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TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY SUMMIT



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Pechanga Resort Casino
Temecula, California



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ENERGY





THE VICE PRESIDENT

February 27, 2024

I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to the leaders and distinguished guests of the Department of Energy as you convene for your Tribal Clean Energy Summit.

Indigenous communities have shaped our Nation throughout history, and we rely on the centuries of Indigenous knowledge and Tribal communities' experience to protect our earth. Please know that I am inspired by each of you as you continue to combat the climate crisis and invest in a clean energy economy.

With your help, President Biden and I have delivered on the most ambitious climate agenda in history, which safeguards the health of our communities and ensures our country leads the clean energy future. The President and I have already invested billions of dollars in Native-led climate projects to guarantee that Native communities have the resources to generate renewable energy, clean up pollution, and fund resilience and adaptation projects.

There is still more work to be done, and I am grateful for all that you do to push us forward. Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership. Together, we can tackle the climate crisis, build a clean energy economy, and shape a more equitable future for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kamala Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail.

Kamala Harris
Vice President of the United States



Welcome to the 2024 DOE Tribal Clean Energy Summit! Once again, I am thrilled we are celebrating how Tribes are leading the way to seize massive opportunities in the emerging clean energy economy.

Thanks to President Biden's Investing in America agenda, DOE has more funding than ever before for Tribal communities to take advantage of this moment. Already, Tribes have billions more in hand to modernize their grids, electrify and weatherize homes, design unique clean energy projects, and so much more. Beyond that, DOE is building more capacity than ever before to help Tribes navigate this wealth of new opportunities. And we are just getting started.

Over the next two days, I hope you find time to connect with the new Tribal Liaisons we're hiring across the agency, and learn more about what our many new programs have to offer. My hope is at the end of the Summit, you leave here with a big stack of business cards and a whole bunch of new ideas to bring back to your communities.

This once-in-a-generation moment is calling us—let's rise to meet it together.

Jennifer M. Granholm
U.S. Secretary of Energy



Ya'at'eeh! It is with great pleasure that I extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you to the 2024 DOE Tribal Clean Energy Summit here on the homelands of the Pechanga people.

As Director of the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), I am honored to convene this esteemed gathering alongside DOE leadership, program offices, and our partners from the National Conference of State Legislatures. This Summit serves as a cornerstone event for Tribes to share their clean energy successes, challenges, and vision for their nations. This year's Summit is an opportunity to exchange ideas, forge partnerships, and explore innovative solutions that not only advance Tribal clean energy interests but also uphold the principles of Tribal sovereignty.

I am deeply grateful for the commitment and expertise each of you brings to this Summit. Together, as Tribal Leaders, subject matter experts, representatives from federal agencies, state governments, private industry, utilities, and academia, we possess the collective power to effect positive change and chart a course towards a brighter energy future for Tribal nations and beyond. Together, let us create a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable energy future for generations to come.

Ahe'hee, (Thank you)

Wahleah Johns

Director of the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, U.S. Department of Energy



Thank you to our hosts, the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians!

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians has called the Temecula Valley home for more than 10,000 years. To the Pechanga people, the land and **Wi'áaşal**, the Great Oak that stands upon it, carry meaning that transcends physical presence. The Great Oak has come to embody the identity and character of the Pechanga Band: strength, wisdom, longevity, and determination.



Payómkawichum net design.
Photo courtesy of the Pechanga Cultural Resources Department

Southern California basketry, *tónavish*, is recognized worldwide for its quality. Pechanga baskets are renowned for their exceedingly tight weaves, beautiful textures, and intricate designs. Designs often capture an event in time, tell a story, or reveal the cultural connections of the weaver. Basketry is more than just weaving. It represents a balance with the environment: collecting, preparing, aging, and dyeing the necessary materials must all be done at specific times of the year. Some of these plants are hundreds of years old and have been visited by several generations of weavers. The Pechanga Tribe honors everyone who is dedicated to the effort required to become a weaver. (Source: Pechanga-nsn.gov)



On behalf of the Pechanga Payómkawichum People, the Pechanga Tribal Council welcomes you to the Pechanga Resort Casino.

We congratulate the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy for its 2024 DOE Tribal Clean Energy Summit. We are proud to host Tribal leaders, representatives, and energy stakeholders to meet here and collaborate on energy infrastructure development for Tribes and their communities.

Our people have called the Temecula Valley home since time immemorial. We believe the world was created here in the Temecula Valley, known as 'Exva Teméeku. Our modern economic story started in 1995 when we opened the Pechanga Entertainment Center. Our people had a simple but powerful vision: to create jobs for our Tribal Members; to generate revenues for fundamental and modest Tribal programs like reliable drinking water, basic healthcare, cultural protection for future generations, and educational opportunities for our young people.

We opened in temporary facilities with only 135 employees and a fervent desire to break the cycle of poverty and despair which had long impacted our Tribe. Since then and thanks to the guidance and wisdom of our Tribe, the loyalty and hard work of our team members, and the friendship and support of our surrounding communities, Pechanga is now responsible for employing more than 3,700 people and having a total economic impact of over \$1 billion.

