



**California Energy Commission  
July 10, 2024 Business Meeting  
Backup Materials for Northern Chumash Tribal Council**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available in this PDF packet as listed below:

1. Proposed Resolution (attached below).
2. Grant Request Form or Grant Amendment Request Form or Contract Request Form or Loan Request Form (applicable form attached below).
3. Scope of Work (attached below).
4. CEQA documents (if applicable, attached below).
5. Other relevant documentation or link to other documentation (if applicable, attached below).

**[PROPOSED]**

**RESOLUTION NO: 24-0710-14b**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION: Northern Chumash Tribal Council**

**RESOLVED**, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

**RESOLVED**, that the CEC approves agreement TCA-24-002 with Northern Chumash Tribal Council for a \$199,070 grant. This project will support the Northern Chumash Tribal Council in its efforts to support the inclusion of Indigenous ways of knowing into management decisions for a new federal sanctuary, the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, off of the Central California coast. Activities include preparing a strategic plan for educational opportunities focused on Indigenous knowledge led by the Northern Chumash. This strategic vision will include methods to integrate Traditional Ecological Knowledge and experiential knowledge into decision making and management activities for the marine sanctuary; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on July 10, 2024.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated:

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Kristine Banaag  
Secretariat



## GRANT REQUEST FORM (GRF)

### A. New Agreement Number

**IMPORTANT:** New Agreement # to be completed by Contracts, Grants, and Loans Office.

**New Agreement Number:** TCA-24-002

### B. Division Information

1. Division Name: STEP
2. Agreement Manager: Quenby Lum
3. MS-:40
4. Phone Number: 916-776-0789

### C. Recipient's Information

1. Recipient's Legal Name: Northern Chumash Tribal Council
2. Federal ID Number: 84-1709436

### D. Title of Project

Title of project: Including Indigenous Knowledge in Ocean and Coastal Evidence-Based Climate Decision Making

### E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 8/1/2024
2. End Date: 3/31/2026
3. Amount: \$199,070

### F. Business Meeting Information

1. Are the ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director? No
2. The Proposed Business Meeting Date: 7/10/2024
3. Consent or Discussion? Discussion
4. Business Meeting Presenter Name: Quenby Lum
5. Time Needed for Business Meeting: 5 minutes.
6. The email subscription topic is: Enter the email subscription topic name.

#### **Agenda Item Subject and Description:**

#### **Northern Chumash Tribal Council.**

Proposed resolution approving agreement TCA-24-002 with Northern Chumash Tribal Council for a \$199,070 grant and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from the CEQA. This project will support the Northern Chumash Tribal Council in its efforts to support the inclusion of Indigenous ways of knowing into management decisions for a new federal sanctuary, the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. The project's goals include reducing the carbon footprint of research by using low emissions and traditional Chumash methodologies that protect marine species and reduce the cost of sampling. This helps address cost and accessibility issues that limit climate-related research and data collection participation, particularly by marginalized groups. Including local Tribal groups will highlight Indigenous knowledge systems and expand equitable access when managing traditional waters. (STEP funding) Contact: Quenby Lum



## G. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

### 1. Is Agreement considered a “Project” under CEQA?

Yes

If yes, skip to question 2.

If no, complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378) and explain why Agreement is not considered a “Project”:

Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because:

### 2. If Agreement is considered a “Project” under CEQA answer the following questions.

#### a) Agreement **IS** exempt?

Yes

Statutory Exemption?

No

If yes, list PRC and/or CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter “None” and go to the next question.

PRC section number: None

CCR section number: None

Categorical Exemption?

Yes

If yes, list CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter “None” and go to the next question.

CCR section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306

Common Sense Exemption? 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3)

Yes

If yes, explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section. If no, enter “Not applicable” and go to the next section.

The proposed project consists of developing a strategic plan for education and outreach that will focus on Indigenous participation in events and on issues around collaborative management of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary along the central California coastline. The project is therefore limited to knowledge sharing and planning activities. The project does not involve any activities that may result in physical changes such as construction, installations, or alterations to land or facilities.

This project is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15306 as information collection that will not result in any serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project is also covered by the Common Sense Exemption under 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3) that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.



The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

b) Agreement **IS NOT** exempt.

**IMPORTANT:** consult with the legal office to determine next steps.

No

If yes, answer yes or no to all that applies. If no, list all as “no” and “None” as “yes”.

