



**California Energy Commission
February 12, 2025 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for Tamien Nation**

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: 25-212-08f

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: Tamien Nation

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-24-014 with Tamien Nation for a \$128,662 grant. This agreement seeks to revitalize indigenous cultural stewardship practices to strengthen climate and wildfire resilience on ancestral lands at Henry Coe State Park in Santa Clara County by providing professional hands-on training to the cultural fire and land stewardship crew, and enhancing fire protection, long-term sustainability, and community education on climate change impacts; 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-24-014

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: Tamien Nation
2. Federal ID Number: 86-1578458

D. Title of Project

Tamien Nation's Continuing Climate Resilience Project

E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 2/14/2025
2. End Date: 3/31/2026
3. Amount: \$128,662

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:

Tamien Nation. Proposed resolution approving agreement TCA-24-014 with the Tamien Nation for a \$128,662 grant and adopting staff's recommendation that this action is exempt from CEQA. This agreement seeks to revitalize indigenous cultural stewardship practices to strengthen climate and wildfire resilience on ancestral lands at Henry Coe State Park in Santa Clara County by providing professional hands-on training to the cultural fire and land stewardship crew, and enhancing fire protection, long-term sustainability, and community education on climate change impacts. (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: If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA skip to question 2. Otherwise, provide explanation.

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: CCR, tit. 14, sec. 15304

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15304 provides that projects which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project will consist of cutting of vegetation and chipping or placing cut material into piles to be burned for forestry and vegetation management purposes within the project area. No ground disturbing actions will take place under this project. The treatment of the vegetation will consist of the following prescription:

- Vegetation under 6-inch diameter at breast height (DBH) will be cut and processed, unless otherwise specified.
- Ponderosa pines, blue oaks, black oaks, valley oaks, and manzanita under 6-inch DBH will be left if they are the only saplings of that species within roughly a 50 foot radius.
- Some larger trees (over 6-inch DBH) may be removed if they are crowded or within the road's routine maintenance corridor.
- Processing will consist of cutting with chainsaws, chipping using the District's chipper, or made into piles to be burned.

The result of this project will be the improvement of existing vegetation communities by making the understory more open, reducing fuels, and making the habitat more resilient. This will also result in better access for vehicles, including for evacuations and emergency response. The treatments outlined above will be done in such a way that will not impact the visual aesthetic of the natural wildlands that Henry Coe State



Park offers. Any burning of piled materials will be done by trained parks' staff in accordance with all air quality regulations.

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; 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. For these reasons, the proposed work will not have any significant effect on the environment and falls under section 15304.

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

No

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

Not applicable

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
No subcontractors to report	\$ 0	\$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	\$128,662

TOTAL Amount: \$128,662

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: Quirina Geary

Address: P.O. Box 8053

City, State, Zip: San Jose, CA

95155 Phone: 707-485-2245



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E-Mail: Qgeary@tamien.org

2. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Ronda Esparza

Address: P.O. Box 8053

City, State, Zip: San Jose, CA 95155

Phone: 707-485-2245

E-Mail: Resparza@tamien.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-23-701r2
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:

Approval Date:

Cultural Resources Unit Supervisor:



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Approval Date:

Office Manager:

Approval Date:

Deputy Director:

Approval Date:

EXHIBIT A

Scope of Work

Name of Recipient: Tamien Nation

Project Title: The Tamien Nation's Continuing Climate Resilience Project

Overview:

The Tamien Nation, a state-recognized tribe and a 501(c)(3) organization, is deeply rooted in the precontact villages of the Greater Santa Clara Valley. Although many members reside in the San Joaquin Valley, the unifying mission remains to protect our ancestors, tribal cultural resources, and environment. The Tribe faces significant climate-related challenges that necessitate proactive and targeted adaptation strategies. These include the heightened threat of catastrophic wildfires due to increasing temperatures and changing precipitation patterns, posing substantial dangers to communities' housing, public safety, natural and cultural resource management, and public infrastructure. This project aims at restoring indigenous cultural stewardship practices to enhance climate and wildfire resilience on ancestral lands. The project also focuses on bolstering fire protection, ensuring survivability, promoting long-term sustainability, and fostering community education. The core focus of this project is the professional and on-the-job training for Tamien Nation youth in prescribed and cultural fire practices and land stewardship. By training tribal cultural fire and land stewardship crews, the project is building the tribe's capacity to manage land and resources that aligns with climate and energy plans.

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
Task 1. Fund Tamien Nation Cultural Fire Crew to implement sustainable land practices for improved biodiversity and reduced climate change impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Provide Quarterly Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) training for culturally sensitive and ecologically sound practices.→ Current three-man Fire Crew Conduct vegetation management activities on the ongoing Hobbs Road Maintenance and Fuel Reduction Project & Ponderosa Prescribed Burn Complex Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Quarterly TEK trainings→ Ongoing vegetation management activities <p>Start date for all activities: March 2025. End date for all activities: January 2026.</p>	<p>Goal 1) Enhanced Climate and Wildfire Resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Increased self-reliance empowerment within tribes & staff to manage land and respond to fires by a self-report assessment. Submit self-report assessment.→ Submit a Quarterly summary of the number of acres treated.

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Task 2. Protect tribal cultural resources ensuring the preservation of the tribe's rich heritage for future generations.	→ Attend Quarterly stakeholder and community meetings to foster collaboration with local communities, government agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.	→ Start date for all activities: March 2025. → End date for all activities: January 2026.	Goal 2) Cultural Revitalization and Preservation. → Disseminated tribal climate priorities and concerns inclusively and equitably at 2 community meetings. Submit meeting agendas and summaries
Task 3. Establish and strengthen collaborations with other tribes, local, state, and federal agencies, as well as academic institutions and community organizations, to address regional climate challenges.	→ Heighten community awareness through informational workshops centered on cultural fire and land stewardship to reduce wildfire and climate vulnerabilities. Participate in 2 Community Outreach and Engagement Events	→ Start date for all activities: March 2025. → End date for all activities: January 2026.	Goal 3) Community Empowerment. → Submit Summary Reports & Agendas → Engaged with & create a support network of 2 new partners that will actively contribute to the protection of our lands and natural resources and provide a Summary Report on what activities took place that led to the formation of the partnerships.
Task 4. Commit to systemic changes that empower our tribe in the face of evolving climate risk challenges.	→ Weave cultural practices into ecological restoration to return our respective lands to a more resilient and predictable condition. → Implement TEK practices to honor ancestral practices and restore the ecological health of our ancestral lands.	→ Start date for all activities: March 2025. → End date for all activities: January 2026.	Goal 4) Holistic Approach to Climate Risks. → Established systemic sustainable resource management practices that balance environmental conservation with cultural practices for the health & function of our lands by forming a planning handbook to be used as a blueprint for future use. Submit planning handbook.
Task 5. Status updates, Invoicing, and Final Report	→ Produce & submit bimonthly status updates. → Produce & submit invoices. → Produce & submit draft and final report.	→ Start date for all activities: March 2025. → End date for all activities: January 2026.	→ 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. → Invoice on a monthly basis to allow for prompt reimbursement of project costs. → A final report is completed. Submit draft and final report by December 31, 2025.