

CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee
 Quarter 4 2025(October-December)

Department of Toxic Substances Control Report

Consultations

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is open to and invites the collaboration and input of the California Native American Tribes. Through rules, regulations, policies and programs, the engagement with California Native American Tribes assists DTSC with decisions and policies to protect Tribal Cultural Resources throughout the State. DTSC recognizes our responsibility to the people of California and the environmental laws and regulations that we enforce with the various remedies, cleanup plans, and permits that are under our purview. We value the Tribes’ traditional ecological knowledge while protecting the people of California.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) fosters communication, collaboration and consultation between California’s Native American Tribes. We coordinate with tribes in the development of policies, programs, and activities that may affect a tribe’s community, ancestral territories, or cultural resources. We are committed to a meaningful engagement with indigenous communities, and to strengthening government-to-government relationships between the State and California Native Tribes.

The table below is from Quarter 4 (2025) showing consultation information with Tribal representatives.

Table 1. Consultations During Q4

Project Name	County	Consultation Initiated	Closed	Number of Tribes Contacted	Number of Individuals Contacted
PRADO SHOOTING RANGE	Riverside	11/19/2025	1/6/2026	23	48
LAKE FOREST TOWN CENTER / DRY CLEANER	Orange County	11/14/2025	12/30/2025	14	26
LILLIE MAE JONES PLAZA PHASE II [ECRG]	Contra Costa	11/5/2025	01/06/2026	9	23
FAIR STREET	Butte	11/5/2025	12/18/2025	4	9
HAYWARD PARCEL GROUP 8	Alameda	10/22/2025	Ongoing	9	23
2700 INTERNATIONAL BLVD	Alameda	10/7/2025	1/7/2026	10	10
CHEMTURA CORPORATION	Contra Costa	10/3/2025	Ongoing	9	23

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MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD	Solano	10/2/2025	01/08/2026	6	12
SOUTH GATE LAND REMEDIATION [ECRG]	Los Angeles	12/26/2025	Ongoing	8	16
STATION EAST PHASE II	Alameda	11/26/2025	Ongoing	10	26
BEVERLY BOULEVARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	Los Angeles	12/10/2025	1/21/2026	9	19

Topics include:

- Excavation and removal of contaminated soil at sites where chemicals of concern are present in order to prepare the site for more beneficial public use.
- Additional site assessments to determine degree of contamination where the results of investigation inform the kinds of remediation needed.
- Installation of soil vapor extraction mechanisms to address and mitigate the impact of soil contamination and soil vapor impacted by chlorinated solvents and petroleum hydrocarbons

Funding for Tribes

Currently, DTSC has no discrete funding available for Tribes. At different times of the year (and not necessarily every year) funding may be available through an application process for the ECRG program and /or the Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) program.

Resources and Opportunities

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- Resources available through DTSC specifically for tribes, include the information found on our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov/tribal-affairs.

Engagement & Key Priority Projects

Senate Bill (SB) 673 – Department of Toxic Substances Control published a notice to update hazardous waste facility permit criteria for additional community protections. Information about the updated permit criteria for additional community protections on the website (<https://dtsc.ca.gov/sb-673-permit-criteria-community-protection/>). An open comment period was issued for November 21, 2025, to January 7, 2026 which later the deadline was extended to February 3, 2025. A public hearing was held on January 7, 2026, and an additional virtual public hearing is scheduled on February 3 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PDT. Anyone interested in attending the meeting can register at the following link (https://dtsc-ca-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uMUaKXh5SwqPxlbNeLwEFA)

Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) – The Plan is a comprehensive planning guide to protect California communities from environmental harm through continuous improvement of the state’s complex hazardous waste management system. In our ongoing commitment to identify opportunities for Tribal governments to participate and provide their unique perspective on the approaches for the Plan, requests for consultation after review of the plan were sent to Tribal governments by DTSC’s Environmental Justice and a Tribal Affairs Manager on October 10, 2025. The Plan was posted in October, and the Board of Environmental Safety (Board) hosted a virtual webinar followed by vote at the subsequent Board meeting on November 17, 2025. The Plan can be reviewed using the following link (<https://dtsc.ca.gov/hazardous-waste-management-plans/>).

Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 25135 requires DTSC to develop a comprehensive Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Plan) every three years to 1) inform the management of hazardous waste in the state, 2) inform local hazardous waste management efforts, and 3) guide DTSC’s implementation of its hazardous waste management program. The triennial Plan must be based on the findings of the preceding triennial Hazardous Waste Management Report (Report), plus any new information, and must include the 12 components outlined in the statute. DTSC published the first Report in November 2023. The next Report is due to be presented to the Board of Environmental Safety (Board) by March 2026. After the first Report and prior to the release of the draft Plan, DTSC conducted ten (10) public workshops to receive input from interested parties on potential goals and recommendations. The comment period and requests to consult on the Plan closed after the Board’s vote in November; however, any requests for consultation or comments prior to the upcoming report for March 2026 from Tribal governments can be provided to the Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs Manager (Andres.Martinez@dtsc.ca.gov).

Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) – Spanning two quarters of the TAC reports, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) accepted public comments on the following documents associated with soil and soil vapor cleanup in Boeing’s areas of responsibility at SSFL during a 45-day public comment period from September 15 through October 30, 2025. A public meeting regarding the proposed cleanup activities was held on Tuesday, October 7 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Information about the two documents and the formal public comment periods was shared with Tribes prior, and updates sent regarding the process. The two documents are:

- The Boeing Company’s (Boeing) Draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Limited Corrective Measures Study Report, Surficial Media Operable Unit, Boeing RFI Subareas (Boeing SMOU CMS Report).
- DTSC Draft Statement of Basis for the Surficial Media Operable Unit Proposed Remedy Selection in the Boeing Areas of Responsibility at SSFL (DTSC Draft SMOU Statement of Basis).

On November 7, 2025 DTSC reviewed and approved the final Removal Action Completion Report (RACR) for the Former Shooting Range located on the SSFL site.

Removal action activities took place from June 2023 to January 2025 and were conducted in accordance with the Final Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) and Removal Action Work Implementation Plan (RAWIP). Approximately 27,600 cubic yards of soil contaminated predominantly with lead, antimony, arsenic, and benzo(a)pyrene were excavated and transported offsite for proper disposal. Site restoration activities continue at the Former Shooting Range. A One-Year Review will be conducted by Boeing in November 2026 to assess site restoration and soil stabilization.

Working with the established Sacred Sites Council, a number of tribes, including the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians Kizh, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, and the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians are involved in discussions and consultations, as well as routine updates about the site. DTSC Tribal Affairs shares updates with the TAC each quarter. Additional information may be found at the SSFL homepage (https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/)

Topock – PG&E Topock Compressor Station – The Topock project is one in which DTSC provides oversight for PG&E mitigation efforts. The project involves a number of tribes with ancestral presence in the area between Needles, Ca and Topock, Arizona. Ten Tribes involved are: Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Chemehuevi Tribe, Colorado River Tribes, Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe, Cocopah Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Havasupai Tribe, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. Due to recent changes in long-term project staff, as well as anticipated updates for work activities, the DTSC team is continuing its efforts,

with even more emphasis to introduce tribal leaders to team members and to the DTSC leadership. During this quarter there have been many conversations and correspondence has been exchanged with the anticipation of a consultation in the near future.

Priorities for Next Quarter

- Address some of the concerns raised by tribes affiliated with the Sacred Sites Council and Santa Susana Field Labs project.
- Meeting with tribes affiliated with the Topock project and DTSC leadership.
- Continue DTSC's Tribal outreach process for project leads to assure timely notification, communication, and opportunities for consultation with tribes.
- Continue identifying opportunities to highlight and develop Tribal-focused components in projects and initiatives across DTSC's programs
- Continue participating at tribal-focused workshops and conferences to establish new network connections and incorporate best practices into DTSC's programs and initiatives.

For more information:

- Email: TribalAffairs@dtsc.ca.gov
- Tribal affairs website: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/tribal-affairs/>