

# California Issues Workgroup: Updates from CA Dept of Water Resources and CA Natural Resources Agency



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# California Department of Water Resources

Overview: Office of the Tribal Policy Advisor

Engagement and Funding Opportunities

- California Water Plan Update 2023 Tribal Engagement
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Tribal Advisory Group
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program
- Drought Relief Grants
- Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
- Other Funding Opportunities: CA Grants Portal



# California Water Plan



- DWR publishes updates every 5 years
- Tribal engagement through Tribal Water Summits since 2009
- CA Water Plan Update 2023 – recruitment ongoing now for next Tribal Water Summit to be held April 11, 12 and 13, 2023

## For more information:

- [TribalPolicyAdvisor@water.ca.gov](mailto:TribalPolicyAdvisor@water.ca.gov)
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- <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/California-Water-Plan>



# CA Water Plan 2023 Tribal Advisory Committee

*To inquire about representing your Tribe on the Water Plan Update 2023 TAC or otherwise participating in the 2023 update process, please contact before Feb 4, 2022:*

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# Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

- Tribal Advisory Group (hosted by DWR)
  - Tribal Leaders, Representatives, designated Staff
  - Next Quarterly Meeting: Feb 3, 2022 (1-3 pm)
  - Registration: [Erin.Crandall@water.ca.gov](mailto:Erin.Crandall@water.ca.gov)
- For more information:
  - [TribalPolicyAdvisor@water.ca.gov](mailto:TribalPolicyAdvisor@water.ca.gov)
  - <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management>



# Funding Opportunities: Sustainable Groundwater Management Grants

- Solicitation open now (through Feb 18) for critically overdrafted groundwater basins in CA
- Future solicitation in late 2022 for high and medium priority groundwater basins
- Tribes are highly encouraged to participate in SGMA TAC (discussed earlier) and coordinate with local groundwater sustainability agencies on grant and other opportunities



For more information:  
<https://water.ca.gov/sgmgrants>



# Funding Opportunities: Drought Relief Funding

- DWR Small Communities and Urban/Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Programs
- \$500 million provided by 2021 State Budget; High demand is exceeding funds available but Tribes could benefit from set-aside funding
- \$120 million more funds are proposed in Governor's Jan 2022 budget



For more information:  
<https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Drought-Funding>



# Engagement & Funding Opportunities: Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

- Brief Overview of IRWM
- IRWM Roundtable of Regions
  - Working Group for Tribes and Disadvantaged Communities
- Benefits of Tribal Participation in IRWM
- Proposition 1 Funding – Round 2 Grant Solicitation
  - Draft Solicitation Documents Published for Public Comment through Feb 8, 2022