Additional Documents	Applies
Initial Study	No
Negative Declaration	No
Mitigated Negative Declaration	No
Environmental Impact Report	No
Statement of Overriding Considerations	No
None	Yes

#### H. Is this project considered “Infrastructure”?

No

#### I. Subcontractors

List all Subcontractors listed in the Budget (s) (major and minor). Insert additional rows if needed. If no subcontractors to report, enter “No subcontractors to report” and “0” to funds.

**Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Subcontractor Legal Company Name	CEC Funds	Match Funds
TBD Elders/Culture Bearers	\$ 5,500	\$0
TBD Curriculum specialist	\$ 58,520	\$0
TBD Database specialist	\$ 18,750	\$0
TBD Research Assistants	\$ 18,750	\$0
TBD Workshop leaders	\$ 12,000	\$0

#### J. Vendors and Sellers for Equipment and Materials/Miscellaneous



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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Grant Request Form  
CEC-270 (Revised 01/2024)

List all Vendors and Sellers listed in Budget(s) for Equipment and Materials/Miscellaneous. Insert additional rows if needed. If no vendors or sellers to report, enter "No vendors or sellers to report" and "0" to funds. **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Vendor/Seller Legal Company Name	CEC Funds	Match Funds
No vendors to report	\$	\$

**K. Key Partners**

List all key partner(s). Insert additional rows if needed. If no key partners to report, enter "No key partners to report." **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Key Partner Legal Company Name
No key partners to report

**L. Budget Information**

Include all budget information. Insert additional rows if needed. If no budget information to report, enter "N/A" for "Not Applicable" and "0" to Amount. **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List Number	Amount
General Fund Funding	21/22	701.105	\$ 199,070

**TOTAL Amount:** \$ 199,070

R&D Program Area: Admin: STEP General

Explanation for "Other" selection Not applicable

Reimbursement Contract #: Not applicable

Federal Agreement #: Not applicable

**M. Recipient's Contact Information**

**1. Recipient's Administrator/Officer**

Name: Violet Walker

Address: 5146 Turnstone Cir

City, State, Zip: Guadalupe, CA 93434-1811

Phone:

E-Mail: violet@northernchumash.org

**3. Recipient's Project Manager**

Name: Violet Walker

Address: 5146 Turnstone Cir

City, State, Zip: Guadalupe, CA 93434-1811

Phone:



E-Mail: violet@northernchumash.org

## N. Selection Process Used

There are three types of selection process. List the one used for this GRF.

Selection Process	Additional Information
Competitive Solicitation #	GFO-23-701
First Come First Served Solicitation #	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable

## O. Attached Items

1. List all items that should be attached to this GRF by entering "Yes" or "No".

Item Number	Item Name	Attached
1	Exhibit A, Scope of Work/Schedule	Yes
2	Exhibit B, Budget Detail	Yes
3	CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts	Yes
4	Recipient Resolution	No
5	Awardee CEQA Documentation	Yes

### Approved By

Individuals who approve this form must enter their full name and approval date in the MS Word version.

**Agreement Manager:**

**Approval Date:**

**Cultural Resources Unit Supervisor:**

**Approval Date:**

**Integration Unit Supervisor:**

**Approval Date:**

**Deputy Director:**

**Approval Date:**

## Exhibit A

### Scope of Work and Schedule of Products

**Name of Recipient:** Northern Chumash Tribal Council

**Project Title:** Including Indigenous Knowledge in Ocean and Coastal Evidence-Based Climate Decision Making

This project's goals include reducing the carbon footprint of research by using low emissions and traditional Chumash methodologies that protect marine species and reduce the cost of sampling. This addresses cost and accessibility issues that limit research and data collection participation, particularly by marginalized groups. Including local Tribal groups will demonstrate how ocean funding dollars could go further, climate-related research could be done more quickly and inclusively, and with more respect for marine wildlife. Northern Chumash Tribal Council plans to document, film, and memorialize this effort of using Traditional Ecological Knowledge, scientific research, and collaborative practices, while highlighting Indigenous knowledge systems and expanding equitable access when managing traditional waters.

