: And highlighted there on the screen is our pricing plan, optimization, and load management. This service really helps customers better understand their energy uses and charging patterns to identify opportunities for cost savings.

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DGutier2: And then our last phase is our Utilizing Emerging Technology. It provides education, on guidance... education and guidance on advanced technologies that can enhance fleet

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DGutier2: operations and resiliencies, and some of them listed there, as you can see, automated load management would probably be one we would look at, towards the future if you... once your site is energized.

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DGutier2: And so, to learn more, you can visit SDG&E.com, STs, I will drop the link in the chat, or you can speak with S- Curve Strategies. As we mentioned, we're working in collaboration. Thank you, I appreciate the time today, and look forward to hearing if there's any interest.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: Thanks, Deanna.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: So I'll be chatting with you, and Austin and I will both be chatting with you just as these meetings come up. I know that we've spoken with a few of you already that were interested in participating in this from that standpoint of if it can move the...

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: analysis... the capacity analysis forward more quickly, that's what I'm starting to hear, as my meetings... as our meetings come up, what is most important. If you have not heard about this program yet, that means that it... this kind of just happened over the last week.

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April Bolduc, S Curve Strategies: So, we will be touching base with you, in the future on it.

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, thanks, thanks, April, and Dina on this, and

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, I mean, it's, it's, I think what...

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Josh Simmons: to kind of drive the point home is, you know, we've been working with a number of tribes on even going after CalABIP grants, and

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Josh Simmons: part of the... in order to be eligible for that grant, and hopefully, you know, I know there's another round coming up, and there's a round coming up in October, which this may not be as helpful for, may or may not, but then there's another round coming up in January that this could be more helpful for, is... is to...

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Josh Simmons: Get ahead of that, understand the capacity constraints, and be in a position to get the engineering, the utility engineering studies done that show that the capacity that's going to be needed can be developed in a timely manner.

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Josh Simmons: So, again, we just... we've run into that with a number of tribes in pursuing that grant. It's like, it requires you to have an engineering study done that identifies those upgrades, and so this could be a way of at least covering some of that. But, you know, Dina, how far does it go? Like, would it... like, I know in that case, the tribes typically need to pay for that engineering study.

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Josh Simmons: Like, is this going to go as far as an engineering study?

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Josh Simmons: Through this service.

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DGutier2: This is very high level, obviously more technical. Obviously, we have teams that will administer those, but really, it gives you a starting point to say, I'm planning, you know, X number of charges to be installed, the current infrastructure can or cannot support it.

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DGutier2: And then from there, you know, you have the information necessary to make some informed decisions and move through the next phases to other departments.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, and then do you all provide... I mean, April, you're familiar with this process too, but do you provide the guidance and appropriate connections with those?

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Josh Simmons: different departments at SDG&E.

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DGutier2: We do. One of our services is our liaison service, where we make that warm handoff to those various departments that can be,

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DGutier2: Of assistance to those that are looking to energize their sites.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, great.

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Josh Simmons: Any, any questions, on this from anybody?

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Josh Simmons: Okay, well, thank you so much. Thanks for joining us here today, and for sharing information in this program. We look forward to

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Josh Simmons: You know, helping our member tribes participate and leverage our program to do that much more.

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DGutier2: Thanks for having me.

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Josh Simmons: Thanks so much.

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Josh Simmons: Alright.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so, I'm just gonna... what we want to do is we want to have standing slides on, kind of the different programs we have available. Well, I think in the next iteration, we'll have something a little more, you know, at least have a standing slide that has a little more detail for, you know, new tech... TECC members or new representatives and leaders from tribes that...

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Josh Simmons: interesting about this, we have our Tribal Energy Upgrade San Diego.

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Josh Simmons: Program, enrollment is open, so if your tribe is interested in pursuing energy efficiency upgrades, For...

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Josh Simmons: Buildings and facilities, cost of reservation, commercial, government, you know, residential, otherwise, and, you know, the tribe wants to continue to

pursue, options for energy storage and resilience and other things, we encourage you to enroll, and, this program has... actually has

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Josh Simmons: funding available, incentives available for doing energy efficiency measures, and they also could support tribes in pursuing funding for non-energy efficiency, so energy resiliency. So,

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Josh Simmons: So please use the enrollment form.

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Josh Simmons: The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program continues to be open for the select few tribes that happen to be in the census tracts that are noted, down at the bottom. And, this is supporting homeowners and renters in the,

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Josh Simmons: No-cost home energy upgrades, focused on electrification of gas and other appliances.

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Josh Simmons: Sarina, you want to say anything more about either of these two programs?

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: I'll just say thanks to those who enrolled during the summit. We had 4 tribes enroll to SD-Ren. We've started a couple of those

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: needs assessment meetings and have them all scheduled, and then for EBD, we had two tribes express interest. We've been working with one and, are following up soon with the other. I know for EBD, it's a much smaller pool of eligible tribes, so definitely take advantage if you are one of them and reach out to me, please, and we can talk about it and get you guys started in the program. It's a very community outreach

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Focused program, so we'll definitely want to, get you the information you need to do that.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And Josh, can we go back to pathways after this one, or...