Pechanga Western Electric (PWE) is the Tribally-owned utility operated by the Pechanga Band of Indians and was established in 2017 to provide cost effective and reliable electricity to large and small commercial, residential, and government users. PWE has integrated a 1.39 megawatt (MW) solar project onto our distribution system and is completing a 1MW/4MWh Battery Energy Storage System in 2024. PWE partners with other Tribes to import hydroelectric power from Hoover Dam and Parker Davis to serve customer demand. PWE is growing to support the Band and its future with a mix of onsite power generation, energy efficiency, and imported power.

Pechanga applauds DOE and the Office of Indian Energy for their continuing efforts to support and partner with Tribes across the Nation. We wish you a successful 2024 DOE Tribal Clean Energy Summit and thank you for the privilege of hosting this Summit.

Mark Macarro

Chairperson, Pechanga Band of Indians and President, National Congress of American Indians

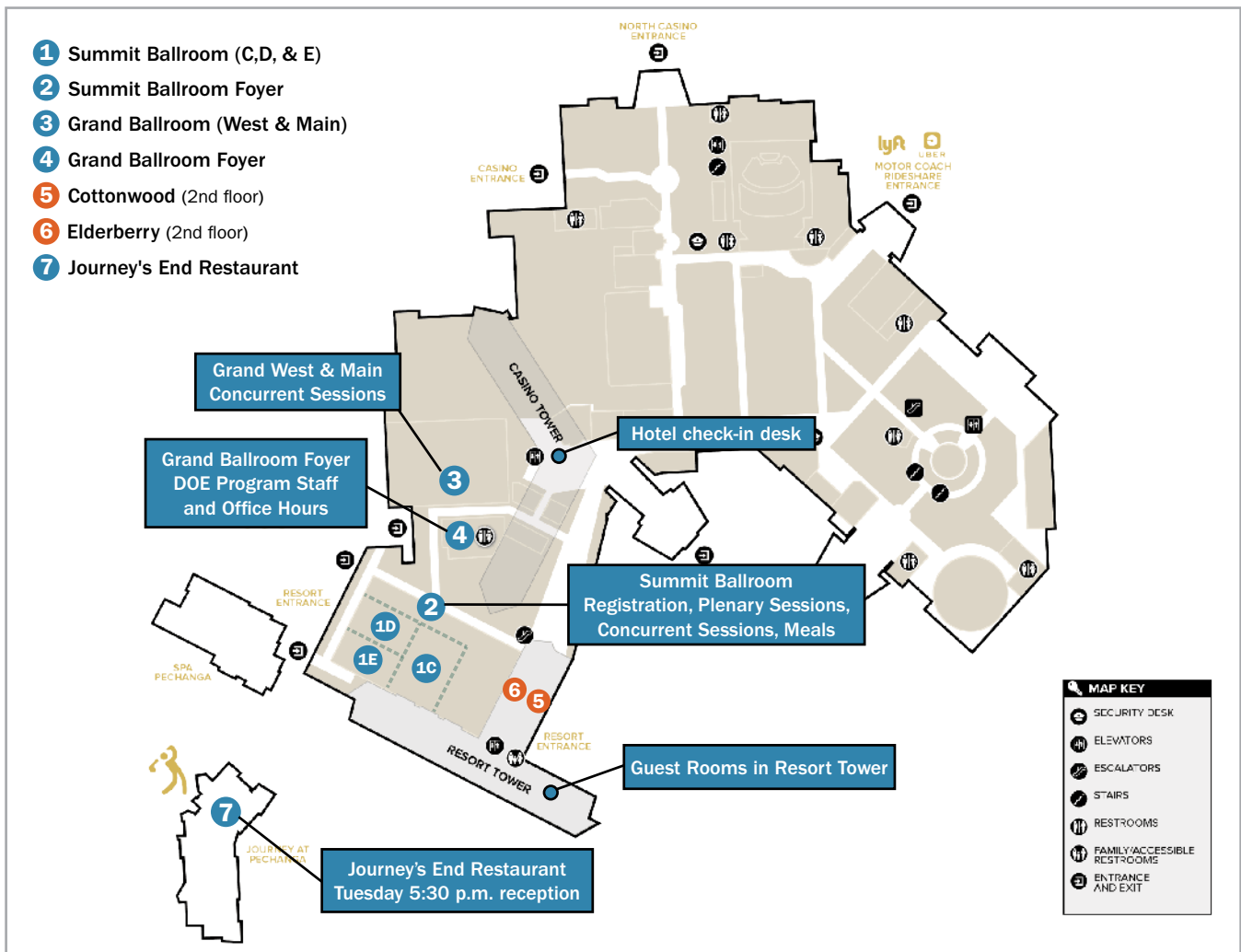
Welcome to the 2024 DOE Tribal Clean Energy Summit!



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Jennifer M. Granholm

Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy

Jennifer M. Granholm leads the U.S. Department of Energy's work to achieve President Biden's goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, while creating clean energy jobs and building an equitable economy. She oversees the Department's core missions to promote American leadership in scientific discovery, maintain the nuclear deterrent, and remediate the environmental harms caused by legacy defense programs. Previously, Granholm served two terms as governor of Michigan, and taught at University of California, Berkeley, where she focused on the intersection of law, clean energy, manufacturing, policy, and industry.



Wahleah Johns

(Navajo Nation/Diné), Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, U.S. Department of Energy

Wahleah Johns is responsible for advancing the Office of Indian Energy's mission to maximize the development and deployment of energy solutions to benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives. Her background is in renewable energy and community organizing, having co-founded Native Renewables, a nonprofit that builds renewable energy Tribal capacity while addressing energy access. Johns' work with the Black Mesa Water Coalition and Navajo Green Economy Coalition has led to groundbreaking legislative victories for groundwater protection, green jobs, and environmental justice.



