



## INFORMATIONAL MEETING #2 (IM#2) FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

### Draft Agenda

**Date:** January 20, 2022

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Goal:** To provide information regarding the Perris Dam Emergency Release Project (Informational Meeting #1 held 11/2013)

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3:05 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. **Welcome, Opening Remarks**

- Anecita Agustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor
- David Sarkisian, DWR Perris Program Manager and Chief Dam Safety Engineer

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3:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. **Introductions/Attendees**

- David Sarkisian, DWR Perris Program Manager and Chief Dam Safety Engineer
- Gina Radieve, DWR Environmental Coordinator
- Mike Driller, DWR ERF Project Manager
- Jimmy Yang, DWR LPOT Outlet Works Modification Project Manager
- Anecita Agustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor
- Jackie Wait, DWR Cultural Lead
- Daniel Jackson, DWR Cultural Support
- Barbara Cross, Cultural Support
- Kristina Lecina, Consultant Project Management Support
- Candace Ehringer, Consultant Cultural Support
- **Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians**
  - Paul Macarro, Cultural Coordinator
  - Juan Ochoa, Assistant THPO
  - Ebru Ozdil, Cultural analyst
  - Molly Earp, Archeologist and cultural specialist
  - Michele Fahley, Deputy General Council
- **Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians**
  - Cheryl Madrigal, THPO
- **Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians**
  - Joseph Ontiveros, THPO
  - Jessica Valdez, Cultural Resources Specialist
- **Morongo Band**
  - Ann Brierty, THPO



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- 3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.    **Project Overview**
- Perris Dam Remediation Program
  - Project Objectives
  - Project Location
  - Project Description
  - CEQA Review

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- 3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.    **Tribal Consultation Update**
- State Consultation Policies
  - AB 52 Statewide Contact List
  - NAHC Contact Lists
  - Summary of Consultation Outreach

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- 3:40 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.    **Cultural Resources Overview**
- Tribal Territories Map
  - Cultural Resources Studies
  - Archival Research
  - Pedestrian Survey
  - Geoarchaeological Study

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- 3:45 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.    **Schedule Update**
- CEQA EIR Addendum No. 2
  - Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Monitoring and Communication Plan
  - WEAP Training Materials
  - Construction

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- 3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.    **Opportunities for Tribal Engagement**
- Meeting materials
  - Government-to-Government Meetings
  - Construction Process
  - Project Updates
  - Website

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4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.    **Open Discussion**

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4:30 p.m.                    **Adjourn**

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## Draft Meeting Notes



### 1. Welcome, Opening Remarks

- Anecita Agustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor provided a brief welcome and explained the purpose of the informational meeting is to inform Tribes of the project and its schedule, and to discuss opportunities for Tribal Engagement. Meeting is being recorded and a link will be provided to the recorded event to be shared with other Tribal representatives that could not attend the live event.
- David Sarkisian, DWR Perris Program Manager and Chief Dam Safety Engineer, also introduced himself and provided a brief welcome. He provided a high level overview of the Emergency Release Facility (ERF) project and the Lake Perris Outlet Tower (LPOT) improvement project at Lake Perris Dam.

#### Recorded Event Link:

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### 2. Introductions

- Tribal Introductions were made; followed by DWR staff and Consultants.
- Daniel Jackson, DWR, will be the primary point of contact for coordinating meetings, providing informational materials. Tribal representatives should reach out to him for scheduling future consultation meetings.

### 3. Project Overview

- DWR provided a project history and shared Presentation slides. The presentation slides, meeting notes and any other follow-up material requested will be provided to participants post meeting.
- Risks posed by Perris Dam have increased over time due to development downstream of the dam necessitating improvements.
- Review of improvements:
  - Components: modify emergency release structure; levy system to direct water channel; construct channel to convey flow to PVC
  - Two levees using native local soil (~15 tall), seeded with vegetation; Unlined earthen channel~140'W x 10'D and 2/3 mile long; New bridges (2) and culverts (1); drop structure; flow control structure; Utility relocations to accommodate channel excavation; lane closure to accommodate bridge construction
- CEQA Review: EIR LPOT 09/2011; EIR ERF 09/2016 (public draft), 09/2017 (recirc draft), EIR ERF 05/2018 (certified), ERF Addendums 09/2020 and 2022
- Questions?
  - No questions asked



