Delta Conveyance Project: Annual Tribal Informational Meeting
Tribal Engagement Update

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Tribes Who Have Requested Consultation

**AB 52:**
- California Valley Miwok Tribe (Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California)
- Ione Band of Miwok Indians
- Northern Valley Yokuts Tribe
- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
- United Auburn Indian Community
- Wilton Rancheria
- Winnemem Wintu
- Wintu Tribe of Northern California
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

**DWR’s Tribal Engagement Policy:**
- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Yurok Tribe
2021 Tribal Consultation - Identification of Tribal Cultural Resources

• Consultation with Tribes to identify places with cultural significance to California Native American Tribes

• Based on information received during Tribal Consultation and DWR’s own ethnographic research, DWR will determine potential Tribal Cultural Resources (TCRs) for California Register evaluation

• DWR will develop a Tribal Cultural Resources Identification Report with Tribal input and review

• Where accessible, Tribal site visits were conducted with interested consulting Tribes
Important Resources to CA Tribes

- The Delta (as an important landscape);
- TCR evaluation through the AB 52 CEQA process
- Salmon and other fish species;
- Water and waterways;
- Archeological sites including village, mound locations, and burial sites; and
- Native plant and animal species.
Ongoing Tribal Consultation and Engagement and Next Steps

- DWR will continue to consult with engaged Tribes throughout the CEQA process, including discussing project impacts and options for mitigation.
- DWR will share relevant portions of the TCRIR with consulting Tribes for review and input.
- Public draft TCR chapter scheduled for Spring of 2022.
- Where accessible, plan for additional Tribal site visits with interested consulting Tribes.