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
<b>Task 1.</b>	Develop a strategic plan for education and outreach for NCTC that includes Long Term Low Impact Database Collecting and Observational data collection incorporating science and cultural knowledge.	November 29, 2024	Strategic Plan
<b>Subtask 1a</b>	Create Task 1 Work Plan	November 29, 2024	Task 1 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 1b</b>	Complete Strategic Planning for Education and Outreach meetings and document Strategic Plan	November 29, 2024	Strategic Plan
<b>Subtask 1c</b>	Data gathering	November 29, 2024	Reports
<b>Subtask 1d</b>	Check in calls/Bimonthly status updates. Email a summary every two months to the Commission Agreement Manager and schedule a follow up call with the Commission Agreement Manager to discuss project status updates.	Bimonthly throughout the agreement term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 1e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly throughout the agreement term	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 1f</b>	Reporting requirements	December 31, 2024	Task 1 report



## Exhibit A

### Scope of Work and Schedule of Products

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
<b>Task 2.</b>	Develop a model for Indigenous methodologies and pedagogies to be shared in courses	January 31, 2025	
<b>Subtask 2a</b>	Create Task 2 Workplan	January 31, 2025	Task 2 Workplan
<b>Subtask 2b</b>	Create Course Module	January 31, 2025	Course Module
<b>Subtask 2c</b>	Check in calls/Bimonthly status updates. Email a summary every two months to the Commission Agreement Manager and schedule a follow up call with the Commission Agreement Manager to discuss project status updates.	Bimonthly throughout the agreement term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 2d</b>	Invoicing	Monthly throughout the agreement term	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 2e</b>	Reporting requirements	February 28, 2025	Task 2 report
<b>Task 3.</b>	Gather Indigenous participation in events and TEK input on issues around sanctuary co-management and biodiversity	March 31, 2025	
<b>Subtask 3a</b>	Create Task 3 Workplan	March 31, 2025	
<b>Subtask 3b</b>	Complete TEK, collaborative management, biodiversity meetings	March 31, 2025	Meeting agenda/notes
<b>Subtask 3c</b>	Document the Indigenous participation including TEK, collaborative management, and biodiversity information	March 31, 2025	TEK, Collaborative management and biodiversity data/report
<b>Subtask 3d</b>	Check in calls/Bimonthly status updates. Email a summary every two months to the Commission Agreement Manager and schedule a follow up call with the Commission Agreement Manager to discuss project status updates.	Bimonthly throughout the agreement term	Send email and follow up call notes

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### Scope of Work and Schedule of Products

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
<b>Subtask 3e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly throughout the agreement term	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 3f</b>	Reporting requirements	April 30, 2025	Task 3 report
<b>Task 4.</b>	Offer an educational curriculum, online and in person, focused on collaboration, participation, Chumash history, connection to nature, culture, values, memories, and research, with case study examples.	May 30, 2025	
<b>Subtask 4a</b>	Create Task 4 Work Plan	May 30, 2025	Task 4 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 4b</b>	Develop educational curriculum	May 30, 2025	Curriculum
<b>Subtask 4c</b>	Offer online and in person curriculum	May 30, 2025	Survey results
<b>Subtask 4d</b>	Check in calls/Bimonthly status updates. Email a summary every two months to the Commission Agreement Manager and schedule a follow up call with the Commission Agreement Manager to discuss project status updates.	Bimonthly throughout the agreement term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 4e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly throughout the agreement term	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 4f</b>	Reporting requirements	June 30, 2025	Task 4 report
<b>Task 5.</b>	Enhance efforts for strong participation promoting TEK in interactions with state and federal agencies focusing on equitable co-management		
<b>Subtask 5a</b>	Create Task 5 Work Plan	July 31, 2025	Task 5 Work Plan

## Exhibit A

### Scope of Work and Schedule of Products

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
<b>Subtask 5b</b>	Tribal and Agency outreach	July 31, 2025	Outreach documentation
<b>Subtask 5c</b>	Check in calls/Bimonthly status updates. Email a summary every two months to the Commission Agreement Manager and schedule a follow up call with the Commission Agreement Manager to discuss project status updates.	Bimonthly throughout the agreement term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 5d</b>	Invoicing	Monthly throughout the agreement term	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 5e</b>	Reporting requirements	August 29, 2025	Task 5 report
<b>Task 6.</b>	Work with elders who want to share their historical knowledge and document their stories	September 30, 2025	
<b>Subtask 6a</b>	Create Task 6 Work Plan	September 30, 2025	Task 6 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 6b</b>	Video recordings of elder interviews	September 30, 2025	Documented Stories from Elders
<b>Subtask 6c</b>	Check in calls/Bimonthly status updates. Email a summary every two months to the Commission Agreement Manager and schedule a follow up call with the Commission Agreement Manager to discuss project status updates.	Bimonthly throughout the agreement term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 6d</b>	Invoicing	Monthly throughout the agreement term	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 6e</b>	Reporting requirements	October 31, 2025	Task 6 report
<b>Task 7</b>	<b>Final Reporting requirements</b>	<b>January 30, 2026</b>	<b>Final Report</b>