

California Landscape Conservation Cooperative – Tribal Team 2016 Recommendations for the Steering Committee

With a growing and strong interest in the CA LCC Tribal Team and successful 2015 initiatives completed, there is strong momentum with the Tribal Team and recommendations include continued support for the Team and building upon 2015 accomplishments; 2016 recommendations are similar to those for 2015. The Tribal Team goals for 2016 are to fully implement the Team Charter, fill all seats on the eco-regional leadership team, and to identify a tribal person to take over Team leadership in 2017.

Continued Tribal Team Support and Host In-Person Meeting

- Acceptance of Tribal Team Statement of Purpose and Charter
- Limited use of LCC staff and resources (webinar/phone line; webpage host)
- Support for one in-person meeting for eco-regional leadership team
- Extend current facilitator contract until leadership team has been fully developed (6 months maximum)

Tribal Climate Adaptation Workshop

The 2015 Tribal Climate Adaptation Workshop in San Diego was a success and benefitted Southern California tribes, and the Team wants to extend that success to other regions. The Tribal Team has been contacted by a tribe in the CA LCC's north coast eco-region seeking to sponsor and fund a Tribal Climate Adaptation Workshop for tribes within the Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma county region. The Tribal Team seeks support from the LCC and partners to help coordinate and/or facilitate this workshop in 2016, thus building our network and adding value to existing tribal climate adaptation efforts in California.

Tribal Project RFP

The Tribal Team recommends the following types of projects be within the scope of any tribal-specific funding:

- Tribal youth projects
- Lessons learned and implementation of climate change initiatives
- Technical assistance for developing a climate change plans, or
- Any project that is in partnership with a tribe, tribal scientist, or tribal land manager

The Tribal Team recommends that grants going to Tribes, or projects partnering with Tribes, have criteria which include a letter of support or resolution from a Tribe if the Tribe is reported as a partner, and clearly identifies tribal lands within the project area. It is recommended that any RFP deadlines include an additional 4 weeks of preparation for projects involving Tribal partners. Finally, due to the lack of tribal-specific funding for tribes in past years, the Team also recommends that half of the allocated 2016 CA LCC project funds be designated for tribal related projects and partnerships.

Tribal Webinars

To help provide better access for Tribes, the Tribal Team recommends developing a RFP to have webinars, including in-person satellite locations, to assist applicants in applying for CA LCC grants.

Funding Request for CA LCC-supported Tribal Team Activities (not including staff support and funds for tribal RFP)

\$25,000 for all activities