

Tribal Beneficial Uses: California Update

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What are Tribal Beneficial Uses?

- Group of beneficial uses that can help protect activities specific to Native American cultures and their uses of California waters, including the consumption of non-commercial fish or shellfish.
- Comprised of:
 - Tribal Subsistence Fishing (T-SUB)
 - Tribal Tradition and Culture (CUL)
 - *Subsistence Fishing (SUB)

Regulatory Process for Tribal Beneficial Uses

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| Ongoing Step | Engage with California Tribes and the public. <i>Highly encourage California Tribes and the public to submit support letters at three critical steps.</i> |
|  Step 0 | (Optional) Adopt a triennial review with TBU designations listed as a priority project |
|  Step 1* | Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan |
|  Step 2 | Gather data for designations |
| Step 3* | Designate waterbodies or parts of a waterbody with TBU(s) |
| Step 4 | Create Implementation Plans |

**Steps 1 and 3 can be done at the same time*

Region 1 – North Coast

➤ **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
None Scheduled
- **Action Step:**
Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions
- **Tribal Coordinator:**
Cody.Walker@waterboards.ca.gov
(707) 576-2642
- *Region 1 has previous beneficial uses that protect Native American Culture and Subsistence Fishing*



Region 2 – San Francisco Bay

➤ **Step 2:** Gather data for designations (completed Step 0; plan to do Steps 1 & 3 as one process)

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**

- **Early March:** TBD

- **Action Step:**

- Send a letter to Sami Harper with interest

- **Tribal Coordinator:**

- Samantha.Harper@waterboards.ca.gov

- (510) 622-2415

- *5 tribes submitted support for TBUs on the Triennial Review, 0 tribes attended Triennial Review hearing*



Region 3 – Central Coast

- **Step 0:** Adopt a triennial review with TBU designations listed as a priority project
- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
 - 2024:** Next Triennial Review
- **Action Step:**
 - Submit support letter to prioritize TBUs in Triennial Review
- **Tribal Coordinator:**
 - Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov
 - (805) 542-4644
- *0 tribes submitted support for TBUs on the 2021 Triennial Review, or attended Triennial Review workshop*



