



Meeting Notes - December 7, 2007

Kern Blueprint Tribal Collaboration Meeting

May 10, 2007
1:30 - 3PM

Kern Council of Government
1401 19th Street, 3rd Floor Conf. Room

I. Sign In - Welcome - Introductions

Present:

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| Donna Begay | Tubatulabals of Kern Valley |
| Josie Peterson | Tubatulabals of Kern Valley |
| Marta Frausta | Caltrans District 6 |
| Lorraine Unger | Sierra Club |
| Rob Ball | Kern COG |

II. Report on September 13, 2007 'Indian Housing in the Central Valley' meeting at CSU Fresno put on by the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) about Native American housing programs.

Initial report from Larry Roselle via email.

* 29 people attended and 9 signed up to work on Native American student housing near a SJV campus.

* People expressed numerous concerns, including funding, water, lack of representation of NA interests, homebuyer education, the array of agencies and planning processes, difficulties dealing with land allotments & trying to get land back in to trust, and escalating land costs.

Ideas for next steps:

1. Convene a periodic gathering or consortium of SJV tribal groups
2. Native American student housing near a SJV campus (as above)
3. get some grant-writing assistance
4. Planning is key - think through master plan(s)
5. be mindful of long-term (non-gambling) assets
6. share ideas and organize for advocacy
7. consider forming a steering committee
8. participate in the various initiatives (CA Partnership /Blueprint / counties / Regional Housing Trust, etc.) in an informed and coordinated manner.

Concern was raised that the meeting focused mostly on programs for federally recognized tribes rather than the non-recognized tribes.

III. Status of Grant Application for creating a consult to assist with secretarial duties in formation of a collaborative. Grant due January 11, 2008.

Action Item: Kern COG will distribute a draft grant application and request for letters of support from the tribal nations in the Valley. The grant will include travel stipends for each tribal nation involved. The scope will be the 8 counties in central California however, tribal nations from the Eastern Sierra and the Coast will be welcome to participate.

IV. Up coming meeting: The next Kern Blueprint Town hall Meeting is Friday, 12/14 at the Frazier Mtn. Park Recreation Building. More information on the meeting can be found in the newsletter at:

<http://www.kerncog.org/blueprint/pdf/070921newsletter2.pdf>

V. Other Issues

- State Water Resources Control Board is being petitioned by 5 Kern Water Districts to keep Kern River water local. Tribal Nations may want to comment in support of this petition to keep Southern California. For more info and a petition go to Kern River FAS Petition link at

<http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/application/petnot.htm>

- NAGPRA modifications now may require that native artifacts and remains from non-federally recognized tribes must be returned to them. See federal register 43CFR10 or contact Donna Begay.

VII. Next Steps/Closing Comments/Additional Contacts

VIII. Adjourn