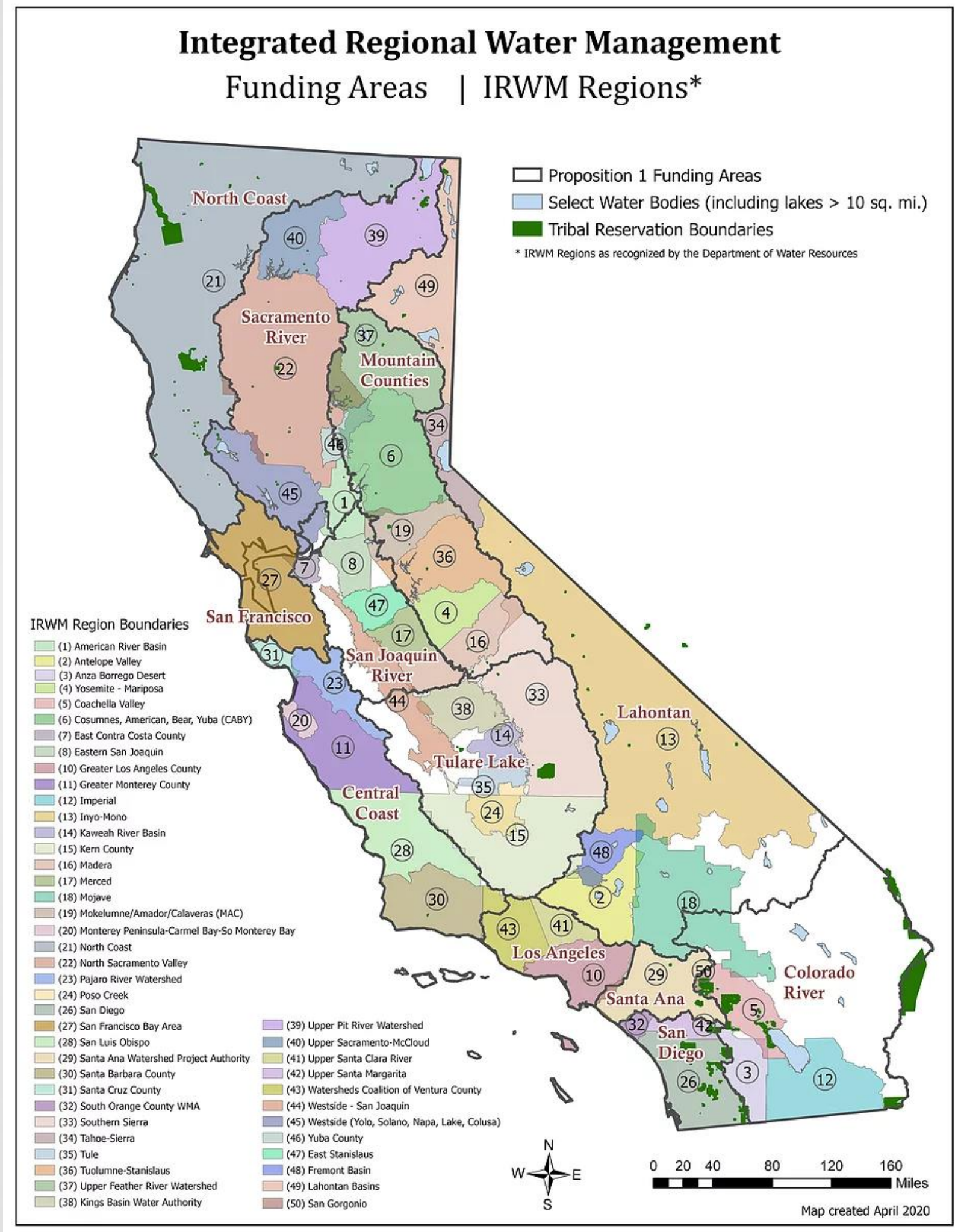
# Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

- Established by 2002 IRWM Planning Act
- Collaborative effort to implement water management solutions on a regional scale to increase regional self-reliance, reduce conflict
- Concurrently achieve social, environmental, and economic objectives
- Consider all interests and work across jurisdictional, political, watershed boundaries
- Provide multiple benefits: improved water quality, better flood management, restored ecosystem, more reliable surface and groundwater supplies



