

STAFF SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2019

10. ANNUAL TRIBAL PLANNING MEETING**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive report on the annual tribal planning meeting held pursuant to FGC's Tribal Consultation Policy.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- First annual tribal planning meeting Feb 6, 2018; Sacramento
- Second annual tribal planning meeting Feb 5, 2019; Sacramento

Background

In Jun 2015, FGC adopted its Tribal Consultation Policy (Exhibit 1), with the purpose of creating a means by which tribes and FGC can effectively work together to realize sustainably-managed natural resources of mutual interest. The policy includes four implementation measures, one of which is FGC annually hosting a tribal planning meeting to coordinate upcoming regulatory and policy activities that are before FGC. The meeting is intended to provide a venue for education about process, identifying regulatory and policy needs, and developing collaborative interests.

Consistent with FGC's policy, the first annual tribal planning meeting was held in Feb 2018. The second annual meeting was held the morning of Feb 5, 2019 and included a number of topics:

- Overview of FGC and its committees and FGC's regulatory process
- California Endangered Species Act
- FGC's Tribal Consultation Policy
- Recap of the 2018 first annual meeting
- Co-management vision statement and definition
- State agency updates
- Tribal priorities and issues of concern

During this agenda item, a verbal report will be provided on discussions from the Feb 5 annual tribal planning meeting.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. [FGC tribal consultation policy](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

California Fish and Game Commission
Tribal Consultation Policy
Adopted June 2015

The Policy

On September 19, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., issued Executive Order B-10-11, which provides, among other things, that it is the policy of the administration that every state agency and department subject to executive control implement effective government-to-government consultation with California Indian Tribes.

Purpose of the Policy

The mission of the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) is, on the behalf of California citizens, to ensure the long term sustainability of California's fish and wildlife resources by setting policies, establishing appropriate rules and regulations, guiding scientific evaluation and assessments, and building partnerships to implement this mission. California Native American Tribes, whether federally recognized or not, have distinct cultural, spiritual, environmental, economic and public health interests and unique traditional knowledge about the natural resources of California.

The purpose of this policy is to create a means by which tribes and FGC can effectively work together to realize sustainably-managed natural resources of mutual interest.

Policy Implementation

1. Communication. Both FGC and the tribes are faced with innumerable demands on their limited time and resources. In the interest of efficiency, FGC will annually host a tribal planning meeting to coordinate the upcoming regulatory and policy activities before FGC. The meeting will provide a venue for education about process, identifying regulatory and policy needs, and developing collaborative interests; this will include inviting sister agencies to participate.
2. Collaboration. In areas or subjects of mutual interest, FGC will pursue partnerships with tribes to collaborate on solutions tailored to each tribe's unique needs and capacity. The structure of these collaborative efforts can range from informal information sharing, to a memorandum of understanding with more specific agreements regarding working relationships and desired outcomes, to co-management agreements with specific responsibilities and authorities.
3. Record-keeping. FGC will maintain a record of all comments provided by tribes and will include them in administrative records where appropriate.
4. Training. FGC will provide training to interested tribes on its processes for regulation and policy development.