

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Central California Agency 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-500 Sacramento, CA 95814

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FY 2024 Water Resources

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is now accepting FY 2024 funding requests for the Water Management, Planning, & Pre-Development, and Water Rights Negotiation/Litigation Programs. These two programs provide funding for a wide variety of projects to support the management, conservation, and utilization of reservation water resources, as well as to support the United States' efforts to negotiate and, when necessary, defend or otherwise litigate Indian water right cases now before the courts.

All funding requests must be prepared in accordance with the Checklist and Instructions available on the Central California Agency website at https://www.indianaffairs.gov/regional-offices/pacific/central-california-agency/water-resources. Completed funding requests, along with a tribal supporting cover letter, should be emailed to the contact listed below on or before **Wednesday September 6th, 2023**.

All funding requests will be reviewed in accordance with the *Notice of Revised Instructions for Preparing and Prioritizing Water Program Funding Requests* (Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 201, Wednesday, October 19, 2005). The listed project manager will be notified of any funding award sometime next year after the BIA has an approved budget for FY 2024.

If you have any questions regarding BIA water resource programs, require assistance with project development or funding request preparation, please contact Chris Bujalski, Agency Hydrologist, at christopher.bujalski@bia.gov, or (279) 444-0323.

Sincerely,

Harley Long Superintendent