



## INF & NCR BI-MONTHLY MEETING

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**April 9th, 2025 | 2:00-3:00 PM**

Presenter(s) Pending

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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### [Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership \(ORLP\) Program](#)

Provides funding for economically disadvantaged urban communities with no, or almost no, access to publicly available, close-by, outdoor recreation. Funds can be used for the acquisition and/or development of, or to substantially renovate, public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces.

- **Deadline: March 11, 2025**
- California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services

### [California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program – Solicitation 2](#)

Available grant funds for projects that will strategically deploy publicly accessible, high-powered, direct current fast charger infrastructure to support electric vehicle travel along major corridors of the state highway system to significantly expand the EV charging infrastructure along these corridors, contributing to the national charging network.

- **Deadline: March 17, 2025**
- California Energy Commission

### [Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants](#)

Funds planning and implementation projects that serve California Native American Tribes and advance wildfire resilience, forest health, and cultural use of fire. These projects address critical needs in tribal communities, and may include cultural and prescribed burns, forest and wildfire resilience projects, forest health projects, workforce development and training, mapping projects, development of restoration, fire, or forest management plans, and environmental compliance and permitting.

- **Deadline: March 28, 2025**
- CalFire

### **2025 Federal Funding Account Application Resources**

A limited opportunity to submit broadband last mile Federal Funding Account applications in the six counties that did not receive the awards in Round 1 of funding, which closed on February 20, 2025.

- **Eligible Counties:** Calaveras, Contra Costa, Inyo, Monterey, Orange, & Trinity.
  - A CPUC communication will specify the date and time of the opening and closing of the 2025 Federal Funding Account application window.
  - **Plan for an expedited two-week application submission period.**
- California Public Utilities Commission

### **Fast & Available Charging for All Californians**

Funds projects that will deploy fast electric vehicle charging infrastructure for the public. This solicitation is open to all public and private entities with a business presence in California, including California Native American Tribes, and California Tribal Organizations serving California Native American Tribes. Applications must include a minimum 50 percent total match share for this solicitation.

- **Deadline: March 31, 2025**
- California Energy Commission

### **Rural & Tribal Assistance Pilot Program**

Grants are awarded for planning and design phase activities to develop transportation projects in rural or tribal communities. Grants support hiring staff or firms to provide technical, legal, or financial assistance for transportation projects eligible for select Department of Transportation discretionary grant or credit programs and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants.

- **Deadline: April 3, 2025 4:59 pm EST**
- US Department of Transportation

### **Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (2025)**

Provides funds for projects that lead to process-based restoration, enhancement, or protection of anadromous salmonid habitat. Proposal applications will be accepted for the types of projects listed below, subject to the funding program criteria.

- Priority 1 Projects restore, enhance, or protect salmonid habitat in anadromous watersheds through implementation or pre-implementation design projects.
- Priority 2 projects support implementation projects through watershed-scale planning and effectiveness monitoring.
- Priority 3 Projects support implementation projects through planning, outreach, and/or education.
- **Deadline: April 17, 2025**
- CA Department of Fish & Wildlife

### **Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program**

Federal funding for states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and within NFIP-participating communities.

- **Deadline: April 18, 2025**
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

### **FY 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC)**

Available federal funds to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments for hazard mitigation activities, including:

- Capability and Capacity-Building
- Hazard Mitigation Projects
- Management Costs
- BRIC Direct Technical Assistance
- **Deadline: April 18, 2025**
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

### **Wood Products & Bioenergy Program**

CalFIRE is soliciting applications for California business and workforce development projects that support healthy, resilient forests and the people and ecosystems that depend on them. This program supports a robust and diversified wood products industry to facilitate the economic and sustainable management of California's forests.

- **Deadline: April 25, 2025**
- CalFIRE

### **2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program**

Prioritizes projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports while advancing DOT's priorities in greenhouse gas reduction; incorporating evidence-based climate resilience measures; preventing adverse environmental impacts to air or water quality, wetlands, and endangered species; and addressing the disproportionate negative environmental impacts on disadvantaged communities.

- **Deadline: April 30, 2025**
- US Department of Transportation

### **Coastal Habitat Restoration & Resilience Grants for Tribes & Underserved Communities**

Supports opportunities for tribes, tribal entities, and underserved communities to engage in coastal habitat restoration activities. Funding will prioritize capacity building, meaningful engagement, and restoration project activities that enhance resilience and have the greatest potential to lead to habitat restoration in coastal, estuarine, and marine areas.

- **Deadline: May 12, 2025**
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### **Equity & Access Public Participation (PP) Grant**

This program is intended to remove financial and capacity-based barriers to participation while creating a flexible and accessible process to apply for and receive compensation. Organizations are compensated for their time for participating in day-to-day CPUC activities that drive and influence policy decisions.

