



Reclamation awards \$10.3 million to 26 Tribes for drought response water projects

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The Bureau of Reclamation announced today that 26 Tribes in 12 states will receive \$10.3 million through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program. This will help support Native American Tribes in their efforts to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of drought.

"This funding is part of the Department's continued commitment to partner with and uphold our trust responsibilities to Tribal nations," **said Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Tanya Trujillo**. "Tribal nations will use this funding to help develop longer-term measures to respond to drought and climate change, including building more resilient communities and protecting the natural environment."

Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program provides technical assistance to Native American Tribes to develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. The program has supported a broad range of activities each year since its inception in the early 1990s. This year's awards focus on assisting Tribes with enhanced drought preparedness, mitigating drought impacts, increasing the efficiency of water deliveries, increasing drought resiliency, and reducing reliance on declining water sources.

The Department of the Interior has made several investments to help mitigate effects of drought in the West. This includes a significant increase in funding for the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program to help Tribal communities affected by historic drought conditions increase water supply sustainability and drought resiliency.

"Water year 2022 was one of the most hydrologically challenging years to date. This funding will help facilitate partnerships with Tribes and Tribal organizations as they address severe and continued drought conditions affecting their critical water resources," **said Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton**. "Reclamation is committed to partnering with Native American Tribes and Tribal nations on these important water resources issues."

The funding will be provided to tribes as grants or cooperative agreements. The projects selected are:

Arizona

- Yavapai Apache Drought Resilience and Preparedness Project, \$500,000
- White Mountain Apache Documenting and Quantifying Water Resource Data, \$245,000

California

- Colusa Rancheria Parker Irrigation Canal Rehabilitation, \$497,000
- Coyote Valley Water Resource Data Collection, \$373,000
- Big Valley Rancheria Storage Tank Rehabilitation and Upgrades, \$300,000
- Middletown Rancheria Aquifer Characterization Study, \$293,000
- Mesa Grande Groundwater Resource Development, Phase 2, \$268,000
- LaPosta Band Wetlands Reclamation and Water Quality Enhancement, \$181,000
- Agua Caliente Water Demand Study, \$61,000

Colorado

- Southern Ute Pine River Canal Long Crested Weir Replacement, \$500,000

Idaho

- Shoshone-Paiute Stock Watering Pond Rehabilitation, \$500,000 (Oregon/Idaho)
- Shoshone-Bannock Water Storage Tank Re-Coating, \$494,000

Nevada

- Fort McDermitt Water Resource Data Collection, \$368,000
- Pyramid Lake Water Resource Evaluation and Assessment, \$215,000

New Mexico

- Acoma Pueblo Phase III Sandoval Ditch Repair, \$499,000
- Sandia Pueblo Acequia Lateral Ditch Relining, \$445,000
- Santa Ana Pueblo South Desawa Ditch Concrete Relining, \$434,000
- Laguna Pueblo Ditch Reconstruction, \$420,000
- Santa Clara Pueblo Main Ditch Reconstruction Phase 2, \$300,000

North/South Dakota

- Rosebud Sioux Big White River Booster Station Replacement, \$500,000 (South Dakota)
- Standing Rock Sioux Water Supply Distribution System Upgrades, \$495,000 (North/South Dakota)
- Lower Brule Sioux Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator Replacement, \$289,000 (South Dakota)
- Lower Brule Sioux Water Meter Installation, \$201,000 (South Dakota)

Oklahoma

- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Water Transmission Main Install, \$500,000
- Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma Water Resource Development, \$428,000

Utah

- Ute Tribe Water System Improvements, \$500,000

Washington

- Spokane Hatchery Water Reuse Infrastructure, \$500,000

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Reclamation awards \$3 million to 17 Tribes for water projects

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WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Reclamation announced today that 17 Tribes in eight states will receive \$3 million to support water management projects. The Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program supports Tribes through projects including water need studies, water quality data collection and assessments, and water measurement studies.

"Reclamation is committed to working with Tribes and Tribal organizations as they develop, manage and protect their water resources," said **Acting Commissioner David Palumbo**. "This funding will help Tribes and Tribal Nations as they address the long-term drought and meet their critical water needs."

