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## Project Information Sheet Groundwater Storage

Project Name: Conjunctive Water Management Program

Project Lead: Department of Water Resources

Relationship with Tribes: Varies depending on program element. Tribes are involved in advisory groups in some areas. Tribal member served on Conjunctive Use Advisory Committee for Proposition 13 Groundwater Storage grant program. The Department of Water Resources acknowledges the special relationship between the United States and Federally recognized Indian tribes, and will follow the CALFED Record of Decision paragraph that pertains to Tribal Consultation.

Location: Statewide

Purpose: Improve local and regional groundwater management, and develop locally driven conjunctive use projects and programs to improve water supply reliability.

Benefits: Water supply reliability for urban and agricultural sector. Water quality improvements. Environmental benefits, including habitat and fish flows. Water for Environmental Water Account.

Features to be Constructed: Varies depending on local project. Groundwater recharge facilities, conveyance, extraction facilities, treatment, etc.

How It Works: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) implements the program through a number of coordinated activities, including 1) award of grants under Proposition 13 and

Proposition 50 to fund construction of conjunctive use and groundwater recharge facilities, 2) award of grants to local agencies under the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 to conduct groundwater studies and improve groundwater monitoring and management, and 3) forming partnerships with and providing technical, financial, and facilitation assistance to local and regional agencies for the development of conjunctive use projects and programs that will improve water supply reliability.

### Interested Federally Recognized Tribes

Soboba Band of Luiseño  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

### Opportunities for Tribal Participation

1. All tribes can request from the lead agency to be placed on mailing lists to receive notices of public meetings, public workshops and public hearings about CALFED projects.
2. Tribes can attend and provide comment at potential public meetings, public hearings, and informational workshops.
3. Tribes can become members of local and regional advisory groups for conjunctive use development.
4. Tribes can apply for grants in partnership with local agencies.
5. All tribes can obtain copies of Environmental Impact Statements/Environmental Impact Reports to review and provide written comments about their contents.

6. All tribes can review CALFED lead agency internet sites on CALFED projects and provide input by email.
7. All tribes can contact the CALFED lead agency, project contact, identified on this sheet for project information updates.
8. Federally recognized tribal governments can be engaged in the planning and development of specific CALFED projects in their areas by CALFED lead agencies.
9. CALFED Agencies can and will consult with federally recognized tribal governments on a government-to-government basis, to the extent permitted by law, prior to taking actions that affect such tribal governments.
10. Upon request, federally recognized tribes can enter into Memorandums of Understanding with CALFED Agencies to specify how the federal, state and tribal governments will work together, on a government-to-government basis, in developing CALFED projects.

Use of Information : Information about specific CALFED projects provided by CALFED project lead agencies is intended to be used by tribes to formulate their own opinions about (1) the social, economic and environmental worthiness of the specific undertaking, (2) the potential impact such an undertaking may have on the character, use or nature of trust assets, and (3) to convey the tribe's opinions to the lead agency for analysis.

Program Website: <http://www.isi.water.ca.gov/cwm/>

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