## 4. Tribal Consultation Update

- Review State Consultation Policies
- Rincon has provided their Tribal Consultation Policy to DWR. DWR welcomes other Tribes to share their Tribal Consultation Policies with DWR so that DWR may be aware of protocols you wish DWR to follow.
- A slide was presented showing the AB52 Contact List. This list represents the Tribes who have requested to be on DWR's notification list for projects in their territory of interest.
- A slide was presented that listed the Tribes identified through the NAHC Contact List.
- Review of Tribal Consultation Outreach to-date: Informational Meeting previously held 11/2013.
- Recording this meeting to allow Tribes not present or representatives that could not attend to review and be aware of the project.

## 5. Cultural Resources Overview

- DWR stressed that we wish to work with Tribes who identify this project on their ancestral lands and understand there are some overlapping of traditional Tribal lands in the project area. DWR is aware of the sensitive nature of the project area.
- Question from Pechanga Tribe representative requested the source of the ancestral territory map? Pechanga Tribe proposes to provide corrections to map. Corrections are welcome and can be sent to Daniel Jackson ([Daniel.Jackson@water.ca.gov](mailto:Daniel.Jackson@water.ca.gov)) Update: Slide 27 map was removed due to the concern noted.
- Review of Cultural Resources Studies
- A Sacred Lands File search obtained by NAHC returned negative results for Tribal Resources. It was noted that archival research is not all inclusive. DWR understands that the only way to determine if Tribal Resources are/are not present is through Tribal consultation.
- A review of pedestrian surveys showed no surface evidence of Tribal Resources in project area.
- Review of geoarchaeological survey
- Questions?
  - No questions asked.

## 6. Schedule Update

- Review of Milestones
  - ERF EIR Addendum No.2 (CEQA) - anticipate early 2022
  - Archeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Monitoring and Communication Plan – anticipate Spring 2022
  - WEAP training will be provided to consulting Tribes for review/comment. DWR welcomes consulting Tribes to engage/participate in training. Anticipate Spring 2022
  - The 2 projects (ERF/LPOT) do have separate contracts for construction. ERF has bulk of civil work (ground disturbance/road lane closures); Construction to start Fall 2022 w/ 2.5 yr duration. While

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LPOT is a longer construction project it has less ground disturbance;  
Construction to start Spring 2023 w/ 3 yr duration.

- Ground disturbance is approx. 5 months for ERF and 2 months for LPOT

## 7. Opportunities for Tribal Engagement

- Review of engagement opportunities. DWR will continue to keep Tribes informed of project status via informational updates and through government-to-government consultation meetings.
- Presented option for Federally recognized Tribes to be compensated for monitoring through a Public Entity Agreement with DWR

## 8. Open Discussion

- Questions/Comments
  - Joe Ontiveros, Soboba – Monitoring may not be only form of mitigation but will work out in subsequent discussions. Tribal members on call have previously worked together and equal representation of interested tribes has worked well in the past for monitoring. A rotational monitoring schedule is not acceptable. Monitoring schedules need to be addressed early in the planning process. Need to get initial consultation meetings scheduled ASAP before consideration of monitoring/PEAs is pursued.
  - Paul Macarro, Pechanga – Looking forward to having own face-to-face with DWR. They do have SLF on the project area and would be happy to share that information in a confidential setting.
  - Anecita Agustinez –
    - DWR can include place names with Tribal input on ancestral maps.
    - In terms of follow-up, DWR interested in meeting with THPOs and other Cultural representatives in future meetings.
    - Daniel Jackson is the point of contact for future meeting scheduling and the materials from this meeting.
    - Please provide your Tribes Tribal Consultation Policy if they exist/have been developed.
    - Please consider entering into a Public Entity Agreement (PEA) to facilitate payment of Tribal Services, which include cultural resource monitors. It takes three months to put contract in place, so need to be thinking about this now. DWR will provide information on that process/agreement.