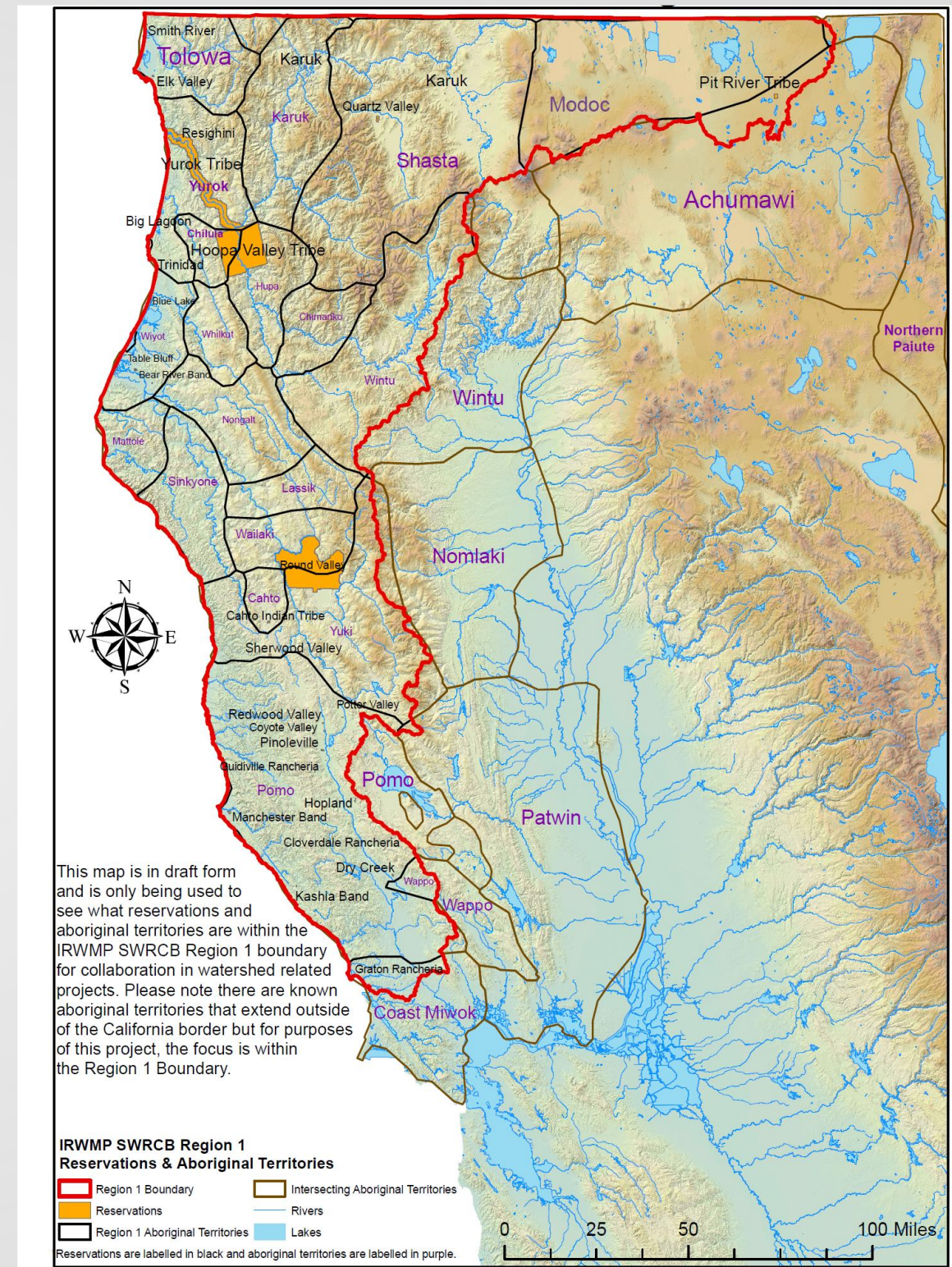
# Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

- 48 IRWM Regions established to date covering most of California
- IRWM Roundtable of Regions
  - Provides forum for networking, collaboration and information sharing
  - Working Group for Tribes and Disadvantaged Communities
    - Next Meeting: Feb 9, 2022
    - <https://www.roundtableofregions.org/>



# Tribal Involvement in IRWM

- Tribes' territories lie within the 48 IRWM regions in CA
- Tribes can engage within their aboriginal territories to forge partnerships with water agencies and to address their own water planning needs
- Concerns and limitations:
  - Jurisdiction, water rights, sovereign immunity
  - Ensure participation includes not just as stakeholders or public participants, but as independent, sovereign governments
  - Limited resources and capacity (planning processes such as IRWM entails significant time and expenditures on behalf of participating entities)



## IRWM Region 1 – North Coast Resource Partnership Tribal Reservations and Aboriginal Territories



# Why It Is Important to Involve Tribes: *What DWR is Hearing from Tribes*



- Tribes were first water resources managers
- Tribes bring unique traditional ecological knowledge practices/values in regional water management to IRWM regions
- Partnering with Tribes opens regions to additional leveraged funding (e.g., Federal funds)



# North Coast Resource Partnership

*(IRWM Regional Water Management Group)*



NCRP is a long term, innovative & successful collaboration of Northern California Tribes, counties, & diverse stakeholders.

The NCRP region covers over 19,000 square miles – 12% of California – & includes the Tribal lands & the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Mendocino & Sonoma. Representatives from each County and Tribes work collaboratively in NCRP governance to guide North Coast Integrated Water Management, and through a new initiative to collectively develop a Regional Forest and Fire Management Plan.

Collaborative, integrated planning & project implementation since 2009, investing over \$67 million in hundreds of projects that benefit the North Coast Region's communities & watersheds.



# North Coast Resource Partnership

## (IRWM Regional Water Management Group)

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Includes the Tribal lands & counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Mendocino & Sonoma.