Jana Schmieding

Emcee (Cheyenne River Lakota), Actor, Comedian, and Writer

Jana Schmieding is a Lakota Native actor, comedian, writer, and content creator. She is a vocal advocate of Indigenous visibility and social justice, reflected regularly in her comedy and writing. Schmieding is known for her breakout role as Reagan in Peacock's comedy series "Rutherford Falls," and is developing the comedy "Bonnie" for CBS. She has directed over 30 sketch and solo shows, collaborated in several indie writers' rooms, and has been featured in *New York Magazine's Vulture*, *NPR*, *Paste*, *Bustle*, *Bon Appétit*, and *Vanity Fair*.



Keishaa Austin

Acting Director,
Office of State and
Community Energy
Programs, U.S.
Department
of Energy

Keishaa Austin previously served as the director of external engagement for the Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure at DOE. Her deep experience in marketing, stakeholder engagement, and consumer outreach is complemented by policy expertise in grid planning and reliability, and renewable energy. Austin served as a senior public utilities regulatory analyst at the California Public Utilities Commission. At the Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia, she chaired the Distributed Energy Resources Committee for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.



Jeremiah Baumann

Director of Policy
and Implementation,
Office of the Under
Secretary for
Infrastructure,
U.S. Department
of Energy

Jeremiah Baumann’s previous roles at DOE include serving as chief of staff in the Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure, and as DOE’s deputy chief of staff. At Energy Innovation, he worked to build an equitable and just clean energy economy, and at Bloomberg Philanthropies he focused on state clean energy policies. As legislative director for Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Baumann helped create the Rural Energy Savings Program and worked with Oregon and California Tribes, farmers, and ranchers on water and energy management in the Klamath River Basin.



Jade Begay

(Tesuque Pueblo
and Diné),
Policy Expert and
Researcher

Jade Begay works at
the intersections of
Indigenous rights and
climate and environmental

justice, shaping national and international policy. Begay has worked with Indigenous-led organizations and Tribes from the Amazon to the Arctic to advance Indigenous-led solutions and self-determination through advocacy campaigns, research, storytelling, and narrative strategies. In 2021, she was appointed by President Biden to serve on the first-ever White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. Currently, Begay is a research fellow developing climate data on Native communities in the United States.



Sandra K. Begay

(Navajo Nation),
Principal Member of
the Technical Staff,
Sandia National
Laboratories

Sandra K. Begay holds
degrees in civil and

structural engineering and leads Sandia’s technical efforts to assist Native American Tribes with their renewable energy developments. Begay’s efforts to get solar panels and other energy solutions to hundreds of remote Tribal members on the Navajo reservation is profiled in the book Changing Our World: True Stories of Women Engineers. She is a former Regent (Trustee) for the University of New Mexico and previously worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.



Arpita Bhattacharyya

Climate Chief
Officer of Loan
Programs Office,
U.S. Department
of Energy

Arpita Bhattacharyya

works to reduce barriers and enable clean energy deployment to meet the Biden Administration's goals. Bhattacharyya was most recently chief of staff in the Office of the Deputy Secretary, where she engaged with the Office of Science, ARPA-E, and national laboratories. Previously, she worked in the private sector to bring low-emission food technology to market and developed commercial solar projects for Fortune 500 companies. Bhattacharyya has also worked closely with U.S. and international governments on collaborative climate partnerships at the Center for American Progress.



Heidi Binko

Chief Executive
Officer & Cofounder,
Just Transition Fund

Heidi Binko is responsible for the design and the overall strategic direction of the Just Transition Fund. With more than 17

years of philanthropic experience on climate, coal, and energy issues, she has worked with coal communities throughout the United States and in Australia. At Rockefeller Family Fund, Binko helped develop and grow the Institute of Energy Economics and Financial Analysis. She also served as co-chair of the board of directors of the Environmental Grantmakers Association and co-chair of the Climate and Energy Funders Group.



David F. Conrad

(Osage Nation),
Deputy Director,
Office of Indian
Energy Policy and
Programs, U.S.
Department
of Energy

David F. Conrad has 20 years of intergovernmental affairs experience in energy, environment, economic development, and natural and cultural resources. He represented the Department on federal interagency working groups such as Strong Cities, Strong Communities; improving Sacred Sites protection; and the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Conrad has coordinated Department-wide implementation of its federal Indian Policy, including strengthening relationships with Tribal governments on issues related to the Department's scientific, energy development, environmental cleanup, and national security mission.



Carla Frisch

Acting Executive
Director and
Principal Deputy
Director of Office
of Policy, U.S.
Department
of Energy

Carla Frisch works closely

with the White House and Capitol Hill on domestic energy and climate policy. She previously led the U.S. Program at RMI, focusing on state, city, and business climate action. Before joining RMI, Frisch worked at DOE for 10 years directing policy and analysis offices focused on climate and environment, energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean transportation, and electricity systems. Frisch has worked extensively on climate vulnerabilities and solutions, including on the National Climate Assessment and U.S. Midcentury Strategy.