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: sharp, yeah.

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, yeah, absolutely.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so then, the other program that we're just launching, too, that was brought... was really kind of introduced at the TECC Summit. It's related to that... that... that, Caltrans grant we were talking about before. This is the CARB grant for transportation.

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Josh Simmons: Clean Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program, where we're going to work with tribes to do needs assessments for each tribe, support you in developing, kind of, individualized, plans, do an intertribal needs assessment and planning.

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Josh Simmons: We're going to identify and assist tribes in pursuing options, incentives, and funding to advance priority clean transportation projects. I would also say that they're, you know, transportation resilience projects, so if your tribe does have that kind of

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Josh Simmons: critical transportation infrastructure, roads that are vulnerable to, climate-related disasters, that we could support the planning and pursuing funding for that as well.

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Josh Simmons: That will support community outreach and expanding external partnerships, and also be doing some training workforce development. So, this program is just getting up off the ground.

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Josh Simmons: You're... you'll, I think, start hearing a bit more about it, you know, in September, more so in October.

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Josh Simmons: But if you have a strong interest in the meantime, then email coordinator at socaltech.org.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, all right, so then the update on this is just the NSF award termination that was authorized by SCTCA back in, you know, over a year ago. We are pursuing... we are, working on a draft complaint that we actually expect to be filed

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Josh Simmons: In September, and this is to recover the $700,000 of the award termination, and then to hopefully more clearly establish tribes as being distinct from DEI groups.

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Josh Simmons: Alright, Sarina?

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Thank you. Alright, I did want to just take a couple of minutes to highlight our new Workforce Development newsletter that we just released, last week called Pathways. I will put it in the chat for you all.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Yeah, we're really excited to be working on this. We've, as you... if some of you might remember, we... we surveyed everyone about this back in April at the board meeting. It took us quite some time to get it up and running, but it is... it is live now. This is a monthly newsletter. We'll be focusing on climate change and renewable energy-related jobs, along with career resources, fellowships, trainings, and also community

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: incentive programs as well. And really our goal here is to, reach, Native job seekers. So, but particularly, we want to focus on community members in SCTCA member tribe, areas, so we'd love to talk to you a little bit more about,

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: what did you like about the newsletter? What could be improved? But also what outreach methods we can, collaborate on so that we can increase visibility of this newsletter and subscribership amongst your community members. When we surveyed you back in April, folks mentioned that they have bulletin boards online or, like, physical in tribal halls or other community centers.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And I know y'all also have listservs and a lot of community events where you can... where you're naturally doing community outreach and engaging with folks.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: So I just wanted to open it all up, get some feedback from everyone today on the best outreach methods, what feels right, for your community, and also how we can support you. So, what can we do to get you the information you need to do the outreach, whether it's a subscription link QR code or something else? And as you can see, we put together both

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: an e-blast version on MailChimp and a PDF version, so that you can easily send out that PDF to your own listservs and such, too.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: But yeah, just wanted to open it up, and get some reactions as well.

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Josh Simmons: I can pull it open, if that helps.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Sure.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: We really want to make sure we're providing content that feels relevant to job seekers in your communities,

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: I think eventually we would like to have more, like, you know, trade jobs in here related to clean energy transition. But yeah, right now we have, quite a few jobs listed,

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And I was seeing some clicks. We actually had a pretty high open rate on this newsletter, so thanks everyone who did take a look.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And there's also an option to submit content, so if you have job openings, or you know of some training out there that you want community

members to see, you're free to forward that to me directly, or through the feedback form.

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Josh Simmons: Yeah, so, yeah, in addition, as Sarina mentioned, in addition to the,

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Josh Simmons: Job and career opportunities we have, these community incentive programs, so hopefully you're sending these out to your community members, and, you know, they're

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Josh Simmons: Able to identify things they can use for their, you know, their homes, their lives.

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Josh Simmons: That are outside of our normal programming of what tribal governments can be pursuing in terms of grants and funding and incentives.

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Josh Simmons: Any, any feedback, any thoughts on this? Any, you know, any love? Any thumbs up, thumbs down? Anything in between? Any... anything still we could do to improve this?

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Thanks, Jacob. Awesome. Well, this is going to be a monthly newsletter. We're going to send it out around the last week of the month, but yeah, definitely, if there's anything you want us to include in there, please, please send it over to us.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: And let us know, too, how we can help you get this out to your community members.

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Josh Simmons: So I, I've, I've been...

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Josh Simmons: seeing emails pop up on the side, too, as you saw me accidentally pull over my, email browser, but one thing that just caught my eye that I want to raise up to everybody, too, Angie just, sent this email. It's relevant to, you know, I think

a lot of things here, but, you all may already be aware of this legislation going through,

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Josh Simmons: the Assembly and Senate Assembly Bill in California regarding the, Governor's Tribal Advisor. So this specifically is, is...

