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Land Acknowledgement



**Big Sur Tribe regains land 250 years
after being removed**

A view of Adler Ranch, Big Sur, California (Courtesy
of Doug Steakley, Western Rivers Conservancy)

Securing the human right to water in tribal communities:

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Panelists



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Research partners

San Francisco Bay Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program



San Francisco Estuary Partnership: *Protect and improve water quality and habitats in and around the Bay*

Regional Partner
 Institutional home
 (administrative, fiscal)

ABAG/MTC

SFEP

EPA

Federal Partner
 Legislative home
 (program approval, base funding)



Proposition 84 (2006)	Grant Amount	Year
Round 2 Implementation	\$20,000,000.00	2014
Round 3 Implementation	\$32,178,423.00	2015
Round 4 Implementation	\$21,469,025.00	2016
Proposition 1		
	Grant Amount	Year
Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program	\$3,020,000.00	2019
Round 1 Implementation	\$ 22,750,000.00	2020
Total	\$99,417,448	



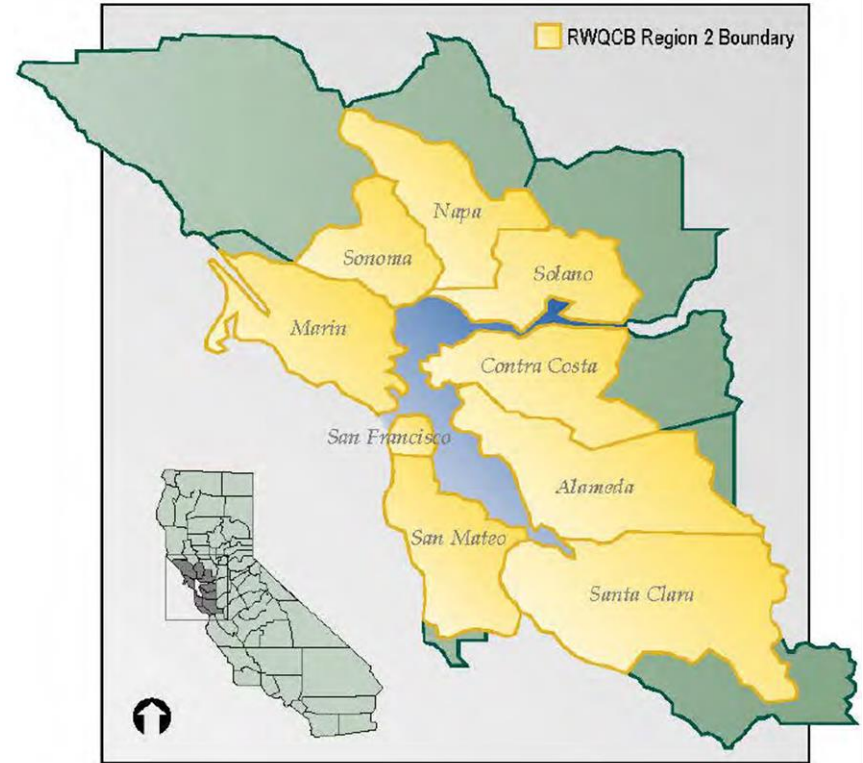


- CIEA was created in 2006 at the request of impacted Tribal leadership and Tribal members in order to address the toxic legacy of mercury left over from the California Gold Rush.
- CIEA is the Tribal Engagement Coordinator for the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) working with 34 North Coast Tribes, and in the San Francisco Bay working with 5 Tribes and several Tribal organizations in these regions.
- Our mission is to 'protect and restore California Indian Peoples' cultural traditions, ancestral territories, means of subsistence, and environmental health.
- Our core programs are the Mercury Tribal Health, Tribal Self-Advocacy, and our Leadership programs.
- Together these empower California Indian communities to practice subsistence fishing cultures, avoid mercury and PCBs in fish, self-advocate for cleanup of California lands and waterways, and train the future generation to be environmental stewards.

Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Program

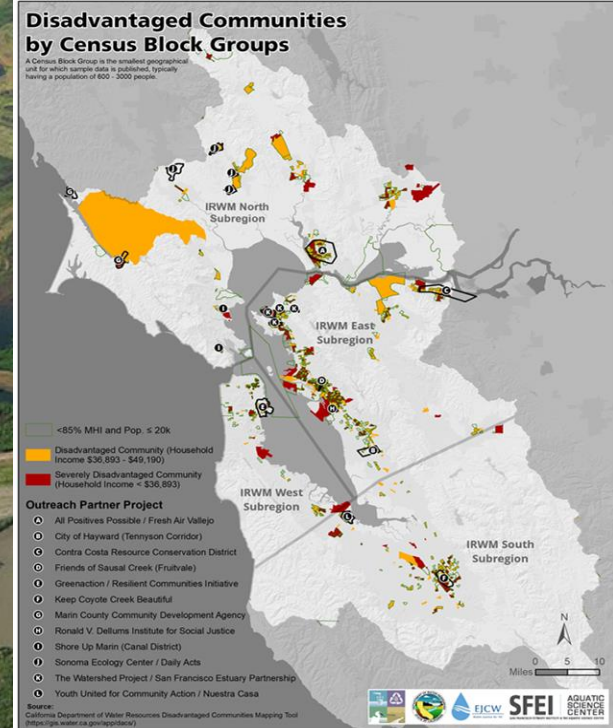
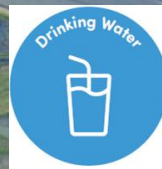
Regional effort under DWR that issues large-scale implementation grant rounds using Proposition funding:

- Water Supply / Water Quality
- Wastewater / Recycled Water
- Flood Control / Stormwater
- Habitat / Watersheds



Water Needs Assessments

- Included
 - Disadvantaged Communities in 17 cities
 - 4 Tribes
 - People Experiencing Homelessness
- Informed by
 - Over 2,000 surveys
 - Over 100 meetings, listening sessions, and interviews



San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement

- In 2019, there were five Tribes in the San Francisco Bay Area interested in joining a funding area-wide San Francisco Bay Area Tribal Advisory Committee to Lead this DACTI Program. Starting December 2020 none of whom had been in the same room at once, who agreed to collaborate to the benefit of this program, to ensure that Tribes in the region benefit.
- CIEA plans to support these Tribal Partners technical assistance, workshops and training, developing adequate needs assessments, governance structure guidelines, and any other documents or tools created to benefit the Tribes of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- CIEA Tribal Partners over the course of this program
 - **Amah Mutsun Tribal Band**
 - **Association of Ramaytush Ohlone**
 - **Him-r^n Ohlone, Saclan Tribe, Jalquin, Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok**
 - **Indians People Organizing for Change/Sogorea Te Land Trust**
 - **Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area**
 - **Napa Suscol Intertribal Council**

Governance Structure and Needs Assessment

Governance structure in the Bay Area

- There are decades-long issues with Tribes being unrepresented in decision-making bodies. Providing designated space for Tribal participation in the Coordinating Committee would ensure that there is meaningful representation by Tribal leadership to advocate for their membership when projects are being considered.

Needs Assessment

- CIEA staff provided the survey using an online digital service, fillable PDF, and paper surveys to Tribal Environmental Directors, Tribal Administration, leadership staff, Tribal Elders and members at large. The Tribes of San Francisco Bay Area agreed upon this style of surveying to better encompass an aggregate result of their Tribal communities.

Distrust in Tap Water Quality

- Most common finding
- Reports of poor taste, odors, discoloration, and even skin irritation
- Overwhelming use of bottled water to avoid drinking tap water
- Support for third party effort to investigate tap water quality



Tap Water Testing

Regional Tap Water Testing Program Goals

- Increase trust in bay area tap water
- Generate regional data on tap water quality
- Increase understanding of tap water quality policy and science
- Build and strengthen partnerships between communities and their utilities, municipalities and other public stakeholders

Facts at a Glance

- Will analyze over **700 samples** in ELAP certified labs using industry standards
- Looking at **over 100 analytes** including metals, VOCs, dry-cleaning byproducts, disinfection byproducts, radiation, and more
- Comparing against regulatory standards
- **Communities and Tribes determined** where to test and what panels they wanted to use. Each had a \$15k budget
- Community and Tribal participants have access to **their own data**
- Utilities and the state Division of Drinking Water are aware of



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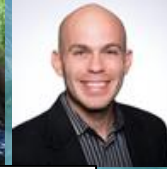
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