**33 Tribes share 6 seats** (3 Technical Peer Review Committee & 3 Policy Review Committee, with 1 Alternate each

North		
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)
Quartz Valley Rancheria	Siskiyou County	Klamath
Karuk Tribe	Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties	Klamath
Smith River Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast
Elk Valley Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast
Resighini Rancheria	Del Norte County	North Coast
Yurok Tribe	Del Norte and Humboldt Counties	Klamath
Pit River Tribe	Modoc County	Shasta
Shasta Nation	Siskiyou County	Shasta
Shasta Indian Nation	Siskiyou County	Shasta
Central		
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)
Hoopla Valley Tribe	Humboldt County	Trinity
Big Lagoon Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Trinidad Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Blue Lake Rancheria	Humboldt County	Humboldt
Table Bluff Rancheria (Wiyot)	Humboldt County	Eel
Bear River Tribe of Rohnerville Rancheria	Humboldt County	Eel
Nor Rel Muk	Trinity County	Trinity
Round Valley Reservation	Mendocino County- North	Eel
Laytonville Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel
Sherwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County-North	Eel, North Coast, & Russian
South		
Tribe	County(ies)	Watershed(s)
Potter Valley Tribe	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Coyote Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Redwood Valley Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Pinoleville Pomo Nation	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Guidiville Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Hopland Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	Russian
Manchester/Point Arena Rancheria	Mendocino County- South	North Coast
Cloverdale Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Dry Creek Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Lytton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Graton Rancheria	Sonoma County	Russian
Stewarts Point Rancheria (Kashia)	Sonoma County	North Coast
Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley	Sonoma County	Russian
Yokayo	Mendocino County – South	Russian





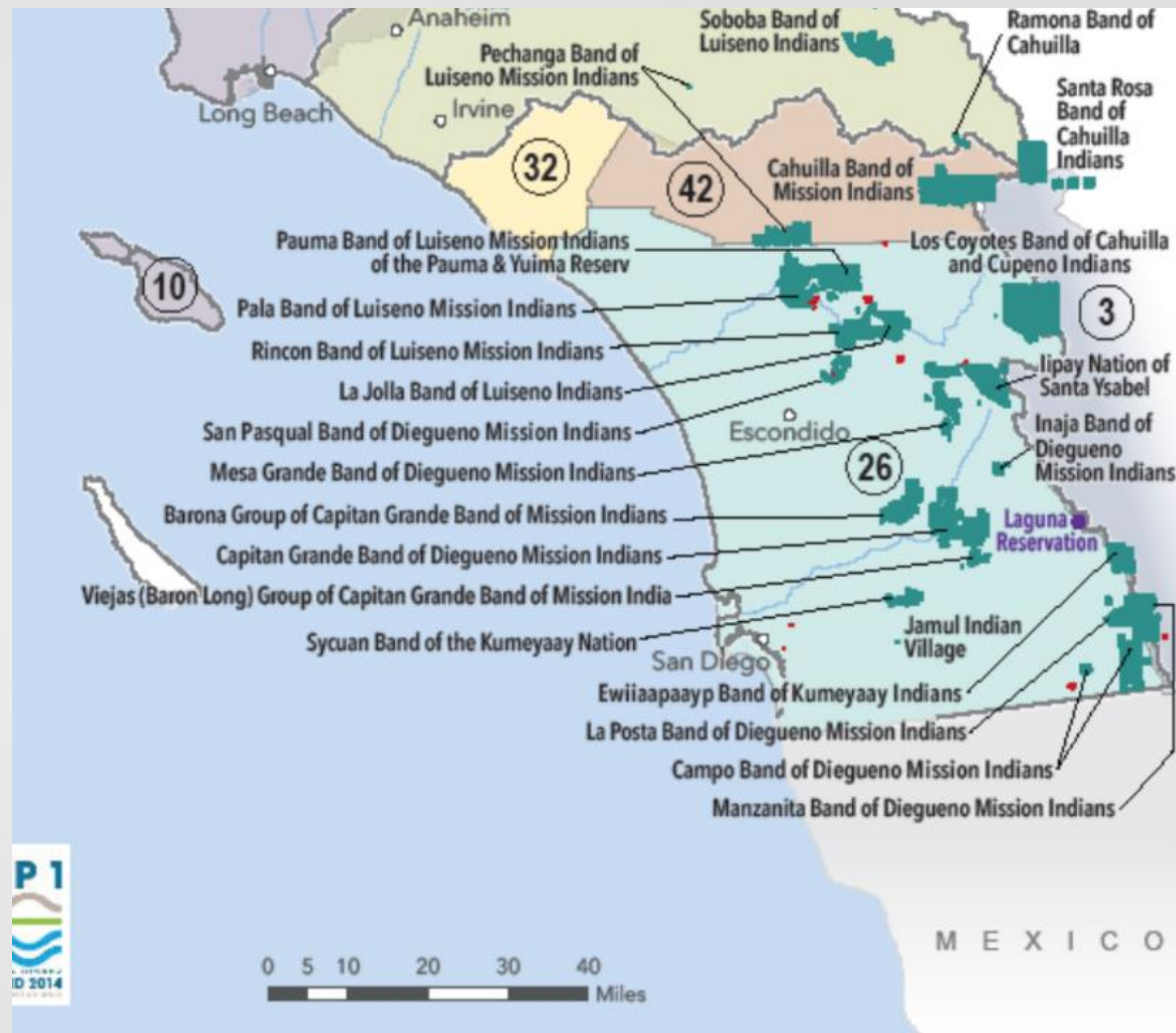
## Tribal Projects & Collaborative Projects Directly Benefiting Tribes - *Examples*