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Josh Simmons: Having a... an office to be advised by the tribal advisor... like, just establishing a tribal advisory committee that is going to, you know, more work to establish alignment among agencies and provide greater government-to-government

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Josh Simmons: engagement, so this is not specific to energy and climate, but it's very related to things we've been advocating with the California Tribal Gap Analysis. So it, you know, we're just seeing that they're... they just amended it in the Senate and, you know, this past month, so it seems like this has some traction

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Josh Simmons: So we'll kind of continue to track and monitor this, and I think with those agencies involved in energy and climate-related matters, we would seek to, you know.

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Josh Simmons: be engaged in this and support tribal participation in this committee if this bill does pass.

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Josh Simmons: Oh yeah, we'll drop a link in the chat, too, in the next.

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Josh Simmons: So, just a reminder, the Access Clean California program is still open as well for incentives for, electric vehicles and clean mobility options.

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Josh Simmons: I already covered the EVI information.

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Josh Simmons: Oh, I'm going backwards in time... okay. So okay, we'll just wrap it up with, kind of, featured events and funding opportunities. We already shared the

Tribal Climate Health Project Summit at Pala. Alyssa, any in particular you want to... you want to highlight?

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Alyssa Danigelis: No, I actually just put in the chat that we have, updated or slightly updated grant writing templates for everyone with a little bit more guidance and placeholder text to get you started. And, just, I'll also put the tracker link in the

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Alyssa Danigelis: chat, we've been listening to your feedback, for the Tracker Beta. One quick update, we do have food now as a, as one of the, the focus areas, so you can search opportunities, with food. And, yeah.

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Josh Simmons: If you're hungry, that's the place to go.

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Josh Simmons: All right, so then, clean energy opportunities, you know, we have our own opportunities, there's the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.

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Josh Simmons: one... Any, any in particular you want to highlight here, Alyssa?

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Alyssa Danigelis: I will admit that this was pretty... pretty last minute with Parisa, but I'd really encourage everybody to, to... to check out the tracker, set it with your preferred filters, and just, see what's new. We've been, adding, adding new ones, and, you can find them

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Alyssa Danigelis: Find them there.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, so we can update the Community Resilience Center to September 30th, for that deadline. Same deadline as Transforming Climate Communities, looks like now.

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Josh Simmons: And, appreciate, Alyssa, you and the team in pulling together these opportunities and making sure we share them. Imagine the workforce development, these opportunities are also listed

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Josh Simmons: on our, highlighted funding opportunities, workforce development. The Caltrans one, I don't think is under workforce development, but, that's one that should be on your radar as well.

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Alyssa Danigelis: It's under both in the tracker, so it's one of those ones that's got multiple categories, so you can find it.

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Alyssa Danigelis: Okay.

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Josh Simmons: Awesome.

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Alyssa Danigelis: Yeah.

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Josh Simmons: Okay, fair bit of funding on the horizon, hopefully it comes through. We talked about the 40101D grants, and if I don't... Sarina, do you want to take...

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Josh Simmons: Few minutes at the end to... Cover the number hub again?

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Or,

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Yeah, I just wanted to remind everyone that the Member Hub is live. I've seen a few people go in there. Definitely want to encourage everyone to log in, and remember that this is a resource you can use

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: If anyone is having issues, though, you can't find your password, you need it to be reset, please reach out, to me or Parisa or...

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: We did make a member hub email that I'll put in the chat as well, but, yeah, I just want to make sure everyone, knows how to get in there, and that that's not a barrier for you, and if that is the case, I can also stay on for a couple minutes after this call to troubleshoot you.

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: But yeah, we'll be adding the board, like, follow-up resources from this meeting in there, and really the... the meat in there is all the funding opportunities work that Alyssa has put in there, so please, utilize that. The Google Doc is

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Sarina Galeano - TECC: Not being updated anymore.

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Josh Simmons: Right?

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Josh Simmons: Okay, and we'd love your feedback, too, on how we can improve our board meetings. So, the QR code's listed here, hopefully somebody can drop the link in the chat.

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Josh Simmons: As well, ultimately, we want this to be a valuable use of your time. A pretty good indicator is by how many people we get to show up to these meetings. So, I guess if you keep showing up, that's at least some positive indication. We know we kind of

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Josh Simmons: talk, you know, we'd like to, you know, engage you all in discussion and all that, too. We also just want to be informative, make sure you're aware, so, you know, it's always a bit of a balance.

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Josh Simmons: But, you know, two, you know, in terms of how... how can we engage you, too, like, what... what... what would be meaningful ways to get people to speak up to and provide input during these meetings? That would be helpful to hear back on.

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Josh Simmons: But yeah, please, please share feedback. We always want to continue to improve.

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Josh Simmons: And with that, any, final questions or thoughts from anybody?

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Josh Simmons: Hearing none, well, really appreciate all of you taking the time and your contributions, participation, and, hope you all enjoy the rest of your week.

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Austin Sonnier - TECC: Thanks, everyone.

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Jonathan MacNeil: Thanks, everybody. Take care.

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Amy LaFrance: Hi, y'all. Anyone sticking around who has questions about the Member Hub, I can make sure that Serena can jump on and answer them if you need.

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Amy LaFrance: Any support?

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Amy LaFrance: Okay.

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Amy LaFrance: Thank you, I'm gonna log on.