Regina Galer
 Program Manager,
 Energy Improve-
 ments in Rural or
 Remote Areas, Office
 of Clean Energy
 Demonstrations,
 U.S. Department
 of Energy

Regina Galer is the program manager for the DOE Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas program. She joined DOE as a Nonproliferation Graduate Program Fellow in 2003, and proudly served in the National Nuclear Security Administration, which included tours in U.S. embassies in Pakistan and India and on the White House National Security Council staff, before joining OCED in 2022.



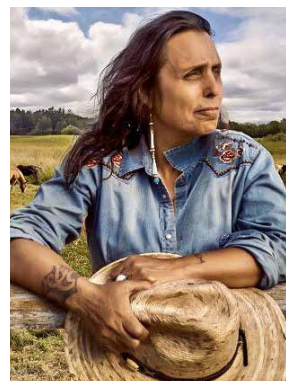
David Hochschild
 Chair of the
 California Energy
 Commission

David Hochschild's career has spanned public service, environmental advocacy, and the private sector. In 2001, he launched a \$100-million initiative to put solar panels on public buildings in San Francisco. He also cofounded the Vote Solar Initiative, a 60,000-member organization promoting solar policies at the local, state, and federal levels. Hochschild was executive director of a national consortium of solar manufacturers, and worked for five years at Solaria, a solar company in Silicon Valley. He also served as a commissioner at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.



Dr. Tommy Jones
 (Cherokee Nation/
 Naknek Native
 Village), Deployment
 Specialist, Office of
 Indian Energy Policy
 and Programs, U.S.
 Department of Energy

Dr. Tommy Jones is responsible for assisting the deployment supervisor with implementing the Office's deployment programs: Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance, and Education and Capacity Building. He has extensive experience working with Alaska Native and American Indian Tribes regarding governance, natural resources, and energy. Jones' numerous in-depth research projects have informed decision makers of actionable initiatives, and his published works discuss energy development in Indian Country. He is a Native shareholder of Bristol Bay Native Corporation of Alaska.



Winona LaDuke
 (Anishinaabe),
 Director of Research,
 Anishinaabe
 Agriculture Institute
 and Director of
 Strategy, Akiing

Winona LaDuke is a rural development economist, author, farmer, and activist who lives and works on the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota. LaDuke is director of research for the Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute and director of strategy for Akiing, a regional Anishinaabe community development initiative. She has been involved in several community-scale renewable energy projects and has worked extensively on energy policy and fossil fuels issues, providing testimony, writing, and assisting in the development of projects, particularly 8th Fire Solar, a solar thermal manufacturing facility.



Tracey A. LeBeau
(Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe),
Administrator and
CEO of Western Area
Power Administration

Tracey A. LeBeau leads a unique federal utility that

delivers low-cost hydropower from 57 hydroelectric plants, provides transmission services, and markets energy to nearly 700 wholesale customers across its 15-state footprint. An accomplished infrastructure executive, LeBeau has more than 20 years of experience in management, energy development, public-private partnerships, utility business operations, federal policy, and energy finance. She has served in executive capacities for numerous energy businesses, including an interstate natural gas pipeline, wind development company, and energy trading business.



Mark Macarro
(Pechanga Band of Indians), Tribal
Chairman of
Pechanga Band
of Indians

Mark Macarro was first elected to the Pechanga Tribal Council in 1992

and is currently serving in his 28th consecutive year as Tribal Chairman. Throughout his tenure, Macarro's vision for Pechanga has been to see Pechanga strengthen its Tribal sovereignty, political and governmental self-determination, and economic self-sufficiency while maintaining its distinct cultural identity. His accomplishments span Pechanga reservation land-back efforts; Pechanga-specific federal legislation; sacred sites protection; leadership in gaming; and infrastructure, health, education, and cultural leadership in the Pechanga community.



Sherry J. Parker
(Hualapai Indian Tribe), Tribal
Chairperson of
Hualapai Indian Tribe



Meryl Picard
(Bishop Paiute Tribe),
Tribal Chairwoman
of Bishop Paiute
Tribe

Meryl Picard has more than 10 years of professional experience in education and has a

strong passion for empowering people to achieve their goals. Picard served as the education director for the Bishop Paiute Tribe, where she worked closely with Bishop Unified Schools and the California Department of Education. As language manager for the Nüümü Yadoha Language Program, she played a key role in revitalizing the Paiute language. Picard was recently appointed to the U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.



Pi-Ta Pitt

(Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon),
General Manager of Pechanga Western Electric

Pi-Ta Pitt oversees the daily operations

of Pechanga Western Electric (PWE), which serves residential, governmental, and commercial customers on the Pechanga Indian Reservation. The first Tribal electric utility in California, PWE has provided cost-effective power to the Pechanga community since 2017. Pitt also oversees the output of the Pechanga Band's on-site power generation, Hoover Dam hydropower imports, and hydropower imports from the Parker Davis Dam in the Desert Southwest.



AlexAnna Salmon

(Yup'ik and Aleut),
President of Igiugig Village Council

AlexAnna Salmon is president of the Igiugig Village Council, a federally recognized Tribe

located at the headwaters of the Kvichak River in southwest Alaska. She is of Yup'ik and Aleut descent and was raised in the village of Igiugig, a community of 70 people. In 2019, under Salmon's stewardship, the village of Igiugig launched a 35-kilowatt hydrokinetic device to generate carbon-free electricity from the Kvichak River. She works for Igiugig Village Council and Alaska Venture Fund on sustainability initiatives through nationhood building.



