

National Budget Meeting Tribal/Interior Budget Council

March 21-23, 2017

**Washington Plaza Hotel
10 Thomas Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20005**



TIBC REPRESENTATIVES:



**Robert Smith, Chairman
Pala Band of Mission Indians**



**Russell Attebery, Tribal Chairman
Karuk Tribe**



**Amy Dutschke, Regional Director
Pacific Region**

Representing the 104 tribes of the Pacific Region.

Pacific Region Agencies & Tribes:

- 104 tribes
 - 17 Self-Governance Tribes

- 4 Agencies
 - Central California
 - Southern California
 - Palm Springs
 - Northern California



Formulation Process:

- **8 Budget WebEx Conference Sessions held**
 - 3 Southern California Agency
 - 3 Central California Agency
 - 2 Northern California Agency
- **1 session at Palm Springs Agency**
- **1 State-wide Budget Meeting**



FIVE PRIORITIES SELECTED BY PACIFIC REGION TRIBES:

- **Tribal Government: Aid to Tribal Government**
- **Human Services: Indian Child Welfare Act**
- **Tribal Government: Road Maintenance**
- **Human Services: Housing Program (TPA)**
- **Human Services: Social Services**

SUCCESS STORY: OROVILLE DAM

FEBRUARY 2017 California endured one of the heaviest winter rain storms in decades. Oroville Dam which is the highest Dam in United States was impacted by the amount of Runoff that was flowing into Lake Oroville.

- Earth filled Dam
- Built in 1962
- 770 Feet Tall
- Storage: 3.5 mil acre-ft.
- 85 mil cubic yards of earth
- Drainage area: 3,607 sq mi.



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A large crater formed in the spillway due to large amounts of water releases. By February 10, 2017, damage to the spillway had grown to a whole about 45 feet deep, 300 feet wide and 500 feet long. Water was continued to be released to the spillway but preparations were made to use the emergency spillway for the first time in the Dam's history.



March 2011

February 7, 2017

February 27, 2017

Damage to the main spillway began as a crater in the middle (center) and eventually resulted in a separate channel eroded to the side (right). At left, the main spillway is shown in March 2011 while at its maximum discharge rate.

(California Department of Water Resources)

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(Picture from news helicopter, showing water flowing over the emergency spill way)

Due to extensive damage to the main spillway the emergency spillway as activated. The original thought was that there would be no threat to safety of residents, but the overflow of the emergency spillway started and water spewed out onto the nearby hills. Butte County ordered an immediate evacuation due to a hazardous situation with the emergency spillway. Failure of the spillway could have caused uncontrolled releases from Lake Oroville.

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More than 180,000 people were evacuated including three tribes in the immediate area. The Pacific Region immediately started making contact with the effected Tribes to assure their needs were met. In addition, coordination was made with the State office of Emergency Services and other local Tribes. On February 13, 2017, two employees who exemplify the high quality of commitment with the Pacific Region, Mr. Gregg Perry, Regional Fuels Specialist and Mr. Matt Flying, Regional Wildland Fire Operations Specialist mobilized to the affected area to meet with incident team leaders and assess the needs on the ground with the local Tribes.



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While meeting with Mooretown Rancheria we requested to establish a temporary landing zone (LZ) at the Gold County Casino & Hotel (in coordination with George Violante, Pacific Region Aviation Specialist and the Tribe) for California State Representatives.



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On February 14, 2017, the evacuation order had been lifted allowing residents to begin to return to their homes. We had a large number of tribal evacuees who had been relocated to a Tribally owned mobile home park above the dam and who continued to maintain the evacuation area for a couple more days. We were able to work with the Red Cross to provide food, the Governor's office of Emergency Services to coordinate bedding, heaters and other supplies during the period.



(Picture courtesy
of Sacramento
Bee)

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We are grateful that no one was injured during the evacuation and that we did not need to initiate further emergency command as a result of this situation. Working with the local emergency service agencies we were able to provide needed services to Tribal members while making sure their safety was of foremost concern.



(Picture courtesy of Sacramento Bee)

Questions??

Thank you.