

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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RE: California Energy Commission – Draft Tribal Consultation Policy Review

Dear Tribal Leader,

Your name was provided to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) by the Native American Heritage Commission, as a representative of a Native American entity who might be interested in commenting on the Energy Commission's draft tribal consultation policy.

Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-10-11 in September 2011, directing state agencies and departments to engage in effective government-to-government cooperation, collaboration, communication and consultation with tribal entities concerning the development of legislation, regulations, rules and policies on matters that may affect tribal entities. The Resources Agency adopted a tribal consultation policy in November 2012, that implements Executive Order B-10-11. The Energy Commission's draft policy attached to this letter furthers the state effort to promote effective government-to-government tribal consultation.

A comment period of 90 days now commences with the date of this letter and will close on May 1, 2014. In the upcoming months, the Energy Commission proposes to convene two listening sessions; one in Southern California and one in Northern California. Comments provided at the listening sessions and written comments will be considered in producing a Final Draft that will be re-circulated for final comments before the policy is put before the Energy Commission at a duly noticed Energy Commission business meeting.

The Energy Commission staff invites you to review and provide comments on the attached draft tribal consultation policy. Please contact Thomas Gates at (916) 654-5008, thomas.gates@energy.ca.gov should you wish to comment on the policy or discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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