Arlando Teller

(Navajo Nation),
Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs,
U.S. Department of Transportation

Arlando Teller entered the aviation industry as

the first Native American graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He advanced his career in airport planning and multimodal transportation projects, in addition to being a Tribal liaison for the California Department of Transportation. Returning home to the Navajo Nation, Teller served as the Deputy Division Director for the Navajo Nation's Division of Transportation, and then was elected State Representative for District 7 in the Arizona House of Representatives.



Indian Hill Singers

Indian Hill Singers is a northern style drum based out of Barstow, California.



DJ Willie Maze

(Muskogee, Tohono O’Odham, Akimel O’Odham, and Pilipino)
Willie Maze is an Oakland-based Native, DJ, Graffiti writer, artist, organizer, and defender of Mother Earth.

Monday, February 26, 2024

4:00–7:00 p.m.
Summit Ballroom Foyer

Registration

Pre-Summit Events

1:00–3:00 p.m.
Cottonwood

Tribal Q&A Session with the Loan Programs Office’s Tribal Energy Financing Program

Share your Tribal Nations’ concerns, goals, and insights regarding the Tribal Energy Finance Program. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Programs Office seeks to understand how Tribes intend to interact with energy project developers and outside financiers who would like to work alongside Tribes and use DOE financing.

3:00–5:00 p.m.
Elderberry

Tribal Listening Session: West Coast Offshore Wind

Share your concerns, goals, and insights on this topic to help federal agencies better serve Tribal needs and establish pathways for successful collaboration. Hosted by the DOE Grid Deployment Office (GDO) and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. This session is only open to Tribal elected leaders and Tribal employees.

7:00–8:30 p.m.
Grand Ballroom Main

Film screening of “Covenant of the Salmon People”

The Nez Perce Tribe teeters on the brink of a biodiversity and cultural crisis. Watch as their fight continues to restore and recover wild Chinook salmon to their historic numbers. Nez Perce Tribal representatives will offer opening comments, as well as conduct Q&A discussion following the film. Snacks and refreshments provided!

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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| 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Summit Ballroom Foyer | Registration |
| Opening Ceremonies and Plenary Session | |
| 7:30–8:30 a.m. Summit C | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30–8:45 a.m. Summit C | Welcome DJ: Willie Maze Posting of the Colors: Native American Veterans Association Drum group: Indian Hill Singers (flag song) |
| 8:45–9:00 a.m. Summit C | Introducing our Emcee Jana Schmieding (Cheyenne River Lakota), Actor, Comedian, and Writer |
| 9:00–9:15 a.m. Summit C | Host Tribal Leader Welcome Mark Macarro (Pechanga Band of Indians), Chairperson, Pechanga Band of Indians and President, National Congress of American Indians |
| 9:15–9:30 a.m. Summit C | Supporting Tribal Energy Sovereignty Wahleah Johns (Navajo Nation/Diné), Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy |
| 9:30–10:00 a.m. Summit C | Keynote Speaker Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy |
| 10:00–10:15 a.m. Summit C | Pechanga Energy Vision: Pathway to Energy Sovereignty Pi-Ta Pitt (Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon), General Manager, Pechanga Western Electric |
| 10:15–10:40 a.m. Summit C | Energy Transition: Indian Country Leading the Way! Moderator: Dr. Tommy Jones (Cherokee Nation/Naknek Native Village), Deployment Specialist, DOE Office of Indian Energy • Sherry J. Parker (Hualapai Indian Tribe), Chairperson, Hualapai Indian Tribe • AlexAnna Salmon (Yup'ik and Aleut), Council President, Igiugig Village • Meryl Picard (Bishop Paiute Tribe), Chairwoman, Bishop Paiute Tribe |
| 10:40–11:00 a.m. Summit C | Networking Activity (at your table) |
| 11:00–11:15 a.m. Summit C | Keynote Speaker David Hochschild, Chair, California Energy Commission |
| 11:15–11:30 a.m. Summit C | Keynote Speaker Tracey LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe), Administrator and CEO, Western Area Power Administration |
| 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables | Break Meet with DOE program staff |
| 12:00–1:00 p.m. Summit C | Lunch and Keynote Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe), Director of Research, Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute and Director of Strategy, Akiing |
| 1:00–1:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables | Break Meet with DOE program staff |