This program provides Tribes financial assistance to implement projects to support their water management projects. This investment will complement the funding provided by Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's investments to support Tribal communities and ensure they have the resources they need to bolster climate resilience and develop their water resources.

The Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program is one part of how Reclamation is responding to drought and climate change across the West as part of the White House Interagency Drought Relief Working Group, part of the National Climate Task Force created by President Biden's [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#). The working group, chaired by the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, is working to build upon existing resources and coordinate across the federal government, working in partnership with state, local, and Tribal governments to address the needs of communities suffering from drought-related impacts.

Projects

The funding will be provided to the Tribes as grants or cooperative agreements. The projects selected are:

- Fort McDowell Pumping System Replacement, \$200,000 (Arizona)
- Fort Mojave Tribe Irrigation Pump Replacement, \$200,000 (Arizona)
- San Carlos Apache Water Metering Project, \$200,000 (Arizona)

- Big Valley Band Planning for Water Recycling/Reuse, \$199,563 (California)
- Chemehuevi Tribe Capacity Building, \$10,000 (California)
- Paskenta Band Water Resource Management Plan, \$192,921 (California)
- Robinson Rancheria Water Resource Planning, \$191,695 (California)
- Fort Belknap Indian Community Stock Watering Well Assessment, \$200,000 (Montana)
- Ponca Tribe Water Quality Baseline Assessment, \$197,779 (Nebraska)
- Walker River Paiute Tribe Climate Resilience Planning, \$200,000 (Nevada)
- Chickasaw Nation Irrigation System Efficiencies, \$190,000 (Oklahoma)
- Choctaw Nation Livestock Watering Improvements, \$108,504 (Oklahoma)
- Kiowa Tribe Groundwater Investigation, \$200,000 (Oklahoma)
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Farm Pond Restoration, \$200,000 (Oklahoma)
- Klamath Tribes Phosphorus Removal Study, \$199,383 (Oregon)
- Umatilla Tribes Planning for Irrigation System Efficiencies, \$194,239 (Oregon)
- Snoqualmie Tribe Wetland Treatment Installation, \$83,866 (Washington)

About the Program

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Reclamation awards \$9.9 million to 31 Tribes for drought response water projects

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WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Reclamation announced today that 31 tribes in 12 states will receive \$9.9 million through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program.

“Water 2021 was one of the most hydrologically challenging years to date. As the year unfolded, Reclamation recognized the need to reprogram \$100 million dollars to directly deal with the drought and to build resiliency into the future. This funding is a part of that reprogramming and will help facilitate partnerships with Tribes and Tribal organizations as they address severe and continued drought conditions affecting their critical water resources,” said **Bureau of Reclamation Deputy Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton**. “Reclamation is committed to partnering with Indian Tribes and Tribal nations on these important water resources issues.”

Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program provides technical assistance to Indian Tribes to develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. The program has supported a broad range of activities in each year since its inception in the early 1990s.

Given the historic drought conditions this year, the Department of the Interior made several investments to help mitigate effects of the west-wide drought on the ground, including reprogramming significant funding into drought-related programs and projects. This included a significant increase in funding for the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program to help Tribal communities throughout the West by increasing water supply sustainability and drought resiliency.

“This funding is part of Interior’s continued commitment to partner with and uphold our trust responsibilities to Tribal nations,” said **Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Tanya Trujillo**. “It also comes amid record federal investments in Tribal communities, particularly from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which will make transformational investments in Indian Country, provide further funding to reach more communities and develop longer-term measures to respond to drought and climate change, and replace aging infrastructure.”

