



**CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission  
August 14, 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
2. Grant Request Form
3. Scope of Work

**[PROPOSED]**

**RESOLUTION NO: 24-0814-XX**

**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-24-003 with Northern Chumash Tribal Council for a \$399,994 grant. This agreement will create a collaboration where multiple Chumash Tribes and Tribal organizations share resources and knowledge related to climate change research in the area proposed for the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, focusing on self-sustaining, carbon-neutral, and climate-resilient economic choices. The information gathered through this collaboration and related projects will be shared between the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, the Brotherhood of the Tomol, the Chumash Artist Guild, and the Northern Chumash Bear Clan; 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 August 14, 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-24-003

### 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: Northern Chumash Inter-Tribal Knowledge and Resource Sharing

### E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 9/1/2024
2. End Date: 3/31/2026
3. Amount: \$399,994

### F. Business Meeting Information

1. Are the ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director? No
2. The Proposed Business Meeting Date: 8/14/2024 .
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-24-003 with Northern Chumash Tribal Council for a \$399,994 grant and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from CEQA. This project will create a collaboration where multiple Chumash Tribes and Tribal organizations share resources and knowledge related to climate change research, focusing on self-sustaining, carbon-neutral, and climate-resilient economic choices. The information gathered through this collaboration and related projects will be shared between the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, the Brotherhood of the Tomol, the Chumash Artist Guild, and the Northern Chumash Bear Clan. (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 is limited to sharing of knowledge and information 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 Cultural educators/advisors	\$ 27,800	\$0
TBD Curriculum development/Program facilitator	\$ 16,000	\$0
TBD Database Manager	\$ 10,000	\$0
TBD Tribal project coordinators	\$ 3,500	\$0
TBD Research Assistants	\$ 7,600	\$0
TBD Student interns	\$ 12,000	\$0
TBD Cooks and chaperones	\$ 2,000	\$0
TBD Graphic design	\$ 2,700	\$0
TBD Program facilitator	\$ 7,000	\$0

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

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
GF	21/22	701.105	\$ 399,994

**TOTAL Amount:** \$ 399,994

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:** Quenby Lum

**Approval Date:** 5/20/2024

**Cultural Resources Unit Supervisor:** Gabriel Roark

**Approval Date:** 05/21/2024

**Integration Unit Supervisor:** Kyle Emigh

**Approval Date:** 5/29/2024

**Deputy Director:** Dian Vorters

**Approval Date:** 05/21/24

## EXHIBIT A

### Scope of Work

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

**Project Title:** Northern Chumash Inter-Tribal Knowledge and Resource Sharing

Northern Chumash Tribal Council (NCTC) works to fill information gaps between climate and energy agencies and local tribes, often acting as an informal liaison between agencies and the public by sharing, clarifying, and translating the agency and project-specific resources to make them accessible and understandable to the tribes. The Northern Chumash Inter-Tribal Knowledge and Resource Sharing project is the first formal collaborative effort where NCTC will share information and provide four partnering tribes with a view inside of climate-related work processes and procedures under a state-funded grant. NCTC is a small Tribal group and more indigenous people are needed to engage and assist. Tribal participation is imperative in these forums, representing the voice of the marginalized tribal people in the area. This ensures tribal and marginalized viewpoints are included in pre-planning and mitigations, community benefits, and labor agreements.

These collaborative groups have not applied for state grants themselves, nor have many or any of the participants interacted formally with state climate agencies, or other environmental agencies because they often lack the infrastructure and experience. By working together with NCTC on cultural and climate issues, tribal access and engagement can be incorporated into state government climate processes. The success of this project is essential to building trust and solidifying tribal partnerships so that tribal participation can expand in CEC and other agencies' climate projects. With this project, NCTC adds value to climate change work in California through supporting and building tribal capacity by including tribal indigenous people in the management of resources.

