

APPENDIX D – NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL OUTREACH

Native American Tribes are sovereign nations and are to be communicated with on a government to government basis.

While there are no Tribal lands in San Luis Obispo County, many Tribal communities call San Luis Obispo County home. To that end, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Lead Agency, made two concerted efforts to inform these communities about IRWM and invite them to be a part of the local RWMG. These efforts are documented in the following sub-Appendices:

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APPENDIX D.1 – 2018 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL OUTREACH

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D.1.1 – 2018 OUTREACH LETTERS



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Department of Public Works

John Diodati, *Interim Director*

April 16, 2018

Donna Haro
Xolon Salinan Tribe
74 La Habra
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Ms. Haro:

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Please feel free to contact me at (805) 788-2316, if you have any questions or concerns.

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Department of Public Works

John Diodati, *Interim Director*

April 16, 2018

Francine Martinez
3816 Pintail Ct
Merced, CA 95340

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Ms. Martinez:

On behalf of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), I would like to invite you to participate in planning efforts for regional water resources management in San Luis Obispo County. I would also like to request descriptions of your community to help update the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. The IRWM Plan is a comprehensive regional-based planning document involving many local stakeholders with the intent to achieve sustainable water resources in San Luis Obispo County.

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John Diodati, Interim Director

April 16, 2018

Fred Collins
Northern Chumash Tribal Council
67 South St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Collins:

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April 16, 2018

Fred Segobia, MLD Lead
Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo, Monterey and San Benito Counties
46451 Little Creek Court
King City, CA 93930-9781

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Segobia:

On behalf of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), I would like to invite you to participate in planning efforts for regional water resources management in San Luis Obispo County. I would also like to request descriptions of your community to help update the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. The IRWM Plan is a comprehensive regional-based planning document involving many local stakeholders with the intent to achieve sustainable water resources in San Luis Obispo County.

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John Diodati, *Interim Director*

April 16, 2018

Julie Lynn Tumamait-Stennsile
Barbareno/Ventureno Band of Mission Indians
365 North Poli Ave
Ojai, CA 93023

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Ms. Tumamait-Stennsile:

On behalf of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), I would like to invite you to participate in planning efforts for regional water resources management in San Luis Obispo County. I would also like to request descriptions of your community to help update the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. The IRWM Plan is a comprehensive regional-based planning document involving many local stakeholders with the intent to achieve sustainable water resources in San Luis Obispo County.

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April 16, 2018

Karen White
Xolon Salinan Tribe
PO Box 7405
Spreckles, CA 93962

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Ms. White:

On behalf of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), I would like to invite you to participate in planning efforts for regional water resources management in San Luis Obispo County. I would also like to request descriptions of your community to help update the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. The IRWM Plan is a comprehensive regional-based planning document involving many local stakeholders with the intent to achieve sustainable water resources in San Luis Obispo County.

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April 16, 2018

Kenneth Kahn
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
PO Box 4464
Santa Barbara, CA 93140

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Kahn:

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April 16, 2018

Mona Olivas Tucker
yak tityu tityu - Northern Chumash Tribe
660 Camino Del Rey
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Ms. Tucker:

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April 16, 2018

Tribal Administrator
Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo Monterey & San Benito Counties
7070 Morro Rd, Ste.A
Atascadero, CA 93422

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Department of Public Works

John Diodati, *Interim Director*

April 16, 2018

Vincent Armenta
Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians
PO Box 517
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Subject: Tribal Communities Involvement and Updates for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Efforts in San Luis Obispo County

Dear Mr. Armenta:

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D.1.2 – 2018 OUTREACH LETTER ATTACHMENTS



Attachment 1: IRWM and Involvement Summary

Background and Purpose of IRWM

The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program began in 2002 and is administered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). This program is one mechanism for how DWR provides State funding and resources for regional water-related projects. To date, over \$1.5 billion dollars of voter approved funds have been distributed across the state through this program.

San Luis Obispo County (geographically) is one of 48 IRWM Regions that is eligible for funding. Not every IRWM Region has the same boundary as County, but it does in our case. Each IRWM Region is managed by a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). It is a group of local agencies with statutory authority over water supply or water management, as well as any individual who may be necessary for the development and implementation of the IRWM Plan. Each member of the RWMG has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and is either a local agency or IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Agencies or organizations that implement projects and programs must also demonstrate sufficient financial and organization capability to do so.

The 2014 IRWM Plan is the most current update of the original plan developed in 2005. The IRWM Plan is scheduled to be updated at least every 5 years and as necessary to meet new State guidelines. Keeping the plan up-to-date ensures that implementation strategies and projects meet the current needs in the region and that local project sponsors are eligible for various State funding opportunities.