Concurrent Sessions

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| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Summit D</p> | <p>Novel Clean Energy Pathways to Economic Resilience</p> <p>Moderator: Elisah VandenBussche, Policy Analyst, DOE Office of Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Wheeler (Nez Perce Tribe), Chairman, Nez Perce Tribe • Erin Dayl, Tribal Business Development Director, Seneca Nation/Seneca Environmental • Ray Wiseman, General Manager, Yakama Nation/Yakama Power • Tracy Niro, Utility Partnerships Program Manager and Federal Utility Partnership Working Group Chair, DOE Federal Energy Management Program |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Summit E</p> | <p>Strategic Energy Planning: The Cornerstone for Clean Energy Deployment</p> <p>Moderator: Mike Stevenson, Technical Assistance Lead, DOE Office of Indian Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keolani Booth (Metlakatla Indian Community), Councilman, Metlakatla Indian Community • Jerry Hauber, Energy Manager, Forest County Potawatomi Community • Catherine Adsitt, Director of Land Use, Gun Lake Tribe • Brian Lipscomb (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Chief Executive Officer, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation/Energy Keepers • Liz Weber, Senior Program Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Grand West</p> | <p>Tribal Perspectives on a Sustainable, Domestic Critical Minerals Supply Chain</p> <p>Moderator: Matt Dannenberg (Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Senior Tribal Liaison, DOE Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Fox (Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation), Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation • Kelly Applegate (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), Commissioner of Natural Resources, Millie Lacs Band of Ojibwe • Corey Carmack (Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation), Tribal Liaison, DOE Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Grand Main</p> | <p>Going Big: Unlocking Tribal Utility-Scale Renewable Energy Projects</p> <p>Host: Johanna Zetterberg, Senior Advisor, DOE Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure Moderator: Pilar Thomas (Pascua Yaqui Tribe), Partner, Quarles & Brady's Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Practice Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Myers (Moapa Band of Paiute Indians), Chairwoman, Moapa Band of Paiute Indians • Vickie Simmons (Moapa Band of Paiute Indians), Vice-Chairman, Moapa Band of Paiute Indians • Ron Suppah (Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon), Vice Chair, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon/Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises • Timothy Nuvangyaoma (Hopi Tribe), Chairman, Hopi Tribe • PoQueen Rivera (Pueblo of Pojoaque), Director of Tribal Affairs, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council • Rachel McNamara, Director of Outreach and Assistance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Office of Public Participation |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables</p> | <p>DOE Program Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, DOE Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) • Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program, DOE SCEP • Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program, DOE GDO • Elective Pay Opportunities for Tribes and Tax-Exempt entities, DOE Office of Policy • Tribal Energy Financing Program, DOE Loan Programs Office |
| <p>3:00–3:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables</p> | <p>Break</p> <p>Meet DOE program staff</p> |

Concurrent Sessions

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| <p>3:30–5:00 p.m. Summit D</p> | <p>Navigating New Horizons: Tribal Perspectives on Offshore Wind</p> <p>Moderator: Mark Severy, Advisor, DOE Grid Deployment Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Ellis Jr. (Makah Indian Tribe), Councilman and Treasurer, Makah Indian Tribe • Michael Gerace (Yurok Tribe), Director of Planning and Community Development, Yurok Tribe • Linnea Jackson (Hoopa Valley Tribe), General Manager, Hoopa Valley Tribe/Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District • Dave Ball, Pacific Region Tribal and Indigenous Communities Liaison, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management |
| <p>3:30–5:00 p.m. Summit E</p> | <p>How to Bring Your Clean Energy Project to Market</p> <p>Moderator: Mike Stevenson, Technical Assistance Lead, DOE Office of Indian Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yekaterina (Katya) Karankevich, Project Manager for Rural Energy, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium • Ingemar Mathiasson, Renewable Energy Manager, Northwest Arctic Borough • Margie Schaff, Partner/Attorney, Native Energy Resources Counsel • Anthony Giacobbe, General Manager, Seneca Nation/Seneca Energy and Telecom • Pi-Ta Pitt (Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon), General Manager, Pechanga Western Electric |
| <p>3:30–5:00 p.m. Grand West</p> | <p>Residential Solar and Energy Efficiency Success Stories in Tribal Communities</p> <p>Moderator: Carrie Nelson, Policy Analyst, DOE Office of Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruno Zagar, Energy Projects Manager, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa • Clyde Abrahamson (Spokane Tribe of Indians), Development Manager, Spokane Tribe of Indians • William Walksalong (Northern Cheyenne Tribe), Senior Advisor, Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Arash N. Moalemi (Navajo Nation), Deputy General Manager, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Generation, Inc. • Eddie Dellamary, Rural Energy Specialist, Tanana Chiefs Conference • Dr. Tommy Jones (Cherokee Nation/Naknek Native Village), Deployment Specialist, DOE Office of Indian Energy • Iris Friday (Tlingit), Native American Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs • Karen Zelmar, Program Manager, DOE Office of State and Community Energy Programs |
| <p>3:30–5:00 p.m. Grand Main</p> | <p>Demystifying Federal Loans and Incentives to Launch Into Your Clean Energy Future</p> <p>Moderator: Arpita Bhattacharyya, Chief Climate Officer, DOE Loan Programs Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesse Leighton (Nez Perce Tribe), Executive Director, Nez Perce Tribe/Nimiipuu Energy • James Colombe (Rosebud Sioux Tribe/Nez Perce Tribe), Policy Advisor, U.S. Treasury Office of Tribal and Native Affairs • Clare Sierawski, Senior Energy Counselor, U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Development • Suleman Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Swell Energy • Simon Bunyan, Management and Program Analyst, Minority Business and Workforce Division within the DOE Office of Economic Impact and Diversity |
| <p>3:30–5:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables</p> | <p>DOE Program Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, DOE SCEP • Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program, DOE SCEP • Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program, DOE GDO |
| <h2 style="background-color: #d9e1f2;">Reception</h2> | |
| <p>5:30–7:00 p.m. Journey's End Restaurant</p> | <p>Reception</p> <p>All summit attendees are invited! Join us to relax, reconnect, and enjoy light refreshments and entertainment from DJ Willie Maze, while networking (no host bar).</p> |
| <p>7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Dinner (on your own)</p> |

