



**California Energy Commission
February 12, 2025 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Pala Band of Mission 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: 25-212-08d

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION: Pala Band of Mission 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-24-012 with Pala Band of Mission Indians for a \$182,882 grant. This agreement will enhance the Exposures, Impacts and Strategies Inventory (EISI) for Extreme Heat Tool funded in Round 1 of the California Fifth Climate Change Assessment's Tribal Research Grant Program by integrating traditional ecological knowledge and incorporating additional functionalities so the tool can better serve tribal climate plans and assessments; 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:

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-24-012

B. Division Information

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

C. Recipient's Information

1. Recipient's Legal Name: Pala Band of Mission Indians
2. Federal ID Number: 95-2863815

D. Title of Project

Report Feature Enhancement to the Exposures, Impacts and Strategies Inventory (EISI) Tool for Extreme Heat (EISI for Extreme Heat) Module

E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 2/14/2025
2. End Date: 5/31/2026
3. Amount: \$182,882

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:

PALA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS. Proposed resolution approving agreement TCA-24-012 with Pala Band of Mission Indians for a \$182,882 grant, and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This agreement will enhance the Exposures, Impacts and Strategies Inventory (EISI) for Extreme Heat Tool funded in Round 1 of the California Fifth Climate Change Assessment's Tribal Research Grant Program by integrating traditional ecological knowledge and incorporating additional functionalities so the tool can better serve tribal climate plans and assessments (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 data gathering, mapping, software work, meetings, and similar information gathering, evaluation, and information distribution tasks in existing facilities. This project is the continuation of an existing project funded by the CEC (TAC-24-005) and will enhance the report features of the project-created tool by developing robust, fully customizable report features. 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
Public Health Institute of Southern California	\$119,275	\$0
Prosper Sustainability	\$ 31,675	\$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	\$182,882

TOTAL Amount: \$182,882

R&D Program Area: 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: Shasta Gaughen

Address: PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road

City, State, Zip: Pala, CA 92059

Phone: 760-891-3515

E-Mail: sgaughen@palatribe.com

2. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Shasta Gaughen

Address: PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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

City, State, Zip: Pala, CA 92059

Phone: 760-891-3515

E-Mail: sgaughen@palatribe.com

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-23-701r2
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: Myoung-Ae Jones

Approval Date: 12/20/24

Cultural Resources Unit Supervisor: Gabriel Roark

Approval Date: 12/24/24

Office Manager: Brett Fooks



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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

Approval Date: 12/30/24

Deputy Director: Dian Vorters

Approval Date: 12/30/2024

EXHIBIT A

Scope of Work

Name of Applicant: Pala Band of Mission Indians

Proposal Title: Report Feature Enhancement to the Exposures, Impacts and Strategies Inventory (EISI) Tool for Extreme Heat (EISI for Extreme Heat) Module

Overview:

Round 1 of the California Energy Commission's Tribal Research Grant Program funded the Interactive Exposures, Impacts, and Strategies Inventory (EISI) Tool for Extreme Heat (EISI for EH) Project (TCA-24-005), a collaborative pilot initiative led by the Pala Band of Mission Indians (Pala), Prosper Sustainably, and the Public Health Alliance of Southern California. The project centered around adaptation of the EISI tool, a well-established mechanism for tribes assessing climate-related risks, into an interactive and easily accessible module on the existing, freely and publicly available California Healthy Places Index: Extreme Heat Edition (HPI: EHE) map platform. While the EISI for EH module provides easy access to valuable Western science datasets on tribal extreme heat exposures and impacts, it provides a limited export function. Information from the tool must still be compiled, organized, and interpreted in order to be used in climate plans and assessments, consuming valuable staff time and resources. Moreover, tribes need ways to securely integrate traditional ecological knowledge with data from the EISI for EH module, without concern that it may be accessed by external parties.

Building on the EISI for EH project (TCA-24-005), this project will enhance the EISI for EH module by developing a robust, fully customizable report feature. This enhancement will allow tribes to create and export tailored reports based on their specific needs and contexts, improving their capacity to assess and respond to extreme heat events. The report feature has two main objectives:

1. Enable tribes to more efficiently develop climate assessments and adaptation plans by organizing, compiling, and interpreting data and maps on extreme heat exposure and impacts; and
2. Provide tribes with a mechanism through which they can securely integrate traditional ecological knowledge and lived experiences on extreme heat with data from the EISI for EH module. This project will also include updates to data layers, in order to keep the information output by reports up-to-date with upcoming releases of climate data, including California's Fifth Climate Assessment data products.

EXHIBIT A Scope of Work

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
Task 1. Identify + outreach to stakeholders to inform report feature development and data update priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prosper Sustainability (PS) and Pala will lead outreach to tribal stakeholders. 	3/25 – 4/25	Outreach summary
Task 2. Develop report feature for EISI for EH module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prototype design (Public Health Alliance of Southern California (PHA), PS, Pala) (4/25 - 6/25) Design review (PHA, PS, Pala, Stakeholders) (6/25) Implement on test map (PHA) (7/25 – 9/25) Debug and refine (PHA, PS, Pala, Stakeholders) (9/25-10/25) 	4/25 – 10/25	Summary on Report feature available on EISI for EH tool
Task 3. Update up to 20 data layers present in the EISI for EH module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of key data layers (PS, Pala, Stakeholders) (2/25 – 3/25) Data processing, quality assurance (PHA) (3/25 – 9/25) Upload, verification (PHA) (10/25) 	6/24 – 4/25	Summary Memo on Updates
Task 4. Develop a virtual training curriculum and guidance document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify training audience and objectives (PS, Pala, Stakeholders) (10/25) Develop curriculum (PHA, PS, Pala) (11/25 – 12/25) Advertising/training recruitment (PS, Pala, Stakeholders) (1/26) Conduct trainings (PHA lead, PS & Pala co-present) (2/26 – 3/26) 	10/25 – 3/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Feature Training Curriculum Report Feature trainings Report Feature video tutorial Guidance document

EXHIBIT A Scope of Work

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record video tutorial (PHA) (1/26) Write guidance document (PHA to draft, PS & Pala to review) (2/26 – 3/26) 		
Task 5. Administrative tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bimonthly Status update (Pala) (Ongoing) Bimonthly Status update calls Quarterly Invoicing (Pala) (Ongoing) 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bimonthly Status update Call summaries Quarterly Invoicing
Subtask 5.1. Final Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and submit final report (Pala) 	2/26 – 3/26	Draft Final Report Final Report
Subtask 5.2. Project Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting preparation and coordination (Pala) (Ongoing) Meeting facilitation (Pala) (Ongoing) Activity management (Pala) (Ongoing) 	Ongoing	Meeting summary after each meeting (reported in the Bimonthly status updates)