Tribal Involvement

In preparation of the update, the current State guidelines (released in 2016) prescribe engagement with Native American Tribal communities on a Government-to-Government basis for this specific information:

1. Whether or how Native American tribes in San Luis Obispo County will participate in the RWMG.
2. Description of social and cultural makeup of tribal communities in the County.

3. Description of critical water issues for Native American Tribal Communities in the County.
4. Discussion of any potential impacts or benefits of implementing the IRWM Plan to Native American Tribal Communities in the County.

Additional information is provided below to assist in the responses. Please use the attached document to respond to the prompts.

1. *Participation*

Participation in the IRWM program is entirely voluntary for any party, be they water companies, Cities, etc., including Native American Tribes.

The governing document that establishes the RWMG is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU describes the levels of participation in the IRWM program:

- **RWMG Member** - RWMG Members are local agencies or nonprofit organizations that have signed the MOU and formally adopted the IRWM Plan. The RWMG is responsible for the development and implementation of the IRWM Plan.
- **Implementation Affiliate** - Implementation Affiliates are local agencies or nonprofit organizations that have formally adopted the IRWM Plan. This allows the agency or organization to submit projects for implementation, without needing to be a part of plan development and decision-making processes.
- **Interested Stakeholder** - Interested Stakeholders are any agency, organization or individual who would like to be engaged with regional water resources planning. They may choose to submit a letter of support for the IRWM Plan, provide input to the RWMG, or otherwise participate in IRWM planning efforts. However, only project proponents that are eligible entities per State guidelines and have adopted the IRWM Plan can receive grant funding.

At any level, Tribal input is highly valued. For example, should a proposed project provide benefit to your tribe or tribal interests, the RWMG would appreciate knowing so, as this project would then more positively achieve the goals and objectives of the IRWM Plan.

2. *Social and Cultural Makeup of the Tribal Community*

As part of the “Region Description” section of the IRWM Plan, a description of the social and cultural makeup of the tribal community in our region is required.

3. *Critical Water Issues for Native American Tribal Communities*

Identifying and detailing critical water issues facing Native American Tribal Communities is a new prompt from DWR. For example, as a region, we’ve identified several critical water issues, including: general water supply, groundwater management, and water reclamation.

What are the critical water issues that face or are of interest to your community in San Luis Obispo County?

Knowing these critical water issues is vital for the RWMG in assessing the benefits or impacts of a potential project on your community.

4. *Potential Impacts Benefits of or implementing the IRWM Plan to Native American Tribal Communities*

It’s important to highlight that the IRWM Plan is not an approval process. It is a conduit for planning and prioritizing water-based projects that provide multiple benefits to the County of SLO. The plan also provides eligibility for local project sponsors to seek State funding opportunities. All local, regional, county, state and federal permitting and notification requirements (i.e. CEQA, NEPA, etc.) are applicable to the projects.

Does your community see any potential impacts or benefits of implementing the IRWM Plan?

Implementation of the plan means prioritizing, supporting and facilitating local project sponsors in seeking funding opportunities for projects that support, enhance and benefit multiple uses of water within the region. Past projects have included the Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Plant, Nipomo Supplemental Water Supply, Emergency interties for Drought resiliency, Arroyo Grande Creek flood control improvements, to name a few.

Next Steps

In summary and understanding these 4 specific areas of tribal involvement, we would like to have a dialogue, or receive a completed copy of the attached questionnaire, which addresses:

- Whether or how Native American tribes in San Luis Obispo County will participate in the RWMG.
- Description of social and cultural makeup of tribal communities in San Luis Obispo County
- Description of critical water issues for Native American Tribal Communities in the County.
- Discussion of any potential impacts or benefits of implementing the IRWM Plan to Native American Tribal Communities in the County.

More information regarding the Program, current RWMG members, upcoming meetings and plan updates can be found at our website www.slocountywater.org/irwm and the State's website <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management>.

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Attachment 2: Questionnaire

We appreciate your responses to the following four questions. For additional information regarding the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program, please refer to the letter that accompanied this form.

Please note, if do not want to be involved with IRWM and the RWMG at this time, you do not need to provide answers to the following questions.

1. IRWM and RWMG Involvement. Do you want to be involved and participate in the RWMG? If so, what level of involvement would you like to have?
2. Provide a description of the social and cultural makeup of your tribal community in San Luis Obispo County.
3. Provide a description of the critical water issues facing your tribal community in San Luis Obispo County.
4. Discuss any potential benefits or impacts of IRWM implementation to your tribal community within San Luis Obispo County.

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D.1.3 – 2018 OUTREACH RESPONSES

Brendan Clark

From: Fred Collins <fcollins@northernchumash.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 9, 2018 7:39 AM
To: Brendan Clark
Subject: RE: San Luis Obispo County IRWM Update and Request
Attachments: IRWM_Attachment 2 - Questionnaire (Fillable PDF).pdf

Please find answer to questions attached.

