



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission
February 12, 2025 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Santa Ynez Band of Chumash 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: 25-212-08e

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash 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-24-013 with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for a \$200,000 grant. This agreement will conduct an in-depth assessment of the severity and range of coastal hazard exposures in the South-Central Coast. The proposed project will build on a prior study of sea level rise and coastal hazards near 33 Chumash village areas and create a matrix of adaptive measures recommended by the Chumash community; 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-24-013

B. Division Information

1. Division Name: Sitings, 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: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
2. Federal ID Number: 95-3008511

D. Title of Project

Coastal Chumash Village Areas at Risk from Sea Level Rise and Coastal Hazards: A Preliminary Review of Adaptation Measures by Chumash Tribes

E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 02/14/2025
2. End Date: 03/31/2026
3. Amount: \$200,000

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:

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Proposed resolution approving agreement TCA-24-013 with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for a \$200,000 grant and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This agreement will conduct an in-depth assessment of the severity and range of coastal hazard exposures in the South-Central Coast. The proposed project will build on a prior study of sea level rise and coastal hazards near 33 Chumash village areas and create a matrix of adaptive measures recommended by the Chumash community. (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":

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?

No

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: None

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.

This project is 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.

This project is a research activity incorporating costal hazards data into an information system database of archaeological sites and ethnographic information to enhance the capacity and capability of the Tribe to engage and consult on future vulnerability assessments and climate adaptation plans. The project will provide an in-depth characterization of the severity of existing and future coastal hazards on coastal Chumash village sites. All project activities will occur on Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' reservation. Project activities do not include burning or any other activity that may have an impact to land off of Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' reservation.

In order for the CEC to comply with CEQA, the CEC must evaluate any impacts to land within the jurisdiction of the State of California, which is therefore limited to potential impacts of the project off of Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' reservation. This project is exempt under the "common sense" CEQA exemption because the proposed project will not:



- construct on or alter any land subject to jurisdiction of the State of California;
- impact local air quality;
- use groundwater resources or otherwise impact any water resources that might be subject to jurisdiction of the State of California;
- build additional transportation infrastructure;
- increase vehicle miles traveled;
- increase ambient noise beyond the existing activities; or
- degrade the visual character or quality of views, including those of scenic resources or objects of aesthetic significance on land subject to the jurisdiction of the State of California.

Because the proposed project does not provide for any physical changes outside of Santa Ynez Band of Chumas Indians' reservation, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment within the jurisdiction of the State of California. Based on all these factors, the proposed project meets the CEQA "common sense" exemption.

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 for Marine Ecosystem Policy and Planning | \$ 65,000 | \$0 |
| TBD Climate Manager/Officer | \$ 51,918 | \$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 | \$200,000 |

TOTAL Amount: \$200,000

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: Sam Cohen

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Phone: 805-688-7997

E-Mail: Scohen@Chumash.gov

2. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Columba Quintero

Address: 100 Via Juana Road

City, State, Zip: Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Phone: 805-688-7997

E-Mail: Cquintero@Chumash.gov

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 | No |

Approved By



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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

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: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians

Project Title: Coastal Chumash Village Areas at Risk from Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Coastal Hazards: A Preliminary Review of Adaptation Measures by Chumash Tribes

| Tasks | Activities | Timetable in months | Product(s)/ Deliverable(s) |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Task 1. Project Management</p> <p>Task 1a: Hire contractors (e.g., “climate officer”).</p> <p>Task 1b: Begin project and hold initial meetings that include project manager and team members.</p> <p>Task 1c: Develop Work Plan for the project, including an interview protocol for face-to-face interviews with Chumash community members.</p> <p>Task 1d: Begin data inputs for the hazard analysis and associated model based on the identification of coastal Chumash village areas that are at risk from SLR and coastal erosion.</p> | <p>1a. The Project Manager (Sam Cohen) hires a new part-time contract member for the team (TBN “climate officer”).</p> <p>Dr. Michael McGinnis, the project contractor, assists the Project Manager and team members, and will be responsible for deliverables, including the write-up of the final report.</p> <p>1b. The project team members begin work on the project. The project team will include hired contractors who will join the existing staff members of the Tribe’s Culture Department.</p> <p>1c Team members will create a final Work Plan that will include an interview protocol, the identification of coastal Chumash village areas, and provide detail on a scope of work/tasks/deadlines for project deliverables (internally and to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research). Project manager will review the draft Work Plan.</p> <p>1d. The identification of coastal Chumash village areas will also incorporate information from interviews and empirical data. The project team members will meet</p> | <p>1a-c. March 2025.</p> <p>1d. April 2025.</p> | <p>1a. Email notice to CAM after contract execution</p> <p>1b. N/A</p> <p>1c. Draft and Final Work Plan</p> <p>1d. N/A</p> |

