

To: Tribal Leaders, Concerned Parties and Interested Contributors

From: Honorable Ron W. Goode, Chairman North Fork Mono Tribe Fiscal Agent for the 2023 Tribal Water Summit Planning Team

## Re: Request for Funding Support and Sponsorship of 2023 Tribal Water Summit

Dear Partners,

The 2023 California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team in partnership with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is planning the 4th California Tribal Water Summit to be held at the Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento, CA on April 11-13, 2023.

The Tribal Water Summit is an event designed to address a wide array of issues, regarding concerns from the upper watershed to the downstream beneficiaries, between the State of California agencies and CA Native American Tribes. The purpose of this and prior Summits (including the 2009, 2013 and 2018 Tribal Water Summits) is to enhance updates of the California Water Plan. The 2023 Tribal Water Summit will continue that unique collaboration for including the Tribal perspectives and contributions to the California Water Plan Update 2023. The Tribal Water Summit is the only statewide summit that brings together Tribes, federal agencies, state agencies, and other related water users to discuss the most pressing policy issues Tribal governments and Tribal communities face today.

Between the Department of Water Resources, Tribal, and other supportive contributors, a budget of over \$100,000 created this successful endeavor. To continue the summit tradition, the Tribal Water Summit Planning Team is seeking financial sponsors to assist with the cost to ensure that we once again enjoy a wonderful, historic, and successful event. Financial sponsorship will provide the various costs associated with this event, including meals for the attendees, speakers, exhibits, and scholar-ships for tribal representatives unable to afford the travel expenses. DWR is committed as a financial sponsor (i.e., facility, facilitator, recording of proceedings, meeting materials, as well as staff).



With your help funding the related costs identified above, the success of the 2023 California Tribal Water Summit will be ensured. While any donation amount will be graciously accepted and greatly appreciated, the Tribal Water Summit Planning Team recommends that sponsors choose to donate at one of the following sponsorship levels.

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The levels of sponsorship are as follows:

Mountain Sponsor	\$20,000 +
Eagle Sponsor	\$10,000 - \$19,999
Salmon Sponsor	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Acorn Sponsor	\$1,000 - \$4,999
Summit Sponsor	\$500 - \$999
Summit Contributor	material donations, raffles, small contributions, etc.

We appreciate your financial generosity for this event. If you have any specific forms or other measures to take care of the logistics to fund the Tribal Water Summit, please email them or notify Chairman Ron Goode. The North Fork Mono Tribe has a 509 (a) 2 with Tribal nonprofit status and has generously agreed to handle donations on behalf of the Tribal Water Summit Planning Team. Additional information regarding the North Fork Mono Tribe 's nonprofit and instructions for making your donations have been enclosed for your convenience.

Should you have any questions regarding the Summit, please contact our Tribal Water Summit Planning members **Ron Goode via email rwgoode911@hotmail.com** or DWR Tribal liaison Tito Cervantes via email at **Tito.Cervantes@water.ca.gov.** 

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Ron W. Goode