

# California Water Boards Tribal Beneficial Uses Communications Update

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# Overview

- State Water Board refresher
- Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBU) background
- TBU Communications Project
- New TBU draft documents for feedback
- Contact information
- Questions





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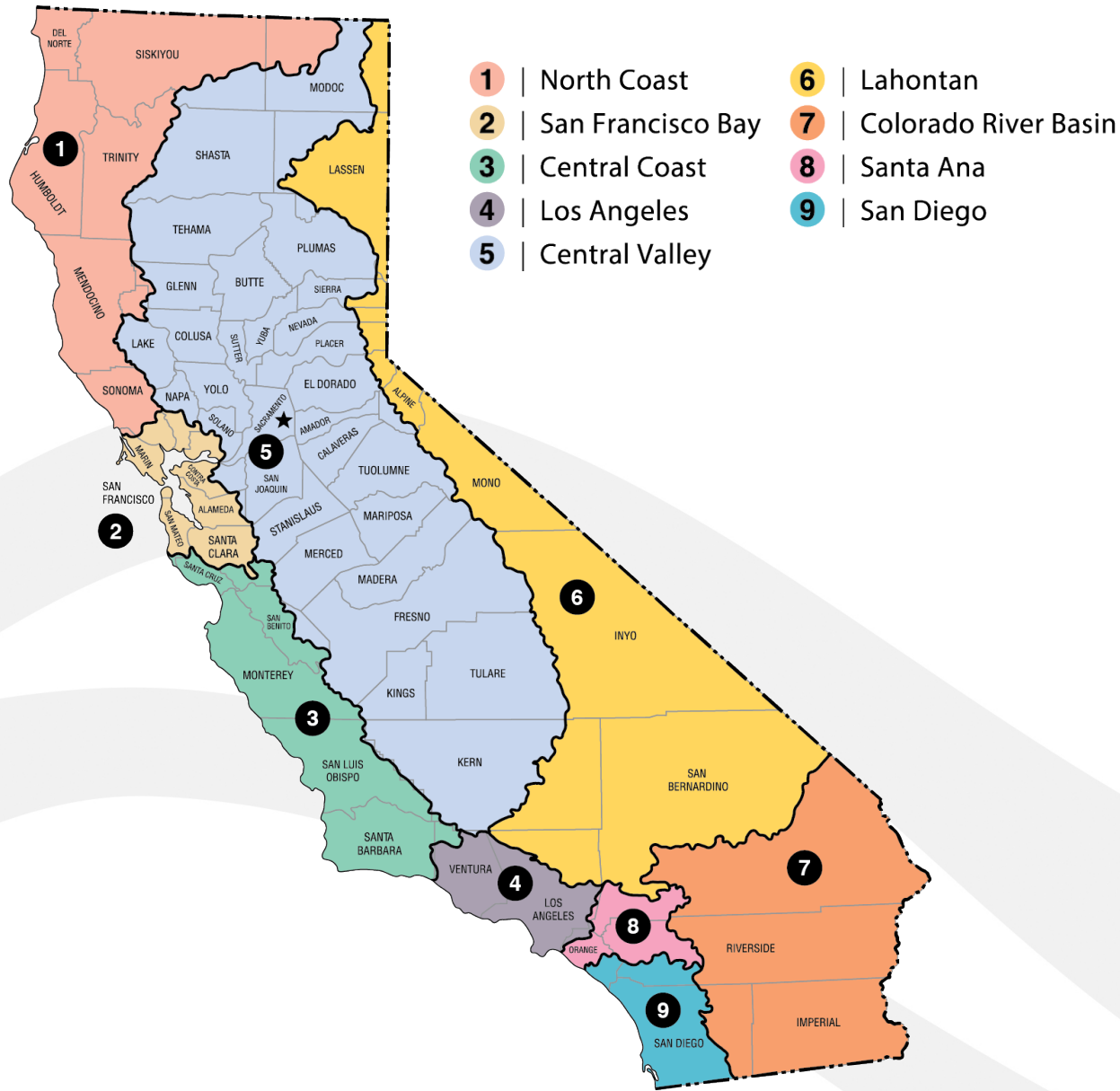


## Water Board's Mission Statement

*"Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations."*

# What does the State Water Board do?

- Develops statewide water quality protection plans & policies
- Establishes water quality standards
- Allocates surface water rights
- Regulates and ensures drinking water safety
- Sets drinking water regulatory standards
- Coordinate with Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- Implements the Federal Clean Water Act & Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act



# What do the Regional Boards do?

- Develop and Enforce Water Quality Objectives
- **Develop Basin Plans (Beneficial Uses)**
- Issue Waste Discharge Permits
- Determine compliance with requirements
- Take enforcement actions against violators
- Monitor water quality

# Tribal Beneficial Uses

Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB)

Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL)

\*Subsistence Fishing (SUB)



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## **Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL)**

- Uses of water that support the cultural, spiritual, ceremonial, or traditional rights or lifeways of California Native American Tribes including, but not limited to: navigation, ceremonies, or fishing, gathering, or consumption of natural aquatic resources, including fish, shellfish, vegetation, and materials.

