

# **Joint Informational Hearing of the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and Select Committee on Native American Affairs**

## **Water is Life: Addressing California Tribal Water Issues**

**August 9, 2022**

**9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Capitol Annex Swing Space, Room 1100**

**1021 O Street Sacramento CA 95814**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

- Assemblymember James Ramos, Chair, Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs

### **Opening Statements**

- Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Chair, of the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee
- Assemblymember James C. Ramos, Chair, Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs
- Other committee members

### **Panel 1: This history of water, and the relationship between water and humankind**

- Anthony Madrigal, educator and cultural historian (Invited not Confirmed)
- Michael Hunter, Chairman Coyote Valley Pomo Indians
  - Will highlight the importance of advocacy on these issues for California Native American communities.
- Chairman Isiah Vivanco, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
  - Will address water issues related to the Soboba tribal community

### **Panel 2: Relationship between tribes and federal and state governments**

- Scott Bergstrom, Assistant Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Interior
- Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor, Department of Water Resources
- Adriana Renteria, Tribal Liaison, State Water Resources Control Board

### **Panel 3: Water Rights and settlement agreements for Tribes**

- Neil Pyeron, Chairman Tule River Indians
  - Will highlight the water issues the Tule River tribal community is experiencing
- Raymond Welch, Chairman Barona
  - Address the water issues impacting the Barona Band of Mission Indians
- Andrea Reich, Chairwoman Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
  - Address water issues impacting the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

#### **Panel 4: Water Challenges facing tribes in California**

- Joe James, Chairman Yurok
  - Will share on water issues impacting the Yurok tribal community, Klamath reclamation, Klamath River basin.
- Bo Mazzetti San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority and Rincon Tribal Chairman
  - Address water issues and what the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority has done over the years.
- Janet Bill, Chairperson Picayune Rancheria of the Chuckchansi Indians
  - Will share on the water issues impacting the Chuchansi tribe in central California

#### **Public Comment**