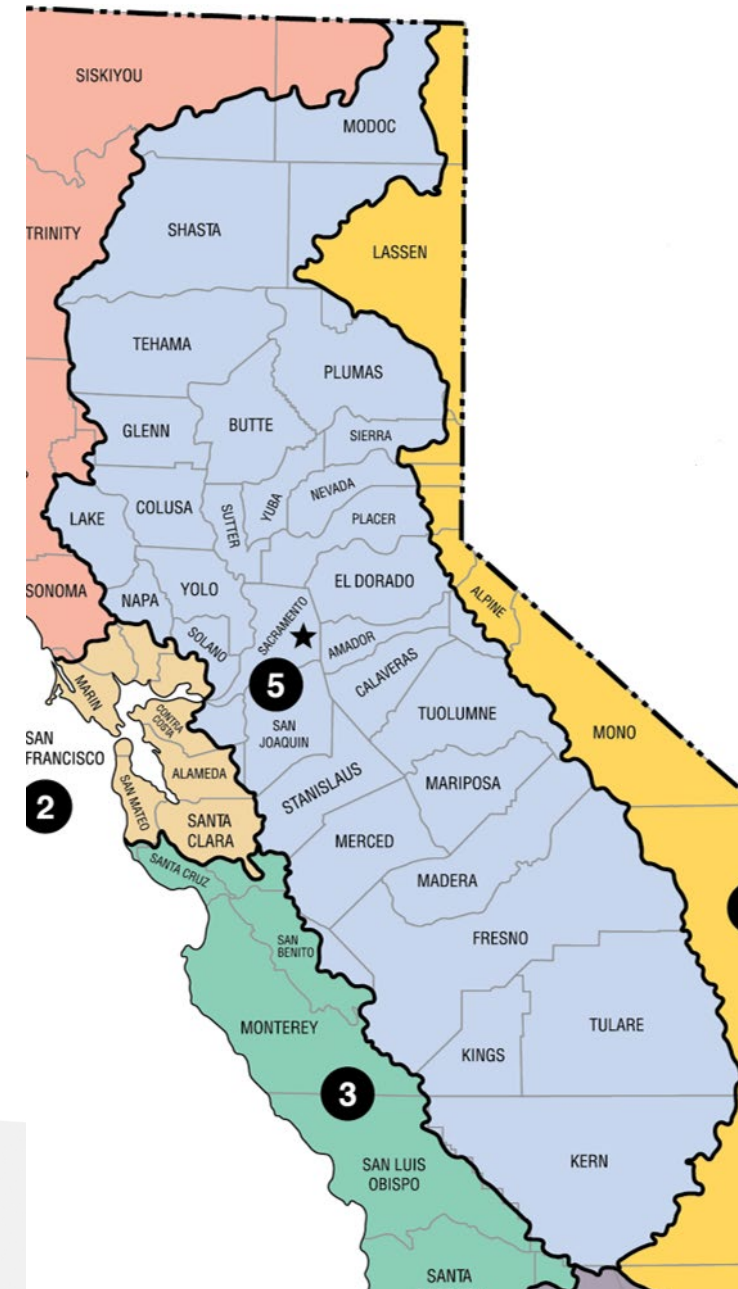
Region 4 – Los Angeles

- **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan
- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
 - Feb 17, 5pm:** Comments on Basin Plan Amendment due
 - March 10, 9am:** Board Hearing
- **Action Step:**
 - Submit support comments to adopt TBU definitions
 - Attend Board Hearing to voice support
- **Tribal Coordinator:**
 - Susana.Lagudis@waterboards.ca.gov
 - (213) 576-6694
- *2 tribes and 41 attendees participated in TBU September 2021 public workshop*



Region 5 – Central Valley

- **Step 1 & 2:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan & Gather data for designations
- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
 - Feb 17 and 18, 9am:** Board Hearing
 - April/May TBD:** Tribal Update Meeting
- **Action Step:**
 - Submit letters to request TBU designations
- **Tribal Coordinator:**
 - Robert.LHeureux@waterboards.ca.gov
 - (916) 464-4736
- *5 support letters received for the proposed Basin Plan Amendment*



Region 6 – Lahontan

➤ **Step 2:** Gather data for designations
(completed Step 1 in 2020)