Organization Name, Project Name	Award	Project Benefit Type	Tribe Benefitted
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Community Test Wells and Water Security Study	\$149,170	water supply	Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
Yurok Tribe, Yurok Watershed Restoration and Drinking Water Security	\$702,463	water supply, water quality, salmonid habitat	Yurok Tribe
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Reclaimed Water Project	\$558,562	water quality, water supply	Bear River Tribe
Happy Camp Community Services District, Happy Camp Water System Upgrades - Phase 1	\$217,000	water quality, water supply	Karuk Tribe
Hoopa Valley Tribe, Lower Supply Flood Risk Reduction and Fisheries Habitat Improvement Project	\$655,475	water quality, salmonid habitat	Hoopa Valley Tribe
Gualala River Watershed Council, Flow Bank Program - Phase II	\$493,254	water supply, salmonid habitat	Kashia Band of Pomo Indians



# San Diego IRWM Region

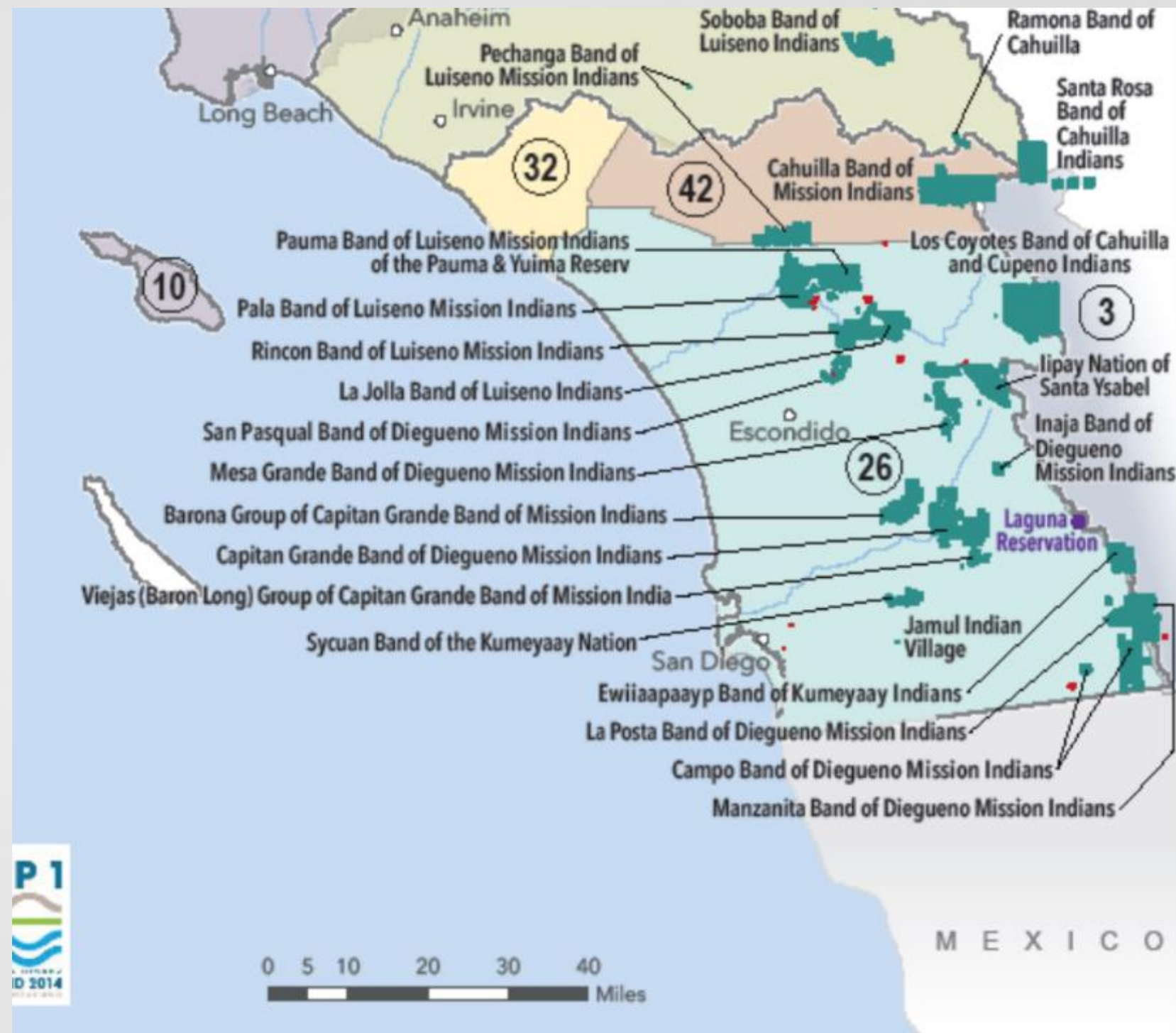
- IRWM Plan
  - Dedicated chapter on water resources and water management issues of the 18 federally recognized Tribal Nation Reservations and 17 Tribal Governments in the county





# San Diego IRWM Region

- Regional Advisory Committee
  - Tribes have been represented for many years and have 3 voting members appointed by the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
- Six Tribal IRWM projects funded for a total of \$2.6 million



# Tribal Participation in IRWM

## A Few Other Examples of Tribes Actively Engaged in IRWM Regional Planning Today

- Eastern Sierra Tribes in Inyo-Mono Region – Big Pine and Bishop Paiute Tribes received Prop 84 funding
- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians – actively participating in Santa Barbara IRWM region governance
- Amah Mutsun – Non-Federally Recognized Tribe participating in Central Coast and San Francisco IRWM region programs
- Sacred Places Institute – Non-Profit working to ensure Tribal voices are heard in Santa Ana & L.A. IRWM region programs



# Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program

Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation Grants Solicitation (2022-23)

- \$192 Million available for various project types:
  - Water Supply, Conservation and Water Infrastructure Improvements
  - Stormwater Mitigation, Capture and Infiltration
  - Environmental Improvements and Enhancements
  - Decision Support Tools
- Applications due in mid-late 2022; Tribes need to participate through IRWM regions



# Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program

Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 Implementation Grants Solicitation (2022-23) Upcoming Public Workshops

- [Northern California](#): Tuesday, February 1, 2022; 9:30 - 11:30 am
- [Central California](#): Thursday, February 3, 2022; 10:00 am- Noon
- [Southern California](#): Tuesday, February 8, 2022; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

