



Broadband for All



Dear Tribal Leader,

The State of California is committed to honoring Tribal sovereignty and supporting Tribal Governments in closing the digital divide in Indian Country. To this end, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Department of Technology (CDT) request an opportunity to formally consult with California Tribal Governments to inform development of the [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Plan](#) and the [Digital Equity Plan](#).

The internet is critical to everyday life. Yet affordable, reliable internet service – and the devices, skills, and training to utilize it – is not yet equitably accessible to Tribal communities across the state. With unprecedented federal funding opportunities for broadband in California, understanding the unique needs of California Tribes as it relates to infrastructure development, adoption and digital literacy is critical.

The consultation process honors Tribal sovereignty, and the time and expertise you are able to share with us. Specifically, we seek to understand the concerns and needs of Tribal communities as it relates to broadband infrastructure, access, and deployment, and learn how the CPUC and CDT can partner with you to ensure Tribes can take full advantage of these historic funding opportunities.

Below are the dates and locations where CPUC and CDT, with the support of the Newsom Administration and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), will hold in-person and virtual Tribal consultations:

- Tuesday, **June 20** from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm: **Redding Library**, located at 1100 Parkview Ave, Redding, CA 96001. [Register here](#).
- Thursday, **June 22** from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm: **Eagle Mountain Casino**, located at 1850 West St., Porterville, CA 93257. [Register here](#).
- Tuesday, **June 27** from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm: **Kumeyaay Tribal Community College**, located at 910 Willow Glen Dr. El Cajon, CA 92019. [Register here](#).
- Wednesday, **July 12** from 1:00 pm to 3:00: This is a **virtual event**. [Register here](#).

In addition to the above regional and virtual Government to Government consultations, the CPUC and CDT welcome the opportunity to conduct individual Government-to-Government consultations on an as requested basis.



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If your Tribe would like to discuss these consultations or set-up an individual consultation with CPUC regarding BEAD, please reach out to CPUC Tribal Advisor Kenneth Holbrook at Kenneth.Holbrook@cpuc.ca.gov. Individual consultations will include CPUC Communications Division Staff, Tribal Advisor and the Assigned Commissioner's Office. If you or a representative from your Tribe would like to meet directly with the Assigned Commissioner, Darcie L. Houck please provide your information on the form [here](#).

If your Tribe would like to discuss these consultations or set-up an individual consultation with CDT regarding the Digital Equity Plan, please reach out to CDT Tribal Liaison and Deputy Director for Broadband and Digital Literacy, Scott Adams, at Scott.Adams@state.ca.gov.

We look forward to learning about how we can support Tribal Governments in helping close the digital divide and engaging with Tribes through Government-to-Government consultations.

Sincerely,

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