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**

- **March 9-10:** Triennial Review hearing

- **Action Step:**

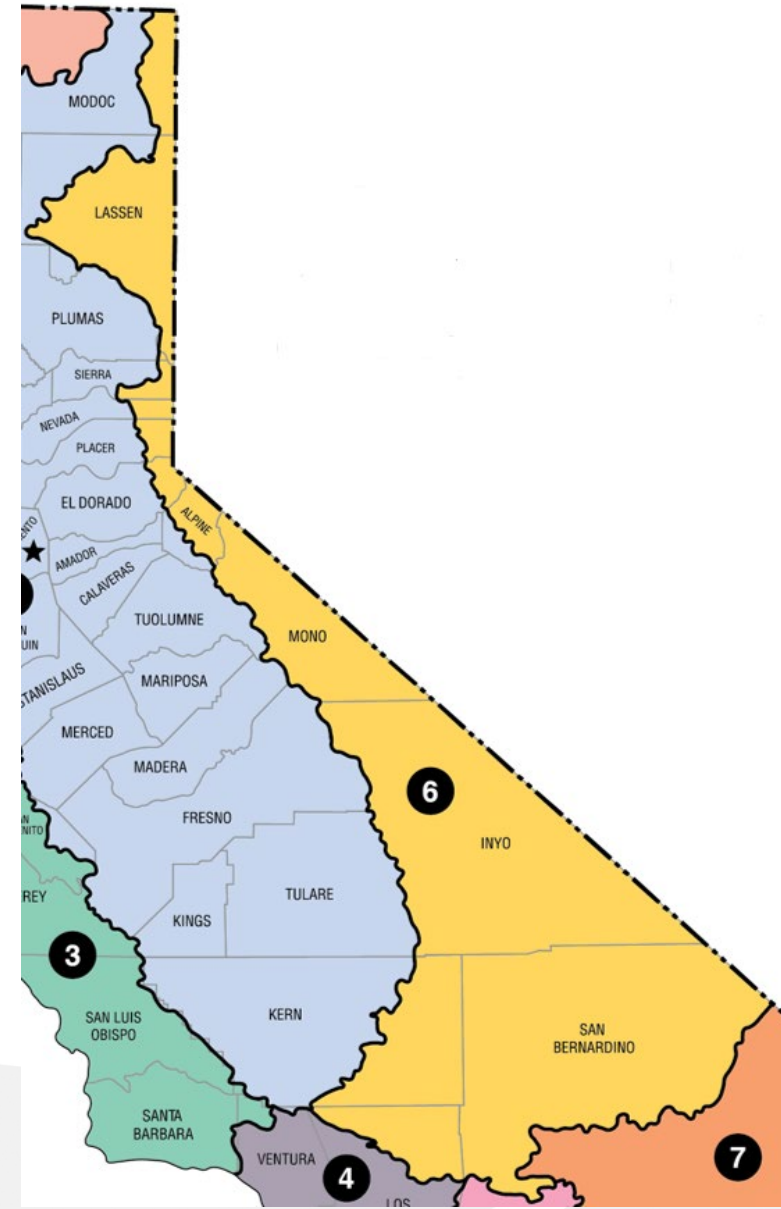
- Attend Triennial Review hearing
 - Attend future Tribal Summit

