



**CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission  
February 12, 2025 Business Meeting  
Backup Materials for Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians**

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: 25-212-08c**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians**

**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-24-011 with Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians for a \$197,100 grant. This agreement will conduct tribal-led workshops and meetings at tribal facilities in El Dorado County and develop a best practices guide for state agencies to build more effective government-to-government relationships with California Native American tribes; 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 February 12, 2025.

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-24-011

### B. Division Information

1. Division Name: Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection
2. Agreement Manager: Myoung-Ae Jones
3. MS-: 40
4. Phone Number: 279-226-1091

### C. Recipient's Information

1. Recipient's Legal Name: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
2. Federal ID Number: 68-0165026

### D. Title of Project

Building More Effective Government-to-Government Tribal Relationships with California State Agencies to Address the Challenges of Climate Change

### E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 02/14/2025
2. End Date: 03/31/2026
3. Amount: \$197,100

### F. Business Meeting Information

1. Are the ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director? No
2. The Proposed Business Meeting Date: 02-12-25
3. Consent or Discussion? Discussion
4. Business Meeting Presenter Name: Myoung-Ae Jones
5. Time Needed for Business Meeting: 5 minutes.
6. The email subscription topic is: Climate Change; Tribal

#### Agenda Item Subject and Description:

**Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians.** Proposed resolution approving agreement TCA-24-011 with Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians for a \$197,100 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This agreement will conduct tribal-led workshops and meetings at tribal facilities in El Dorado County and develop a best practices guide for state agencies to build more effective government-to-government relationships with California Native American tribes. (STEP funding) Contact: Myoung-Ae Jones (Staff presentation: 5 minutes)

### 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.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Section 15306 provides that projects which consist of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities, and which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves extensive data gathering, consultations, meetings at the tribe's existing facilities, and workshops on tribal-to-state government communications issues. All of these activities fit within Section 15306.

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
Nina Fontana	\$ 20,000	\$0
Rebecca Allen	\$ 20,000	\$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 or sellers to report	\$0	\$0



### 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	2021	701.105	\$197,100

**TOTAL Amount:** \$197,100

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: James Sarmento

Address: P.O. Box 1340

City, State, Zip: Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Phone: 530-957-6261

E-Mail: Jsarmento@ssband.org

#### N. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Krystal Moreno

Address: P.O. Box 1340

City, State, Zip: Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Phone: 530-698-1557

E-Mail: Kmoreno@ssband.org

### O. Selection Process Used

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



Selection Process	Additional Information
Competitive Solicitation #	GFO-23-701r2
First Come First Served Solicitation #	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable

**P. 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	No

**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:**

**Office Manager:**

**Approval Date:**

**Deputy Director:**

**Approval Date:**

## EXHIBIT A Scope of Work

Name of Recipient: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

Project Title: ***Building More Effective Government-to-Government Tribal Relationships with California State Agencies to Address the Challenges of Climate Change***

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
<b>Task 1. Kickoff and quarterly meetings</b>	Kickoff meeting ASAP; initial meeting soon after, quarterly meetings throughout	1a. Feb-March 2025 for kickoff to present ideas for digestion and future discussion. 1b. March 2025 initial meeting to hone ideas from kickoff. 1c. Quarterly meetings thereafter through Dec 2025.	Summary notes after each meeting
<b>Task 2. Identifying Agency and Tribal Needs</b>	Honing workshop details, determining needs, and honing product/guide subjects and contents	Draft summary report by April 2025. This will be a living document that can be amended throughout the project life.	Summary report with detail of proposed documentation (guides)
<b>Task 3. Tribal-Led Workshop</b>	Presentation of Model Consultation Workshop with Shingle Springs staff and academic partners. Audience: CEC project managers, liaisons, and staff	Fall-Early winter 2025, dependent on agency and Tribal availability	Workshop. Number of days and content to be determined in collaboration with CEC.
<b>Task 4. Tribal Engagement Best Practices Guide for Government Entities (exact format TBD)</b>	Discussions in Task 1 and activities and summary from Task 2 and Task 3 will determine content.	November 2025 - January 2026	Format and topic to be determined in collaboration with CEC.



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<b>Task 5. Guide(s): dissemination of climate-based research and approaches</b>	Discussions in Task 1 and activities and summary from Task 2 and Task 3 will determine content.	November 2025 - January 2026	Format and topic to be determined in collaboration with CEC.
<b>Task 6. Final Meeting, Final Report, and Future Planning</b>	This will be a meeting(s) to discuss lessons learned, workshop effectiveness, and guide usefulness. We also look to work with CEC to determine potential roll-out of guides to other agencies and Tribes.	December 2025- January 2026	Draft Final Report The Final Report will summarize the shared vision for Government-to-Government collaborations: intent, participants, outcome, and suggested improvements.
<b>Task 7. Administrative: Status Updates</b>	Bi-monthly status updates Followed with bi-monthly status update calls	Schedule determined with CEC	Emailed status updates Call summaries
<b>Task 8. Administrative: Quarterly Invoicing</b>	Quarterly Invoicing	Quarterly	Invoices