The funding will be provided to Tribes as grants or cooperative agreements. The projects selected are:

- Big Valley Treatment Plant Improvements, \$350,000 (California)
- Chemehuevi Wastewater Extension, \$400,000 (California)
- Cherokee Mankiller-Soap Water Study, \$400,000 (Oklahoma)
- Choctaw Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer Study, \$199,844 (Oklahoma)
- Choctaw Blue River Water Supply Analysis, \$56,020 (Oklahoma)
- Cow Creek Water Resource Assessment, \$399,748 (Oregon)
- Fallon Paiute-Liner Appraisal Study, \$379,000 (Nevada)
- Fort Belknap Spring & Well Improvements, \$300,000 (Montana)
- Havasupai Bar Four Treatment System Improvements, \$406,000 (Arizona)
- Hopi Power Extension, \$368,733 (Arizona)
- Isleta Pueblo Mound Rio Erosion Control, \$150,000 (New Mexico)
- Jemez Pueblo Pecos Diversion Dam Improvements, \$250,000 (New Mexico)
- Klamath Stock Watering Wells, \$375,000 (Oregon)
- Lower Brule Sioux Water Meters Installation, \$398,265 (South Dakota)
- Navajo Nation Many Farms Feeder Improvements, \$300,000 (Arizona/Utah)
- Nez Perce Bedrock Creek Restoration, \$95,613 (Idaho)
- Nez Perce Little Salmon R. Restoration, \$87,589 (Idaho)
- Nez Perce LOP Exchange Well Design, \$140,000 (Idaho)
- NW Shoshone OGOI Laterals, \$142,340 (Utah)
- NW Shoshone OGOI Pipe Improvements, \$135,945 (Utah)
- NW Shoshone SCADA System, \$40,000 (Utah)
- Oglala Sioux Kyle Pumphouse Electrical Improvements, \$162,508 (South Dakota)
- Oglala Sioux No.9 Pumphouse Improvements, \$15,109 (South Dakota)
- Oglala Sioux Brotherhood Booster Pump Improvements, \$33,005 (South Dakota)
- Oglala Sioux Slim Buttes Booster RTU Upgrades, \$62,884 (South Dakota)
- Quechan Indian Flow Measurement Improvements, \$100,995 (Arizona)
- San Filipe Pueblo Phase II, \$399,998 (New Mexico)
- Santa Clara Pueblo Phase II-Main Ditch Liner, \$400,000 (New Mexico)
- Shoalwater Bay Water System Improvements, \$175,000 (Washington)
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Drought Plan Update, \$249,300 (Idaho)
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Tank Rehabilitation, \$250,000 (Idaho)
- Skokomish Meter Replacement, \$225,055 (Washington)
- Standing Rock Sioux WTP Control Extension, \$370,015 (North/South Dakota)
- Table Mountain Treatment Plant Solar, \$408,400 (California)
- Taos Nose Pipeline Phase II Improvements, \$400,000 (New Mexico)
- Tule River Water Transmission Improvements, \$397,560 (California)
- Twenty-Nine Palms Contingency Plan, \$220,000 (California)

- Umatilla Drought Planning, \$372,008 (Oregon)
- Ute Tribe Water Monitoring Improvements, \$10,000 (Utah)
- Zuni Supply Options Assessment, \$266,000 (New Mexico)

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Reclamation awards \$1.8 million to 11 tribes for water projects

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WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Reclamation announced today that 11 tribes in seven states will receive \$1.8 million through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program.

"This funding will help facilitate partnerships with tribes and tribal organizations as they develop, manage and protect their water resources," said Bureau of Reclamation Deputy Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton. "Reclamation is committed to working with Indian tribes and tribal nations on these important water resources issues."

The funding will be provided to the tribes as grants or cooperative agreements. The projects selected are:

- Hopi Tribe-Range Well Assessment, \$200,000 (Arizona)
- Navajo Nation-Leupp Well PW-2B Planning Assessment, \$116,951 (Arizona)
- San Carlos Apache Tribe-Automated Solar-Powered Stock Watering Demonstration Project, \$197,143 (Arizona)
- Elk Valley Rancheria Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation, \$200,000 (California)
- Colusa Indian Community-Potable Water Security & Improved Human Safety Infrastructure, \$50,000 (California)
- Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho-Water Quality and Quantity and Toxic Algal Bloom Monitoring, \$200,000 (Idaho)
- Pueblo of Acoma-Phase 2-Sandoval Ditch Rehabilitation, \$200,000 (New Mexico)
- Ohkay Owingeh-El Guique Water Delivery System Design, \$192,524 (New Mexico)
- Chickasaw Nation-Water Supply, City of Lone Grove, \$160,635 (Oklahoma)
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs-Groundwater Assessment for Domestic Water Supply, \$99,960 (Oregon)
- Paiute Tribe of Utah-Domestic Water System Improvements, \$200,000 (Utah)

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Reclamation awards \$3.4 million to 19 tribes for technical assistance in water development

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A lake in the mountains. WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Reclamation is awarding \$3.4 million to 19 tribes across the western United States for technical assistance as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. The funding is being made available through Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program.