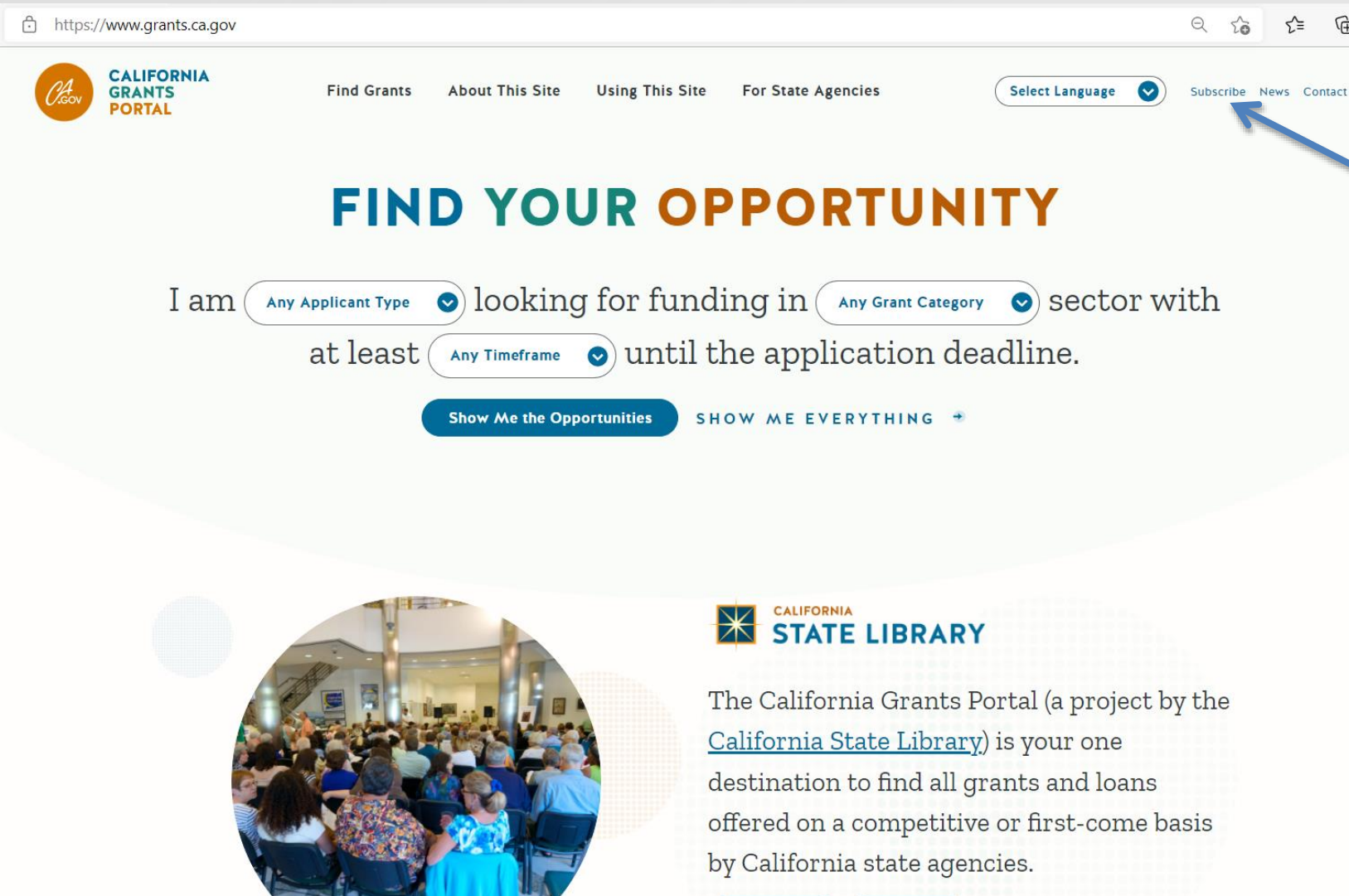
[For more information and to register:](#)

