



California Public Utilities Commission



CPUC Tribal OIR – Tribal Consultation on Broadband in Indian Country

The CPUC supports and promotes the development of critically needed broadband infrastructure and services throughout Indian Country and wants to learn more from Tribes about barriers and opportunities.

As part of the OIR, the CPUC is conducting outreach, presentations, and Consultations with California Tribes to seek input on the appropriate scope of the proceeding. This consultation will provide information about the OIR and information about how to participate in the proceeding.

On February 16, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) opened an [Order Instituting Rulemaking \(OIR\) to Implement Resolution E-5076 and Review of Tribal Policies](#). The OIR is primarily focused on the Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP,) and will also consider the CPUC's Tribal Consultation Policy and mechanisms to enhance participation by Tribes in all CPUC's proceedings and programs.

The Tribal OIR Broadband Consultation (2/28) and Tribal Roundtable Discussions (3/1) are an opportunity for the CPUC to discuss the topics, hear comments, and learn about additional matters Tribal representatives would like to share on broadband matters. The OIR seeks to further the availability and adoption of broadband in Indian Country, promote improved positive government-to-government relationships between the CPUC and California Tribes, and increase capacity for Tribal participation in CPUC proceedings and programs.

This two-part event is open to all California Tribes. The Tribal Consultation, on February 28th, will focus on the broadband investment programs at the state and federal level. The breakout session on March 1st will focus on facilitated

CONSULTATION LOGISTICS

Date: February 28, 2023, Tribal OIR Broadband Consultation (in-person only)

Time: 3 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Blue Lake Rancheria, Kinetic Room

CONSULTATION AGENDA:

3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.:

Welcome and Introductory Remarks from Tribes, CPUC

3:15 – 4 p.m.: CPUC Presentations

Topics include:

Brief overview of CPUC's Tribal OIR, CPUC programs for broadband in Indian Country, federal programs, key dates and targets, how programs work together, and how CPUC can assist Tribes

4 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Tribal Presentations

Status Update: Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative (KRRBI)

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tribal Comments and Recommendations

Open Discussion with Tribes and CPUC Subject Matter Experts

Closing Remarks from Tribes, CPUC

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roundtable discussions with tribal leaders, to inform CPUC leadership about the issues that need to be addressed as to tribal broadband challenges.

CPUC Contacts

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Register soon!

Registration information will be provided to you in the coming days.

Your participation is essential to the success of this proceeding. Please let us know how we can support the participation of your Tribe's leadership and support staff at this Tribal Consultation.

CONSULTATION AGENDA:

Date: March 1, 2023, Tribal OIR Broadband Group Discussions (in-person only)

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Location: Blue Lake Hotel and Conference Center

- During the SAFE Symposium, hosted by Blue Lake Rancheria and its partners, a roundtable Tribal Discussion with CPUC Commissioner Darcie L. Houck on broadband issue areas/areas that need attention, feedback from 2/28 presentations, other broadband topics that Tribes wish to discuss.

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