Tasks	Activities	Due Date	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
<b>Task 1.</b>	Develop and document methodology for collaborative information and fund sharing with multiple Tribal stakeholders		
<b>Subtask 1a</b>	Develop a Task 1 workplan	September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	Task 1 Workplan
<b>Subtask 1b</b>	Draft Tribal Coordinator Job Description and hire applicant	September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	Job Description and new hire paperwork
<b>Subtask 1c</b>	Create a shared Google file structure and share with four groups. Include Project Contact List, Budget	September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	Shared project documents and templates



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	template, invoice template, meeting notes, etc.		
<b>Subtask 1d</b>	Initial meeting with the four tribes	September 1, 2024 - through September 30, 2024	Notes from meeting
<b>Subtask 1e</b>	Obtain a documented work plan from each tribe that provides detailed information on what tasks they are performing to ensure their project is successful. These work plans must be reviewed by NCTC prior to submission to CEC to ensure they appropriately substantiate the funds being utilized.	September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	Four project work plans from the tribes
<b>Subtask 1f</b>	Set up Google drive for the four tribes and share documentation there	September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	Google drive accounts and documents to share
<b>Subtask 1g</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	Sent email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 1h</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 2.</b>	Project management	Throughout the grant term	Project evaluation reports, progress reports, project meetings, coordination and facilitation
<b>Subtask 2a</b>	Develop a Task 2 Work Plan	October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	Task 2 Work Plan

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<b>Subtask 2b</b>	Create a Google drive Project Management file structure	October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	File structure
<b>Subtask 2c</b>	Schedule routine check in meetings with the Tribal Coordinator	October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	Meeting notes
<b>Subtask 2d</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	Sent email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 2e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 3.</b>	Create Steering Committee and lead Steering Committee meetings		
<b>Subtask 3a</b>	Create a Task 3 Work Plan	November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	Task 3 Workplan
<b>Subtask 3b</b>	Identify leads	November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	Names of leads
<b>Subtask 3c</b>	Steering Committee meetings	November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	Meeting notes
<b>Task 4.</b>	Develop a model for Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) methodologies to be shared inter-Tribally		
<b>Subtask 4a</b>	Initiate a living TEK methodology document that can be added to throughout the grant term	January 1, 2025 - January 31, 2025	
<b>Subtask 4b</b>	Create a Task 4 Work plan	January 1, 2025 - January 31, 2025	Task 4 Work Plan

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<b>Subtask 4c</b>	Create and maintain documentation showing each step of the process including examples of all templates/documentation	January 1, 2025 - January 31, 2025	Templates/docume ntation
<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 grant term	Sent email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 4e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 5.</b>	Tribal Funding Outreach		
<b>Subtask 5a</b>	Create and distribute documentation that includes links to funding sources and NCTC workgroup and other opportunities to participate	March 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025	Outreach documentation
<b>Subtask 5b</b>	Create a Task 5 Work Plan	March 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025	Task 5 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 5c</b>	Create social media and other documentation to be distributed to area tribes and tribal orgs that tells the story of this grant and how we are implementing and benefiting from this opportunity	March 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025	Social media post, email outreach materials, possibly paper documentation to be shared at outreach booth that has been approved by CEC Media Office
<b>Subtask 5d</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	Bimonthly throughout the grant term	Sent email and follow up call notes

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	discuss project status updates.		
<b>Subtask 5e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 6.</b>	Create and Facilitate ongoing Tribal Workgroups	May 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025	Workgroup progress notes including participant list and outcomes
<b>Subtask 6a</b>	Develop a Task 6 Work Plan	May 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025	Task 6 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 6b</b>	Gather documentation for the Tribal Workgroups	May 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025	Workgroup documentation
<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 grant term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 6d</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 7.</b>	Collaborative Summit		
<b>Subtask 7a</b>	Plan and execute collaborative summit to check in with all participants, share information, and adjust work plans as needed	July 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025	
<b>Subtask 7b</b>	Create a Task 7 Work Plan	July 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025	Task 7 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 7c</b>	Create list of participants, agenda, notes, action items, next steps, supporting documentation	July 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025	Agenda, notes, action items, next steps, supporting documentation