"This funding provides the opportunity for Reclamation and the tribes to collaborate in finding the most effective and efficient ways to improve water reliability for these tribal communities," said Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman.

The funding will be provided to the tribes as grants or cooperative agreements. The nineteen projects selected are:

Arizona

- Hopi Tribe, develop georeferenced base maps of community water systems, \$200,000
- Quechan Indian Tribe, Tonawanda Lateral Structure Replacement, \$171,346
- Yavapai-Apache Tribe, domestic water system infrastructure and repair, \$200,000

California

- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Singley Hill well production and treatment facilities, \$200,000
- Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians, water supply well completion, \$98,746
- Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, baseline stream monitoring and planning, \$200,000
- Colusa Community Council, community water system improvements, \$200,000
- Fort Independence Community of Paiute Indians, S7-3 Lateral Irrigation Improvement Project, \$200,000
- La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, drinking water supply improvements, \$65,299
- Hoopa Valley Indian Tribe, assess threats to drinking water supply, \$181,980
- Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Ackerman Creek environmental streamflow conservation projects, \$194,303

- Quartz Valley Indian Community, water resource management model, \$159,022
- Round Valley Indian Tribes, groundwater model for basin-wide groundwater management plan, \$200,000

Idaho

- Coeur D'Alene Tribe, water quality monitoring and assessment of Lake Coeur D'Alene, \$195,979
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, irrigation project surface water management program, \$200,000

Oklahoma

- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, process improvements for failing water treatment plants in Choctaw Territory, \$197,637
- Osage Nation, water system assessment project, \$199,973

Oregon

- Klamath Tribes, Sprague River watershed nutrient assessment, \$96,168

Washington

- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Upper Snoqualmie River resilient water corridor management plan, \$199,995
- Stillaquamish Tribe of Indians of Washington, water resources program development, \$200,000



Reclamation awards \$1.9 million to fourteen tribes

Funding will provide technical assistance to tribes as they develop, manage and protect their water and related resources

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WASHINGTON – Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman announced that fourteen tribes were selected to receive \$1.9 million for technical assistance through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program.

"Reclamation is committed to working with tribes on water management issues," Commissioner Burman said. "This funding will help establish cooperative working relationships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations and ensure they can be fully engaged as they develop, manage and protect their water resources."

Reclamation will provide the funding to the tribes as grants or cooperative agreements. The fourteen projects selected are:

- The Chickasaw Nation, additional water supply for the City of Tishomingo, \$178,415
- Northern Arapaho Tribe, Arapaho Ranch domestic water well development project, \$98,450
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, process improvements for failing water and wastewater treatment plants in Choctaw Territory, Reclamation funding: \$197,454
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe, water marketing project, \$93,148
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe, design and engineering of water pipeline to irrigate the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Wellness Center in Pueblo, \$125,000
- Bishop Paiute Tribe, Bishop Paiute Irrigation Water: Beneficial Use Project, \$170,475
- Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, the 57-3 Lateral Irrigation Improvement Project, \$199,999
- Tule River Tribe, Tule River Tribe Water Resource Assessment Project, \$100,000
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, improved management of surface water diversions for the Michaud Unit of the Fort Hall Irrigation Project, \$196,341
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation Water Management Project, \$70,393

- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Critical Water Quality Data Collection Project, \$76,050
- Pueblo of Santa Ana, technical training in river protection for the Pueblo of Santa Ana, \$9,788
- Pueblo of Santa Ana, overhaul of groundwater observation wells throughout the riparian corridor along the Rio Grande and Rio Jemez riparian corridors at the Pueblo of Santa Ana, \$189,103
- Pueblo of Jemez, Pueblo of Jemez management of water resources, \$189,609

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