- **Tribal Coordinator:**

- Daniel.McClure@waterboards.ca.gov

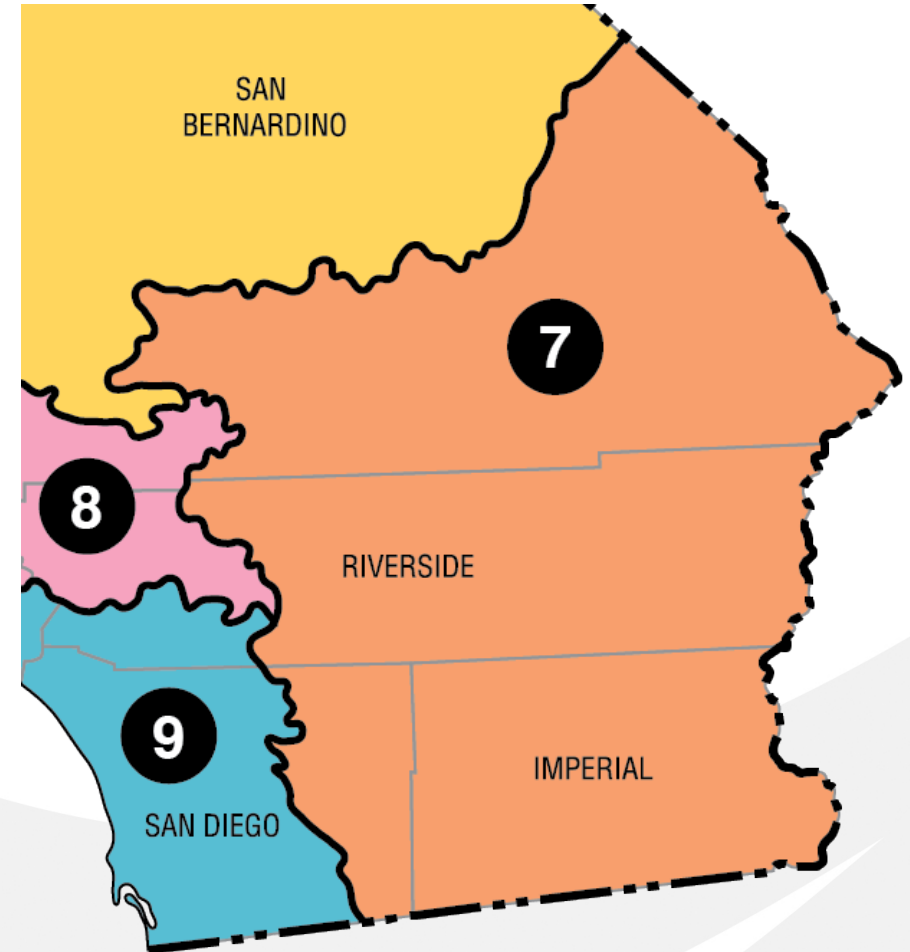
- (530) 542-5443

- *2 support letters received for Triennial Review TBU project, met with interested tribes regarding Triennial Review*



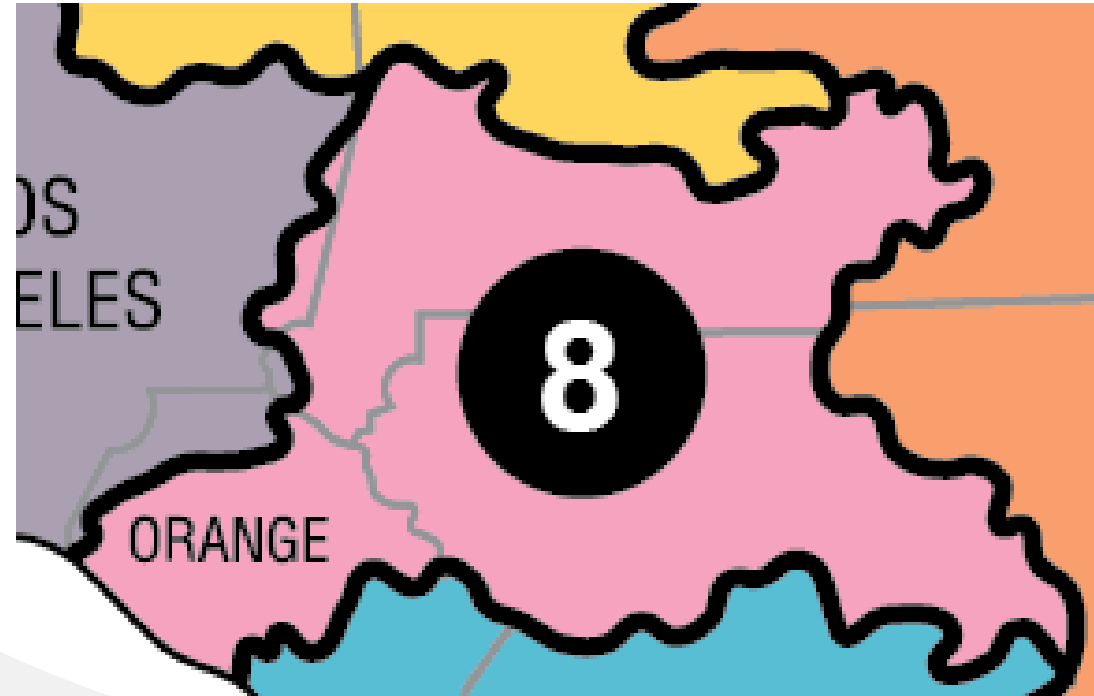
Region 7 – Colorado River Basin

- **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan
- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
None Scheduled
- **Action Step:**
Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions
- **Tribal Coordinator:**
Maria.Davydova-Flores@waterboards.ca.gov
(760) 776-8947
- *2 tribes submitted support letters for Triennial Review*