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| | with Tribal members who will identify cultural keystone places at risk. The Tribe's Culture Department will collect information from face-to-face interviews. In addition, the coastal hazard model will include input of public data on coastal hazards and sea level rise (SLR) information. | | |
| <p>Task 2. Model coastal hazards. Incorporate relevant information collected during face-to-face interviews with members of Chumash Tribal communities that identifies high risk areas.</p> <p>Task 2a. Conduct interviews of members of Chumash community to identify the types of risks to coastal Chumash village areas.</p> <p>Task 2b. Complete draft write-up of coastal hazard analysis.</p> | <p>2a. Gather and synthesize information from face-to-face interviews of Tribal members. Collect additional data as needed (e.g., archaeological, hazard, ethnographic) and input of hazard data information for analysis.</p> <p>2b. An assessment of coastal Chumash village areas will be based on the coastal hazard model outputs that include information on SLR and other factors.</p> <p>This Tribal-led study will incorporate Chumash Ecological Knowledge (CEK) in the hazards analysis. Chumash members will identify coastal areas (including plants, habitats, and sacred archaeological sites) that are important to Chumash communities.</p> <p>2c. The hazard analysis will be based on an analysis of outputs of the coastal hazards model and other factors which will be used to assess the risks to coastal Chumash village areas.</p> | 2a, b. May 2025. | <p>2a. N/A</p> <p>2b. Draft Coastal Hazard Analysis</p> |

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Scope of Work

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| Task 2c. Complete final draft of coastal hazard analysis. | In addition, this Tribal-led study will incorporate CEK in the assessment of risks. Chumash members will identify additional coastal areas (including plants, habitats, and sacred archaeological sites) that are important to Chumash communities. This information will be used to highlight coastal areas of special concern and case study material. | 2c. June 2025. | 2c. Final Coastal Hazard Analysis |
| Task 3. Strengthen the capacity for the Tribe to engage and consult. Task 3a. Data base management and organization. Task 3b. Complete draft report that includes hazard analysis and CEK of coastal Chumash village areas at risk so that the report can be reviewed. Task 3c. Create a draft of the Appendix I: Matrix of Adaptation Measures for the Final Report. | 3a. The proposed project will include the creation of a database framework with attribute tables and a geographic information system data set for internal use by the Tribe. A well-organized database of coastal archaeological sites and ethnographic information will enhance the capacity and capability of the Tribe to engage and consult on future vulnerability assessments and climate adaptation plans. 3b. Team members will write up and produce a draft report that will be suitable for dissemination. The draft report will describe the results from the hazard analysis of coastal Chumash village areas. The members of the Tribal staff and Chumash community will review the draft report. 3c. Gather and synthesize information collected during the face-to-face interviews of Chumash members to create a “Matrix | 3a. December 2025. 3b. September 2025. | 3a. Data base 3b. Draft Report |

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| | of Adaptation Measures”. The matrix will be included as an Appendix I in the Final Draft of the report. | 3c. December 2025. | 3c. Appendix I: Matrix of Adaptation Measures |
| Task 4. Administrative Tasks Task 4a. Develop Project Evaluation Plans. | <p>4. After the second quarter of the proposed project, a review will be conducted by a hired technical consultant (to be named) who will (i) provide an assessment of the Tribe’s capacity to achieve tasks and outcomes of the proposed project on a bi-monthly basis; and (ii) provide a summary of recommendations to improve performance to achieve desired outcomes.</p> <p>In addition, bi-monthly assessment will include a status report and general qualitative overview of the progress made in the proposed project to the Tribe’s leadership and the CAM</p> <p>Bi-monthly calls will be scheduled with the CAM</p> | 4a-c. March 2025 – January 2026. | 4a, b. Bi-monthly reports and calls to Commission Agreement Manager (CAM). |
| Task 4b. Conduct plan tracking and reporting associated with project evaluation and status report on a bi-monthly basis. Bi-monthly calls to the Commission Agreement Manager. | <p>4a. Develop project evaluation plans and present bi-monthly updates to the Tribal leadership. Follow-up call to the CAM.</p> <p>4b. Distribute completed bi-monthly status reports for review and evaluation to Project Team members, Tribal leadership, and the CAM.</p> <p>4c. An invoice will be submitted to the CAM using the template invoice</p> | | |

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| Task 4c. Quarterly Invoicing. | spreadsheet on a quarterly basis for the duration of the project. | | 4c. Quarterly invoices |
| Task 4d. Final Report | 4d. Revise draft report to include Appendix I: Matrix of Adaptive Measures, and the results of the hazard analysis. | 4d. December 2025- January 2026 | 4d. Draft Final Report Final Report |