



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission
July 10, 2024 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: 24-0710-14f

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-24-007 with Tamien Nation for a \$200,000 grant. The Tamien Nation Climate Resilience Project seeks to revitalize indigenous cultural stewardship practices to strengthen climate and wildfire resilience on ancestral lands. The project will provide professional hands-on training for the tribal cultural fire and land stewardship crew. The project will also concentrate on enhancing fire protection at Henry Coe State Park in Santa Clara County, 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 July 10, 2024.

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-24-007

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

D. Title of Project

Title of project: Tamien Nation Climate Resilience Grant

E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 8/1/2024
2. End Date: 3/31/2026
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: 7/10/2024
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:

TAMIEN NATION. Proposed resolution approving agreement TCA-24-007 with Tamien Nation for a \$200,000 grant and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Tamien Nation Climate Resilience Project 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. The project will provide professional hands-on training for the tribal cultural fire and land stewardship crew. The project will also concentrate on enhancing fire protection, long-term sustainability, and community education on climate change impacts. (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, § 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.

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.

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	\$	\$

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	\$ 200,000

TOTAL Amount: \$ 200,000

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: Rosario Torres

Address: 415 Kula Gulf Way Apt 103

City, State, Zip: Albany, CA 94706-2658

Phone:

E-Mail: rosario@tamien.org



3. Recipient's Project Manager

Name: Rosario Torres

Address: 415 Kula Gulf Way Apt 103

City, State, Zip: Albany, CA 94706-2658

Phone:

E-Mail: rosario@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-23-701
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



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Deputy Director: Dian Vorters

Approval Date: 05/21/2024

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

EXHIBIT A Scope of Work

Name of Recipient: Tamien Nation

Project Title: The Tamien Nation Climate Resilience Project

The Tamien Nation Climate Resilience Project is aimed at restoring indigenous cultural stewardship practices to enhance climate and wildfire resilience on ancestral lands. Simultaneously, the project focuses on bolstering fire protection, ensuring survivability, promoting long-term sustainability, and fostering community education. Central to this project is the professional training of tribal cultural fire and land stewardship crews and staff. 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. The project's overall objectives and activities include the following:

Goal 1) Enhanced Climate and Wildfire Resilience

Goal 2) Cultural Revitalization and Preservation

Goal 3) Community Empowerment

Goal 4) Holistic Approach to Climate Risks

Tasks	Activities	Timetable in months	Product(s)/ Deliverable(s)
Task 1. Fund Tamien Nation Cultural Fire & Land Stewardship Crew to implement sustainable land practices for improved biodiversity and reduced climate change impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Provide (prescribed fire) training and any other training necessary for the implementation of this project for project staff and crew. → Provide Geographic Information System (GIS) software and tools training for data collection and analysis. → Provide Quarterly Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) training for culturally sensitive and ecologically sound practices. → Increase self-reliance empowerment within tribes & staff to manage land and respond to fires by a Self-Report Assessment. Submit Self-Report Assessment, consisting of a checklist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Annual Fire training → Ongoing GIS training → Quarterly TEK trainings → Ongoing vegetation management activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Quarterly TEK → Self-Report Assessment → GIS Shapefile of Acreage

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	<p>of completed land stewardship practices and Future Interests Survey checklist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Complete approximately 200 acres of vegetation management activities, consisting of cutting with chainsaws and chipping or placing cut material into piles to be burned, on the ongoing Hobbs Road Maintenance and Fuel Reduction Project & Ponderosa Prescribed Burn Complex Project at Henry Coe State Park. Submit a GIS Shapefile of Acreage of project site. 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. 		
<p>Task 2. Protect tribal cultural resources ensuring the preservation of the tribe's rich heritage for future generations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Attend monthly stakeholder and community meetings to foster collaboration with local communities, government agencies, and other relevant stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Start date for all activities: August 1, 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Submit meeting agendas. → Submit photograph or picture of online form.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Create opportunities for meaningful engagement, particularly for vulnerable populations, community-based organizations, and other marginalized groups. → Disseminate tribal climate priorities and concerns inclusively and equitably at 4 community meetings. → Create an accessible online form to invite volunteers and student interns to actively participate in environmental stewardship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → End date for all activities: March 31, 2026. 	
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Heighten community awareness through informational workshops centered on cultural fire and land stewardship to reduce wildfire and climate vulnerabilities. 4 Workshops: Community Outreach and Engagement; Sub-Group Formation; Wildfire Resilience; Final Networking and Partnership Strengthening Workshop. → Engage with & create a support network of 3 new partners that will actively contribute to the protection of our lands and natural resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Start date for all activities: August 1, 2024. → End date for all activities: March 31, 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Submit Summary Reports & Agendas → 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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. → Establish systemic sustainable resource management practices that balance environmental conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Start date for all activities: August 1, 2024. → End date for all activities: March 31, 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Submit planning handbook.

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	with cultural practices for the health & function of our lands by forming a planning handbook to be used as a blueprint for future use.		
Task 5. Status updates, Invoicing, and Final Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Status updates every two months. 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. → Invoicing every month. Invoice on a monthly basis to allow for prompt reimbursement of project costs. → Final Report submission. A final report is completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Start date for all activities: August 1, 2024. → End date for all activities: March 31, 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Produce & submit bimonthly status updates. → Produce & submit monthly invoicing. → Produce & submit final report.