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<b>Subtask 7d</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 grant term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 7e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 8.</b>	Traditional Ecological Knowledge		
<b>Subtask 8a</b>	Gather Indigenous participation using TEK to further cultural projects and ceremony with multiple tribes	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	Meeting notice
<b>Subtask 8b</b>	Create a Task 8 Work Plan	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	Task 8 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 8c</b>	Gather documentation from the four groups highlighting TEK in their projects	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	TEK Documentation
<b>Subtask 8d</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 grant term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 8e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice

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<b>Task 9.</b>	Chumash Artist Guild Project	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	
<b>Subtask 9a</b>	Create a Task 9 Work Plan	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	Task 9 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 9b</b>	Identify, locate, and gather selected cultural items according to specific harvest season. Attempt to find Native pollution free plant grasses for basket making as it becomes increasingly challenging as urbanization, and wetland destruction continue to reduce available gathering sites. Document any inability to obtain traditional material using traditional methods, due to changes in climate.	Throughout the project term	Materials climate report
<b>Subtask 9c</b>	Create a visual presentation of the current environmental issues, climate change, and cultural stewardship activities that we are faced with today.	July 15, 2025 - July 31, 2025	Visual presentation
<b>Subtask 9d</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 grant term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 9e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice

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<b>Task 10.</b>	Coastal Chumash Foundation Project	June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025	
<b>Subtask 10a</b>	Create a Task 10 Work Plan	June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025	Task 10 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 10b</b>	Chumash Youth Climate Leadership Event. A full immersion, cultural enrichment to our sacred island of Limuw/Santa Cruz Channel Island, where we empower youth with climate knowledge.	July 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025	Document tribally led processes used to teach and empower youth to be climate leaders
<b>Subtask 10c</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 grant term	Send email and follow up call notes
<b>Subtask 10d</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 11.</b>	Northern Chumash Bear Clan Project		
<b>Subtask 11a</b>	Develop a Task 11 Work Plan	July 15, 2025 - July 31, 2025	Task 11 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 11b</b>	Chumash Heritage and Marine Science Camp in Oceano with day trips to the Monterey National Marine Sanctuary Discovery Center to learn about climate change, sea level rise, conservation efforts, and watersheds.	July 29, 2025 - August 2, 2025	Documentation for the regional, topical, or Tribal and Indigenous Communities Report
<b>Subtask 11c</b>	Painted Cave Art and Science Camp on biological	April 1, 2025 - April 31, 2025	Documentation for the regional, topical, or Tribal

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	and archaeological preservation, and indigenous storytelling of the current climate crisis.		and Indigenous Communities Report
<b>Subtask 11d</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 grant term	Send email and follow-up call notes
<b>Subtask 11e</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Task 12.</b>	Brotherhood of the Tomol		
<b>Subtask 12a</b>	Develop a Task 12 Work Plan	October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	Task 12 Work Plan
<b>Subtask 12b</b>	Organize people and materials for the Tomol	October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	Tomol plan
<b>Subtask 12c</b>	Build the Tomol. The Tomol will be used to gather marine and coastal data for climate monitoring activities. The Tomol will be used for educational purposes to impart traditional and cultural methods of resource management.	July 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025	
<b>Subtask 12d</b>	Gather research data and share with tribes and Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University.	September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	Sanctuary, climate, and other monitoring data



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<b>Subtask 12e</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 grant term	Send email and follow-up call notes
<b>Subtask 12f</b>	Invoicing	Monthly	Submitted invoice
<b>Subtask 12g</b>	Reporting requirements	No later than the last day of the 20th month	Final report - March 31, 2026
<b>Subtask 12h</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 grant term	Sent email and follow-up call notes