## **Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB)**

- Uses of water involving the non-commercial catching or gathering of natural aquatic resources, including fish and shellfish, for consumption by individuals, households, or communities of California Native American Tribes to meet needs for sustenance.

# Purpose of Tribal Beneficial Uses

- Help protect activities specific to Native American Culture and their historic uses of CA waters, including practices not covered by existing beneficial uses
- Current water quality standards may not be sufficient
- Ensure that appropriate water quality objectives apply

# TBU Communications Project

- Started late April 2020
- Creation of consistent TBU materials for State Water Board and Regions
- Goal to finalize documents by Fall 2020
- Iterative process; drafts can be updated now and in the future



# Draft Documents for Feedback

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2. Is there anything missing in these documents?
3. What information would be important to include in the contact sheet?

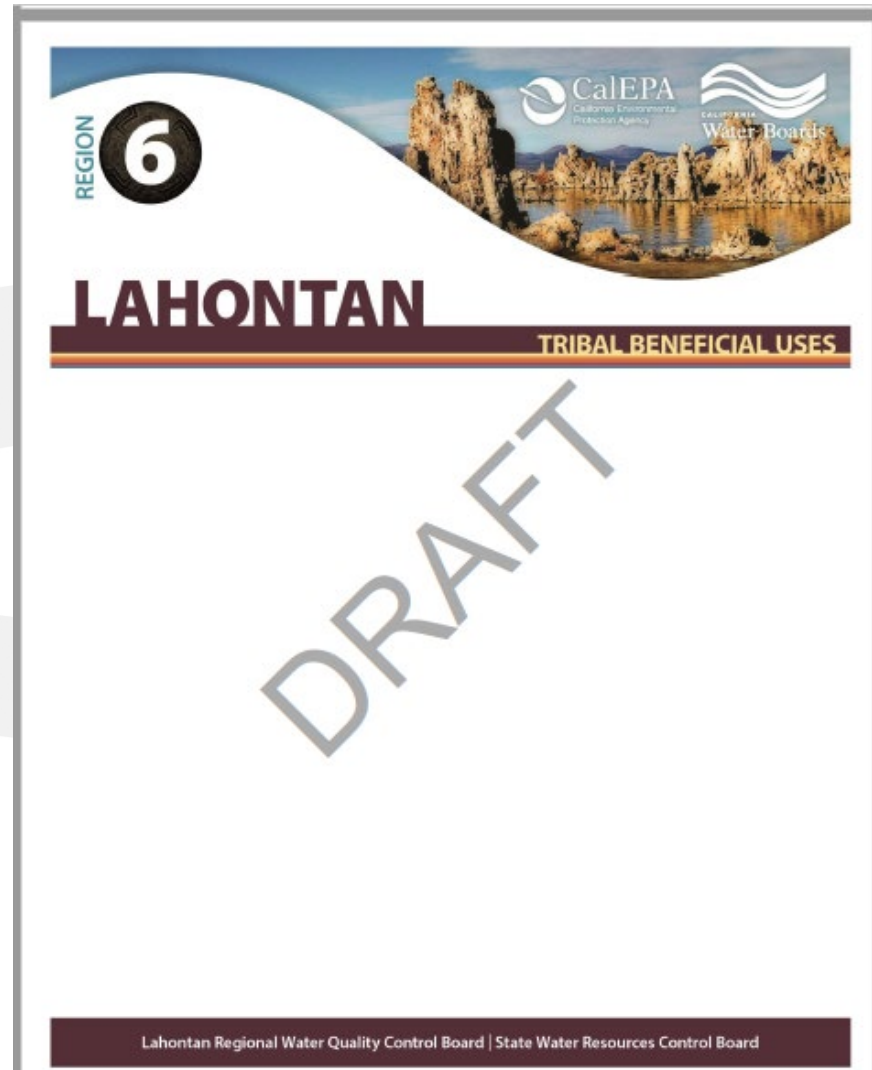
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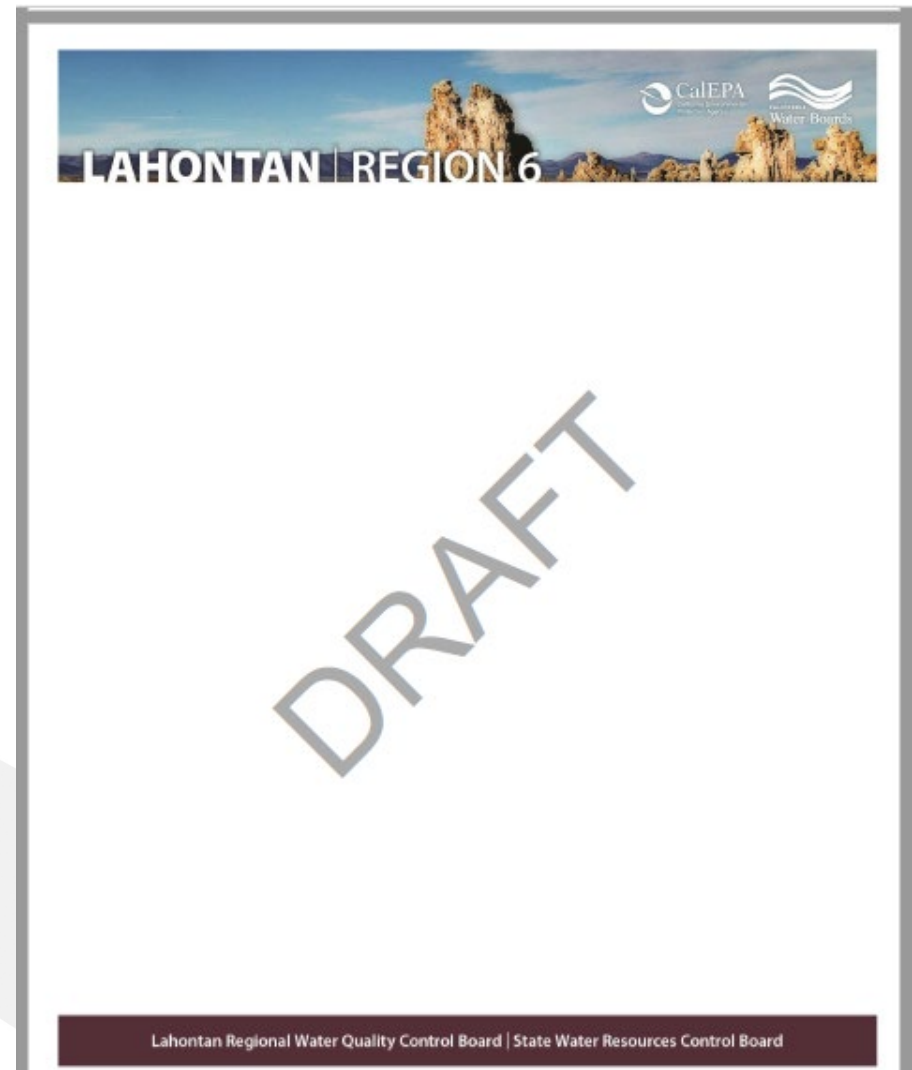
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# Headers/Footers for TBU-Related Documents



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Page Headers for TBU-Related Documents



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# Footers for TBU-Related Documents

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board | State Water Resources Control Board

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board | State Water Resources Control Board

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board | State Water Resources Control Board

# Contact Sheet



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### Tribal Beneficial Uses (TBU)

#### State and Regional Water Boards Contact Information

**HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT**

To inquire on a Regional Water Boards' Triennial Review or Basin Planning process, contact the respective Basin Planner. Basin Planners can assist you with questions surrounding Tribal Beneficial Uses.

If your Tribal government is interested in prioritizing Tribal Beneficial Uses as a Regional Water Board project, please notify a Basin Planner, in writing.

For any concerns or questions related to water quality or Regional Board information pertinent to California Native American Tribe(s), contact the Tribal Coordinator in your respective region(s).