From: Brendan Clark [mailto:BClark@co.slo.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:06 AM
To: fcollins_northernchumash.org
Subject: San Luis Obispo County IRWM Update and Request

Mr. Collins,

I'm contacting you today regarding the San Luis Obispo County "IRWM" Region. The attached documents contain information about what IRWM is, how you could be involved and a brief questionnaire (4 questions) for your response. This program and the questionnaire are voluntary.

The attachments are:

- Letter – Brief overview of IRWM and the purpose of contacting you.
- Attachment 1 – Additional details regarding IRWM and the requested information
- Attachment 2 – A single page questionnaire, designed as a fillable PDF form that can be emailed back to me, if you chose to respond.

I respectfully ask if you would consider responding to the 4 questions in attachment 2 and returning to me via email at your earliest convenience. I'm available to meet in person if you would prefer as well.

Thank you,



Brendan Clark, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer

Public Works, County of San Luis Obispo

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The Northern Chumash Tribal Council, Inc. is involved with all natural resources management, we are growing as a Tribal Government and would like to be in the informational loop for all meetings and projects.

2. Provide a description of the social and cultural makeup of your tribal community in San Luis Obispo County.

The California Tribal community in San Luis Obispo has always been emerging from total Genocide, as we re-indigenize ourself our social and cultural status will grow with each new generation of our community.

3. Provide a description of the critical water issues facing your tribal community in San Luis Obispo County.

The water quality flowing into our Great Mother Ocean is a critical issue, we need to maange our farming industry, waste water industry, and/any other industry that causes our Great Mother Ocean to be trashed.

4. Discuss any potential benefits or impacts of IRWM implementation to your tribal community within San Luis Obispo County.

The proper management of our water tables and use systems must be reevaluated and improved, we have lost the natural migrations of fish from the Great Mother Ocean, to see the natural rejuvenation of our natural habitat will reverse this trend.

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Mladen Bandov

From: Mladen Bandov
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 9:00 AM
To: jtumamait@hotmail.com; cbcn.nahc.sb@gmail.com; fcollins@northernchumas.org; salinatribe@aol.com; varmenta@santaynezchumash.org; blukat41@yahoo.com; olivas.mona@gmail.com
Cc: sharaya.souza@nahc.ca.gov
Subject: San Luis Obispo County's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Outreach

Dear Native American Tribe Representative:

I received your contact information through the Native American Heritage Commission's list of tribes that have cultural and traditional affiliation in the San Luis Obispo County area. I am currently the Program Manager for the San Luis Obispo County's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program. The IRWM Program seeks to create a united framework among SLO County stakeholders for sustainable water resource management.

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It's a rather large document with many appendices; however, its aim is to be a comprehensive plan to manage our local water resources with as much involvement and collaboration as possible. For updates on the SLO County IRWM Program, please visit: <http://www.slocountywater.org/irwm>

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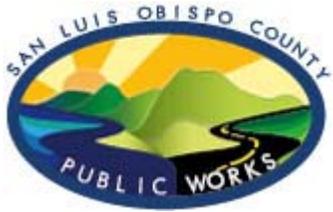
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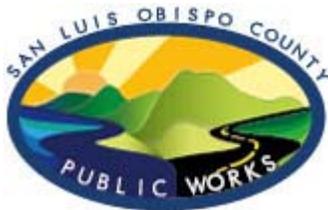
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From: Mladen Bandov
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:04 AM
Cc: fcollins@northernchumash.org; salinatribe@aol.com
Subject: Fw: San Luis Obispo County's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Outreach

I apologize that I had mistyped the emails. Please see the email below.



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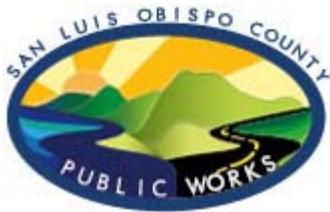
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D.2.2 – 2016 OUTREACH RESPONSES

Re: San Luis Obispo County's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Outreach

Karen White <blukat41@yahoo.com>

Tue 3/15/2016 3:46 PM

To: mbandov@co.slo.ca.us <mbandov@co.slo.ca.us>;

Good Evening Mladen Bandov,

Thank you for the information, unfortunately and presently we do not have our own land base to care for until we become a federally recognized tribe, therefore this wonderful opportunity we will have to pass on.

It looks like a very good opportunity for the future endeavors we hope to be apart of in the near future.

Best Regards,

Karen R. White

Council Chair

Xolon Salinan Tribe

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

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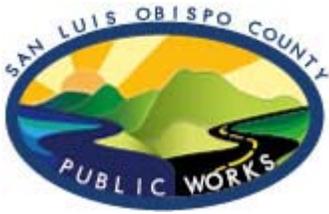
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