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| 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Summit Ballroom Foyer | Registration |
| Plenary Session | |
| 7:30–8:30 a.m. Summit C | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30–9:00 a.m. Summit C | Emcee Keynote Jana Schmieding (Cheyenne River Lakota), Actor, Comedian, and Writer |
| 9:00–9:15 a.m. Summit C | Keynote Speaker David Conrad (Osage Nation), Deputy Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy |
| 9:15–9:30 a.m. Summit C | Achieving Climate Goals Together: Recent Progress on Clean Energy Goals Carla Frisch, Acting Executive Director and Principal Deputy Director, DOE Office of Policy |
| 9:30–10:00 a.m. Summit C | Fireside Chat with the Office of Infrastructure: Supporting Tribal Led Transformational Clean Energy Projects Moderator: Jeremiah Baumann, Director of Policy and Implementation, DOE Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keishaa Austin, Acting Director, DOE Office of State and Community Energy Programs• Regina Galer, Program Manager, Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas, DOE Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations• Arpita Bhattacharyya, Chief Climate Officer, DOE Loan Programs Office |
| 10:00–10:15 a.m. Summit C | Keynote Speaker Arlando Teller (Navajo Nation), Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation |
| 10:15–10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45–11:15 a.m. Summit C | Working Together for a Just Transition Moderator: Wahleah Johns (Navajo/Diné), Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heidi Binko, Chief Executive Officer & Cofounder, Just Transition Fund• Rowena Cheromiah (Navajo Nation), Minerals Department, Navajo Nation• Sandra K. Begay (Navajo Nation), Principal Member of the Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories |
| 11:15–11:30 a.m. Summit C | Networking Activity (at your table) |
| 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables | Break Meet with DOE program staff |
| 12:00–1:00 p.m. Summit C | Lunch and Keynote Jade Begay (Tesuque Pueblo and Diné), Policy Expert and Researcher |
| 1:00–1:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables | Break Meet with DOE program staff |

Concurrent Sessions

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| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Summit D</p> | <p>Building Energy Expertise in Indian Country: An Interactive Policy and Programming Brainstorming Workshop</p> <p>Host: Raymond “Studie” RedCorn (Osage Nation), Policy Analyst, DOE Office of Indian Energy</p> |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Summit E</p> | <p>Illuminating Paths to Successful Tribal Community Energy Projects</p> <p>Moderator: Tweedie Doe, Project Officer, DOE Office of Indian Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Wiggins Jr. (Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Natural Resource Department Deputy Director, Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians • Amanda Toerdal, Pilgrim Hot Springs General Manager, Kawerak, Inc. • John Flores, Environmental Department Director, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians • Kevin Davidson, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Hualapai Indian Tribe • Josh Gregory, Project Officer, DOE Office of Indian Energy |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Grand West</p> | <p>H2Hubs on the West Coast</p> <p>Moderator: Brian O’Donnchadha, Tribal Liaison, DOE Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bo Mazzetti (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians), Chairman, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians • Kent Caputo, Senior Advisor, Cowlitz Indian Tribe • Zoe Higheagle Strong (Nez Perce Tribe), Vice Provost for Native American Relations and Programs & Tribal Liaison to the President, Washington State University • Kate McAteer, Vice Chancellor, Washington State University • Jennifer Summers, Director of Tribal Relations and Land Services, San Diego Gas & Electric • Miguel Romero, Chief Commercial Officer, San Diego Gas & Electric • Andrea Doyle, Manager of External Affairs & Tribal Relations, AltaGas • Charles Merriam, Project Officer, DOE Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Grand Main</p> | <p>Roadmap to a Zero-Emission Transportation Future</p> <p>Moderator: Alycia Gilde, National Manager for Zero Emission Vehicle Partnerships and Engagements, DOE Vehicle Technologies Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace McGinnis, Technology Manager, DOE Vehicle Technologies Office • Shelbi Small, Tribal Nations Technical Assistance Lead, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation • Robert Blake (Red Lake Nation), Executive Director, Native Sun Community Power Development • John Flores, Environmental Department Director, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians • Jaime Lemus, Transportation and Climate Change Division Manager, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District • Falisha Lucas, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, CALSTART |
| <p>1:30–3:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables</p> | <p>DOE Program Office Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, DOE SCEP • Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program, DOE SCEP • Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program, DOE GDO • Tribal Nation Offshore Wind Technical Assistance Program, DOE GDO Transmission Division • Tribal Energy Financing Program, DOE Loan Programs Office |
| <p>3:00–3:30 p.m. Grand Ballroom Foyer tables</p> | <p>Break</p> <p>Meet DOE program staff</p> |

Closing Plenary Session

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| 3:30-3:45 p.m. Summit C | Closing Remarks Wahleah Johns (Navajo/Diné), Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy |
| 3:45-4:15 p.m. Summit C | Round Dance Drum Indian Hill Singers |
| 4:15-4:30 p.m. Summit C | Retiring of the Colors Native American Veterans Association Drum Indian Hill Singers |

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - Breakout Session Descriptions

Novel Clean Energy Pathways to Economic Resilience

Hear ways Tribes are leveraging clean energy to bring additional economic development and resilience to Indian Country. Topics will include federal procurement, virtual power plants, selling renewable energy certificates, and creative energy storage solutions.

Strategic Energy Planning: The Cornerstone for Clean Energy Deployment

A strategic energy plan is a medium- to long-term roadmap that can focus and guide efforts toward a defined, and broadly accepted, energy vision. This exercise of bringing the community together and coming to consensus around the community's energy vision, priorities, and goals can be extremely valuable. Hear from Tribes that have utilized strategic energy plans as cornerstones for clean energy deployment and about DOE resources to support your strategic plan!