- **Deadline: June 30, 2025**
- CA Public Utilities Commission

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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### [North Coast Resource Partnership \(NCRP\) | Request for Technical Assistance Proposals](#)

Available technical Assistance (TA) to Tribes and economically disadvantaged communities to support project development and grant applications for projects that improve forest health, increase wildfire resilience, and help communities and ecosystems adapt to climate change. TA may include project and grant development, including activities that directly support grant applications such as design/planning, site assessment, mapping, GIS analysis, permitting, environmental compliance, project benefits quantification, and cost estimates.

- **Proposals are reviewed and awards are considered quarterly: February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1.**
- Tribal applicants please contact the NCRP Tribal Engagement team:
  - **Sherri Norris**, [sherri@cieaweb.org](mailto:sherri@cieaweb.org), 510-848-2043
  - **Javier Silva**, [jsilva9806@gmail.com](mailto:jsilva9806@gmail.com)
- Non-Tribal applicants contact Rose Roberts:  
[roberts@northcoastresourcepartnership.org](mailto:roberts@northcoastresourcepartnership.org)

## EVENTS & WEBINARS

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### [Western Joshua Tree Workshop Meetings](#)

These meetings will provide clarity on the [Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act](#), Incidental Take Permits, and the [Western Joshua Tree Conservation Plan](#) released on November 22, 2024. They will provide a brief overview, summary of comments, anticipated changes to the Conservation Plan, and an open public forum.

- **March 10, 2025, 10:00 and 3:00**

### [The 2025 California Fire Science Seminar Series — California Fire Science Consortium](#)

The 2025 California Fire Science Consortium is hosting virtual presentations and discussions on emerging fire science topics from a diverse range of topics and speakers. Current event dates and topics are:

- **March 11, 2025:** Lessons learned from L.A.
- **March 18, 2025:** Untrammeling the wilderness: Restoring natural conditions through the return of human-ignited fire
- **March 19, 2025:** Modelling wildfires: key issues, new approaches, remaining challenges

### [California Water Plan Resource Management Strategies Release Webinar](#)

The final California Water Plan Update 2023 Resource Management Strategies have been released. An updated a set of resource management strategies (RMS) that help local agencies and governments manage their water and related resources have been released. An RMS can be a technique, program, or policy that can be used to meet water-related management needs of a region and the state as a whole. The California Water Plan Team will provide an overview of the updated RMS.

- **March 18, 2025, 10:00 – 12:00**
- [Register in advance here.](#)

### **Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool Overview and Tutorial, Small Water Systems**

The Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool provides foundational statewide data and information to help counties assess drought and water shortage vulnerability for small water systems. DWR will provide an overview of the tool's features and underlying data, and demonstrate how to navigate and apply the tool to commonly asked questions.

- **April 2, 2025, 9:00 - 10:30**
- [Register in advance here.](#)

### **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) CASF Annual Public Workshop 2025**

The CPUC will hold its annual public workshop to facilitate collaboration among regional consortia, stakeholders, local governments, existing facility-based broadband providers, and consumers, regarding cost-effective strategies to reach unserved areas.

- [Link to CPUC's Annual Public Workshop Webcast](#)
- Please address all questions and comments to [CASF\\_Workshop@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Workshop@cpuc.ca.gov)
- **April 9, 2025, 10:00 – 2:00**

### **2025 Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Conference**

Join the ASFPM at the world's largest and most comprehensive floodplain management conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. With the conference theme of "Extraordinary Lessons Below Sea Level: 20 Years of Innovation" the conference features plenary speakers, workshops, and discussions on the latest advancements in flood mapping, mitigation, modeling, nature-based solutions, and more.

- **Event: May 18-22, 2025**
- Early bird registration by April 1<sup>st</sup>

## **TOOLS & RESOURCES**

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### **Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool**

This tool provides foundational statewide data and information to help counties assess drought and water shortage vulnerability for domestic wells and state small water systems, which is required as part of their County Drought Resilience Plans. The Tool incorporates the following:

- [Water Shortage Vulnerability Sections](#): Analysis performed by DWR using modified PLSS sections pulled from the Well Completion Report PLSS Section Summaries.
- [i07 Water Shortage Social Vulnerability Block Group](#): Analysis performed by DWR using Census 2021 block groups as the unit of analysis.
- [Water Shortage Vulnerability Technical Methods](#): This is a 2024 version of the technical methods for the water shortage vulnerability analysis for small water systems and separately for domestic wells and state smalls as required by Senate Bill 552. Published on December 15, 2024 and January 14, 2025.

### **NFIP Technical Bulletin 2 - Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements**

FEMA is releasing the *NFIP Technical Bulletin 2 Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements* for buildings located in special flood hazard areas in accordance with the NFIP. This Technical Bulletin provides guidance on the NFIP's requirements on the use of construction materials that are resistant to flood damage in Special Flood Hazard Areas.



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