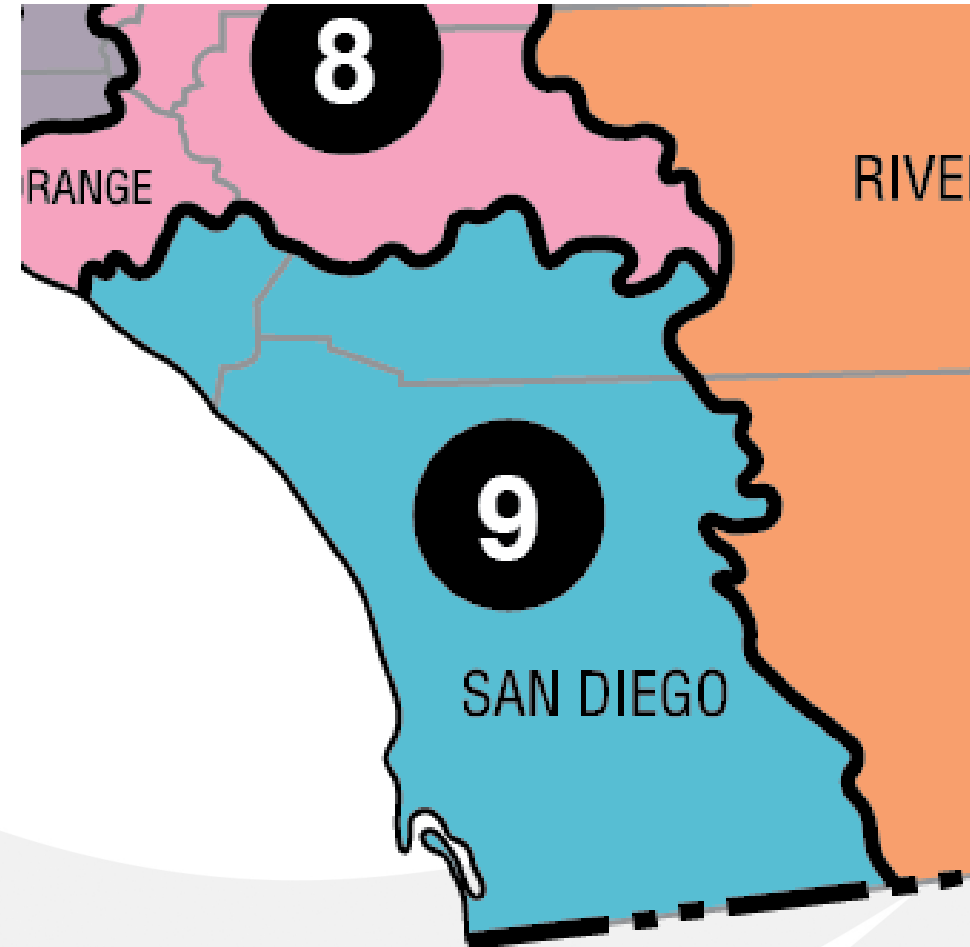
Region 8 – Santa Ana

- **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Basin Plan
- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
 - 2022 TBD:** Triennial Review start
- **Action Step:**
 - Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions
- **Tribal Coordinator:**
 - Claudia.Tenorio@waterboards.ca.gov
 - (951) 782-4963
- *3 tribes participated in March 2021 workshop*



Region 9 – San Diego

- **Step 2:** Gather data for designations
 - **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**
None Scheduled
 - **Action Step:**
Submit letters to request TBU designations
 - **Tribal Coordinator:**
Cynthia.Gorham@waterboards.ca.gov
(619) 521-3921
 - *6 tribes participated in August 2021 summit*



Division of Water Quality – Ocean Plan

➤ **Step 1:** Adopt TBU definition(s) into the Ocean Plan

- **Upcoming Meeting/Key Dates:**

None Scheduled

- **Action Step:**

Submit support letter to adopt TBU definitions

- **Tribal Coordinator:**

Daniel.Ellis@waterboards.ca.gov

(916) 322-7787

- *12 tribes attended 2019 Ocean Plan Review tribal outreach meeting*



Resources and Contacts

Tribal Affairs Website: [waterboards.ca.gov/tribal affairs](http://waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs)

Tribal Beneficial Uses Website:
[waterboards.ca.gov/tribal affairs/beneficial_uses.html](http://waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs/beneficial_uses.html)

Tribal Coordinators Contact Information:
[waterboards.ca.gov/tribal affairs/tribal_contacts.html](http://waterboards.ca.gov/tribal_affairs/tribal_contacts.html)

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