**STATE WATER BOARD TBU CONTACT INFORMATION**

If your current and/or ancestral lands overlap with multiple Regional Water Boards, or for questions regarding Tribal Beneficial Uses outreach, please contact:

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**TRIBAL BENEFICIAL USES ONLINE CONTACT INFORMATION**

To see an online version of this contact information, visit:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/public\\_participation/tribal\\_affairs/tribal\\_contacts.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/tribal_affairs/tribal_contacts.html)

**TRIBAL BENEFICIAL USES WEBSITE**

To see Regional Board updates related to TBUs, visit the "Regional Board's Basin Plan/Triennial Review" side bar at:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/public\\_participation/tribal\\_affairs/beneficial\\_uses.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/tribal_affairs/beneficial_uses.html)

**TRIBAL AFFAIRS WEBSITE**

For other helpful links and information related to the California Water Boards and California Native American Tribes, visit:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/public\\_participation/tribal\\_affairs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/tribal_affairs/)

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## REGIONAL WATER BOARDS



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- 3 | Central Coast
- 4 | Los Angeles
- 5 | Central Valley
- 6 | Lahontan
- 7 | Colorado River Basin
- 8 | Santa Ana
- 9 | San Diego



**REGION 3 | CENTRAL COAST REGION TBU CONTACTS**

Kern (small portions), Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo (southern portion), Santa Barbara, Santa Clara (south of Morgan Hill), Santa Cruz, Ventura (northern portion) counties

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**REGION 4 | LOS ANGELES REGION TBU CONTACTS**

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**REGION 5 | CENTRAL VALLEY REGION TBU CONTACTS**

Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa (East), El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Nevada, Napa, (N. East), Placer, Plumas, Lake, Sierra, Shasta, Sutter, Solano (West), Sacramento, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Tehama, Tulare, Stanislaus, Yuba, (Very small portions of San Benito, San Luis Obispo) counties

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**REGION 6 | LAHONTAN REGION TBU CONTACTS**

Alpine, El Dorado, Inyo, Kern (East), Lassen (East side and Eagle Lake), Los Angeles (N/E corner), Modoc (East), Mono, Nevada, Placer, San Bernardino, Sierra counties

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**REGION 7 | COLORADO RIVER REGION TBU CONTACTS**

Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego counties

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For assistance contacting a Regional Board or for questions regarding consultation, please contact the State Water Board Tribal Liaison:

#### STATE WATER BOARD TRIBAL LIAISON

**Adriana Renteria**

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# Feedback on these Draft Documents

1. Are these documents visually appealing?
  - Ex: if you saw these documents in a stack of mail, would you look at it?
2. Is there anything missing in these documents?
3. What information would be important to include in the contact sheet?
4. \*bonus\* What questions do you have related to TBUs?

# Other Updates



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# Documents in Progress

The screenshot shows the California Water Boards website. The header includes the CA.GOV logo, a home icon, and social media share buttons. The navigation bar features icons for Board, Programs, Drinking Water, Water Quality, Water Rights, Notices, Water Boards, and a search icon. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home | About Us | Public Participation | Tribal Affairs | Beneficial Uses. The title of the page is 'Beneficial Uses: Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), Subsistence Fishing (SUB)'. Below the title, a paragraph states: 'On May 2, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution 2017-0027, which approved "Part 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California—Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions."' The page is divided into two columns. The left column has a blue header 'Statewide Mercury Provisions Page' and contains text about Resolution 2017-0027 and definitions for Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL) and Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB). The right column has a blue header 'Staff Contacts' and lists the Tribal Liaison, Zane Poulson, Program Manager, and the Assistant Tribal Liaison, Moy Moreno-Rivera, with their email addresses and phone numbers.

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## Beneficial Uses: Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), Subsistence Fishing (SUB)

On May 2, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Resolution 2017-0027, which approved "Part 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California—Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Uses and Mercury Provisions."

### Statewide Mercury Provisions Page

Resolution 2017-0027 provides a consistent regulatory approach throughout the state by setting mercury limits to protect the beneficial uses associated with the consumption of fish by both people and wildlife. Additionally, the State Water Board established three new beneficial use definitions for use by the State and Regional Water Boards in designating Tribal Traditional Culture (CUL), Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB), and Subsistence Fishing (SUB) beneficial uses to inland surface waters, enclosed bays, or estuaries in the state.

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### Staff Contacts

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- Process Chart/timeline
- Cover Letter for Tribes
- Fact Sheet Update
- TBU Webpage update

# Feedback

1. Is there any other document or idea you'd like to see in this project?
2. What information would be important to include in the factsheet?
3. What other types of materials would be helpful for Tribal Governments to have related to TBUs?