Tribal Perspectives on a Sustainable, Domestic Critical Minerals Supply Chain

The path to hitting our climate goals requires critical minerals, many of which are found near Tribal communities. If the United States is going to develop new critical minerals domestically, it needs to find a new pathway that acknowledges sins of the past, is inclusive to local Native American communities, encourages the financial participation of Tribal governments, and provides a legitimate social license to operate. This session will highlight experiences of Tribal governments on the frontlines and facilitate discussions on how Tribes and the federal government can collaborate toward mutual goals.

Going Big: Unlocking Tribal Utility-Scale Renewable Energy Projects

Tribes are increasingly exploring opportunities for utility-scale clean energy projects that can provide sustained economic development opportunities. In this session, Tribes will share their project development experience including partnership structures, financing, and community benefits. We will also discuss clean energy resource potential on Tribal lands, transmission system considerations, and the challenges and opportunities of utility-scale projects.

Navigating New Horizons: Tribal Perspectives on Offshore Wind

A panel of Tribal and federal representatives will discuss a range of offshore wind topics, from initial planning to generation and transmission, as well as different Tribal Nations' experiences. The second part of the session will be an interactive workshop focused on offshore wind transmission – getting energy from turbines to communities. Share your input with DOE and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management staff to help create recommended actions to support the connection of clean, reliable power to communities.

How to Bring Your Clean Energy Project to Market

There is no one-size-fits-all solution to bring a clean energy project to market – each is unique! Learn how several Tribes have achieved this – through utility formation, purchase agreements, partnerships or somewhere in between – and find available resources to support the best path forward for your Tribe.

Residential Solar and Energy Efficiency Success Stories in Tribal Communities

Listen to success stories from Tribes about residential solar and energy efficiency projects, paired with federal agency information on current and future funding opportunities and technical assistance.

Demystifying Federal Loans and Incentives to Launch into Your Clean Energy Future

Hear from and discuss how Tribes across the country are utilizing U.S. Department of the Treasury tax incentives and loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the DOE Loan Programs Office to power their clean energy projects.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - Breakout Session Descriptions

Building Energy Expertise in Indian Country: An Interactive Policy and Programming Brainstorming Workshop

Join this interactive session and envision a strategy to grow Indian Country's staff capacity on energy issues! Through small group discussions, identify key skill sets needed and where capacity investments can have the greatest impacts on Tribal energy sovereignty. This session is open to all attendees, including Tribes, policy makers, nonprofits, and federal staff. (Note: DOE does not endorse policies that are proposed at, or evolve from, these discussions.)

Illuminating Paths to Successful Tribal Community Energy Projects

Successful projects don't suddenly appear; they require planning, development, and flexibility. Tribal project representatives will share their project steps and challenges, as well as how they are overcoming obstacles to realize energy projects on Tribal lands and achieve long-term benefits for the community. Bonus: Top tips from the Office of Indian Energy on successfully navigating the application process!

H2Hubs On the West Coast

One of the programs created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and assigned to the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations is for regional hydrogen hubs (H2Hubs). The Pacific Northwest H2Hub will describe the planning process leading up to their application for federal funding that resulted in prominent Tribal involvement and Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians will discuss the "node" located on their reservation in southern California and their vision for the future.

Roadmap to a Zero-Emission Transportation Future

The path toward advancing zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and infrastructure is different for each Tribal community. With significant investments, emerging technologies, tools, and partnerships, Tribal communities can realize their zero-emission transportation future. Representatives from Tribal leadership, government and nonprofit organizations will discuss coordinating and developing a ZEV roadmap through innovative approaches and deployment best practices that take a holistic approach to successful ZEV implementation.

On-site DOE Program Office Hours

No appointments needed! Meet with DOE staff during the Summit to get information and advice to move your clean energy projects forward. Staff will be available at times noted in the agenda at the bistro tables in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.

Tribal Energy Financing Program

Staff from the Loan Programs Office will be available to discuss how Tribes can access capital through the Tribal Energy Financing Program, which has up to \$20 billion available exclusively for Tribes and Tribal Economic Development Organizations to large-scale energy projects.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

Receive application assistance for this flexible formula program. All 774 Tribes and Alaska Native Villages are eligible for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$152,090. Funds can be used for energy planning, efficiency upgrades in public and private buildings, and more. SCEP staff can answer questions and discuss potential project ideas, alternative application options, and detailed application support.

Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program

Find out more from SCEP about the \$225 million available for Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates. This program funds Tribal governments and Alaska Native entities to provide up to \$14,000 per eligible household for energy efficiency and electrification home upgrades.

Elective Pay Opportunities for Tribes and Tax-Exempt Entities

Learn answers to procedural questions about clean energy tax credits and how Tribes can claim them through a new mechanism called elective pay – cash for clean energy. (Please note that the Office of Policy will not be able to provide tax advice on specific projects.)

Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program

Get grant application assistance from GDO. Staff will answer questions regarding the program and provide guidance on the application process. Applications are open until April 17, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. ET and allocations are available for each federally recognized Indian Tribe through this grant ranging from \$84,000 to \$5 million.

Tribal Nation Offshore Wind Technical Assistance Program

Find out more about offshore wind technical assistance opportunities from the DOE GDO Transmission Division.



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