<https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants>

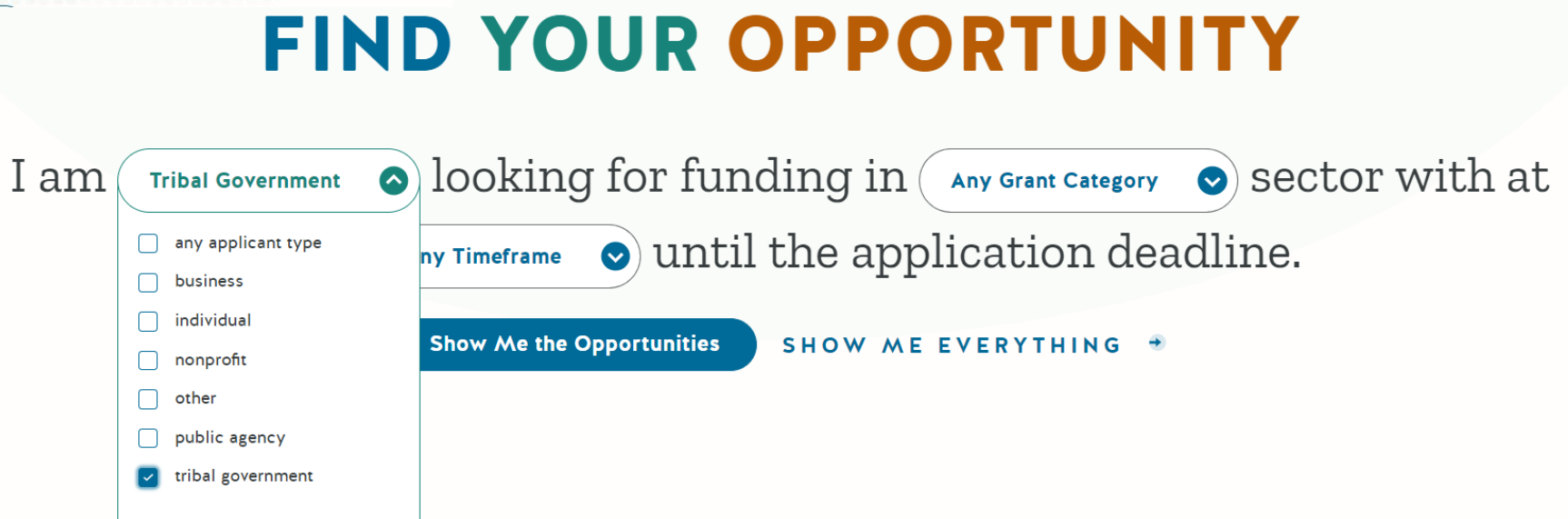


# California Grants Portal

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/>



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Visit our [Glossary](#) for definitions of terms used to describe grant opportunities, or visit our [FAQs](#) for answers to common questions.

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##### CATEGORY

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##### ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Tribal Government

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### Filters:

Forecasted Opportunities and Active Grants; Agencies: CA Natural Resources Agency; Category: Environment & Water; Eligible Applicant: Tribal Government

### Results:

30 grant opportunities identified for Tribes as of January 25, 2022

# California Grants Portal

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6/30/22 17:00 Active	<a href="#">Division of Boating and Waterways Local Assistance Pumpout/Dump Station Installation Grant</a> <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Jul 1, 2021	Department of Parks and Recreation	25%	\$540,750	Dependent	Reimbursement(s)
4/30/23 16:00 Active	<a href="#">Qualified Cultivator Funding Opportunity</a> <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Oct 11, 2021	Department of Fish and Wildlife	No	\$6,000,000	Dependent	Reimbursement(s)
12/29/23 Active	<a href="#">Small Community Drought Relief Program</a> <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Aug 11, 2021	Department of Water Resources	No	\$192,000,000	Dependent	Reimbursement(s)
Ongoing Active	<a href="#">Science and Lake Improvement Account Program</a> <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Jul 10, 2020	Tahoe Conservancy	10%	\$350,000	Dependent	Reimbursement(s)
Ongoing Active	<a href="#">Climate Resilience and Community Access Grant Program</a> <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Nov 9, 2021	Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	No	\$2,500,000	\$100,000 – \$400,000	Advances & Reimbursement(s)
Forecasted	<a href="#">Proposition 1 – Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program</a> <a href="#">MORE INFO</a>	Early 2022	Department of Water Resources	50%	\$192,000,000	Dependent	Reimbursement(s)
Ongoing Active	<a href="#">Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program</a>	Jul 15, 2020	Wildlife Conservation Board	No	\$1,000,000	Dependent	Reimbursement(s)

Shown: Subset of 30 grant opportunities identified for Tribes as of Jan 25, 2022

# California Natural Resources Agency Tribal Affairs

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**(Cherokee Nation) (she/her)**

***Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs***  
***California Natural Resources Agency***





# California Natural Resources Agency Tribal Affairs

1. CNRA Tribal Affairs Departmental Overview
2. *Pathways to 30x30: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature*
3. Implementation of Governor Newsom's Ancestral Lands Policy
4. Tribal Wildfire Resilience and Forest Health Grant Program
5. Extreme Heat Action Plan
6. Multibenefit Land Repurposing Grant Program



# Thank You!



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