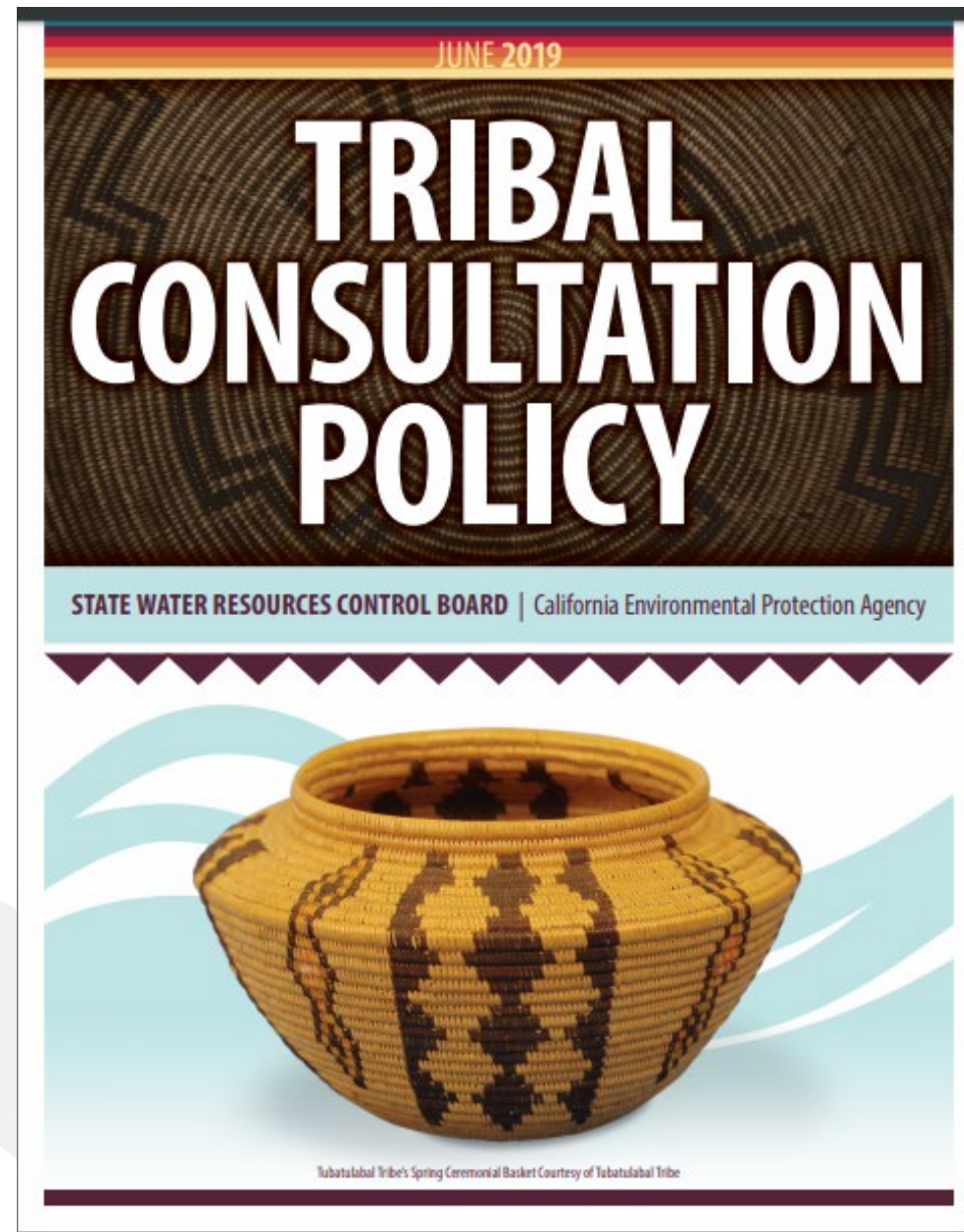
**Optional feedback-** we respectfully ask that you send additional comments, if any, to [tribal-liaison@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tribal-liaison@waterboards.ca.gov) by August 28th

# Ask – Photos with Permission

- Photos, brief description of the photo (~1 sentence) for educational purposes, written permission that the CA Water Boards (*this includes the State Water Board and the Regional Water Boards*) can use photo
- Formal request is coming soon
- Can send photo, description, and written permission to:  
[tribal-liaison@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tribal-liaison@waterboards.ca.gov)
- We appreciate a response by September 30th

# Photo Example

- This is a photo of the Tubatulabal Tribe's Spring Ceremonial Basket, courtesy of the Tubatulabal Tribe





# Questions?

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# Tribal Beneficial Uses Communication Materials Contact

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# Statewide Tribal Beneficial Uses Resources

## Tribal Affairs Website

- [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/public\\_participation/tribal\\_affairs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/tribal_affairs/)

## Tribal Beneficial Uses Website

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## Tribal Beneficial Uses Contact Information

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# Thank You!