



Subject: **Status Briefing on the Final EIR/EIS**

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**Requested Action:**

Review and comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), Part 3 (continued) status briefing in preparation for approval of the Project.

**Detailed Description/Background:**

This staff report provides the fifth of the planned briefings on the Final EIR/EIS in preparation for certification of the EIR and Project approval. In this segment, we will provide an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements to adopt Findings as part of the decision process, a summary of efforts recently undertaken to bolster the water quality analysis, and a review of the tribal cultural resources section along with a status update on the ongoing tribal consultation.

**Findings**

Prior to approving a project, the Authority Board will need to adopt findings in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. Project Findings will include:

- Findings regarding the environmental review process and the contents of the Final EIR.
- Findings regarding the environmental impacts of the Project and the mitigation measures for those impacts identified in the Final EIR and adopted as conditions of approval.
- Findings regarding alternatives and the reasons that such alternatives are rejected or accepted.

Findings will include a summary of impacts and mitigation measures and must be supported by substantial evidence. When making the findings, the Authority will also adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**Water Quality**

Recent efforts have been undertaken to bolster the water quality analysis in the Final EIR/EIS to be responsive to comments from the public, clarify information already provided in the EIR/EIS and to further support the analysis and findings. These efforts focused on harmful algae blooms (HABs), mercury, and monitoring and adaptive management.

In response to concerns raised about the downstream effects of HABS, the Final EIR/EIS analysis and/or text has been augmented to:

- Clarify Inlet/Outlet Tower operations and releases from Sites Reservoir.
- Expand on temperature modeling and effects.
- Bolster the discussion of benthic HABS.
- Strengthen existing mitigation and monitoring requirements.

To better address concerns raised about mercury in native soils, the relationship of mercury to Sacramento River flow, and the approach to the analysis, the Final EIR/EIS analysis and/or text has been augmented to:

- Complete additional analysis and add information to establish that none of the geologic units in the study area/watershed of the Sites Reservoir are known to contain mercury.
- Add information to support the conclusion that there is no or minimal relationship between Sacramento River flows and increased/elevated mercury levels.
- Add further clarification of why the approach to mercury is different than the approach used for other metals.

In addition, commitments to avoid and minimize the water quality impacts of the Project have been expanded through the addition of more detail to the Reservoir Management Plan (RMP), including:

- Addition of a new section in the RMP - Adaptive Management of Water Quality in Reservoir Release.
- Expanded monitoring of constituents and an increase frequency of HABS monitoring if HABS are present.
- Addition of quagga and zebra eDNA monitoring as feasible.

### **Tribal Cultural Resources**

Recent efforts have been undertaken to ensure the cultural resources and tribal cultural resources (TCR) sections of the Final EIR/EIS avoid language that might imply biases, groupings, characterizations, or otherwise could be interpreted to marginalize or disrespect Native Americans. The Final EIR/EIS has also been updated to address the conclusion of the AB 52 process and next steps.

The Project is on lands that have traditional and cultural affiliation with Patwin and Nomlaki California Native Americans. In reviewing and updating the language in the Final EIR/EIS, a concerted effort has been made to:

- Represent data objectively and to acknowledge the biases and data limitations in much of the current information and understanding.

- Acknowledge the bias toward the written record and the surface expression of archeological sites.

The tribal cultural resources chapter has also been revised to reflect a commitment to work throughout the life of the Project to better understand and respectfully incorporate and honor the Tribes from their perspective.

California Assembly Bill (AB) 52, passed in 2014, established a detailed, stepwise process for lead agency consultation with California Native American Tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a proposed project. AB 52 specifically instructs a Tribe to notify California public agencies of their interest in being informed of projects proposed for the geographic area traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Tribe.

Since 2017, the Authority has had ongoing AB 52 consultation with two Tribes, the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, that responded to the Authority's 2017 notification of the Project. Efforts have included:

- Ongoing outreach and meetings since 2017.
- Forwarding of existing studies and data on known cultural resources.
- Requests for Tribal input on the RDEIR/SDEIS and proposed mitigation.

The Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians recently verbally expressed interest in consulting under AB 52 and the Authority has held a handful of meetings with the Tribe in early 2023.

AB 52 specifically provides that a lead agency may certify an EIR when a California Native American Tribe has requested consultation but has not provided comments to the lead agency or otherwise has not engaged in the consultation process. To date, no specific written comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS have been received from the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. In addition, a lead agency may certify an EIR when the lead agency has complied with AB 52 and the California Native American Tribe has not requested consultation within 30 days. This would apply to the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians.

The EIR/EIS concludes that tribal cultural resources will be significantly impacted by the Project. Mitigation measures for addressing significant impacts to tribal cultural resources have been identified; however, without input from consulting Tribes, we are unable to gain a clear understanding, let alone reach an agreement on specific measures recommended by the Tribes to avoid, minimize and mitigate significant impacts to tribal cultural resources.

While the AB 52 process will be completed with certifying the EIR, the Authority is committed to working with Tribes beyond the AB 52 process through the following mechanisms, or others suggested by the Tribes:

- Tribal Government Working Group would provide opportunity for ongoing meaningful communication and collaboration.

- Preparation of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) would formalize a collaborative partnership to:
  - Continue to identify tribal cultural resources and methods to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to and manage tribal cultural resources.
  - Provide a framework for continued collaboration during Project planning, implementation, and operations.

The Final EIR/EIS reflects a commitment by the Authority to working with the Tribes throughout the life of the Project to better understand and respectfully incorporate the Tribes from their perspective.

**Prior Authority Board Action:**

May 2023: Receive a status briefing on the Final EIR/EIS, Part 3 (continued)

April 2023: Receive a status briefing on the Final EIR/EIS, Part 3

March 2023: Receive a status briefing on the Final EIR/EIS, Part 2

February 2023: Receive a status briefing on the Final EIR/EIS, Part 1

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:**

The preparation of the Final EIR/EIS, including responses to comments, can be completed within the Amendment 3 Work Plan total budget.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Consultation Chronologies

**Timeline of AB 52 Consultation between the Sites Project Authority and  
the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians for the EIR  
June 9, 2023**

Consultations with tribal governments started in the late 1990s through the CALFED program, nearly two decades before implementation of AB 52. The Sites Reservoir Project (then known as North-of-Delta Offstream Storage, or NODOS) Study Team (CALFED, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)) identified the following tribes that could be affected by implementation of the Sites Reservoir:

- Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians;
- Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians;
- Grindstone Indian Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki;
- Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians;
- Round Valley Indian Tribe of Round Valley;
- Wintun Tribe in Redding; and
- Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation.

The NODOS Study Team developed the “Guiding Principles: Working with Indian Tribes on North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage” in consultation with the tribes to direct planning activities involving the tribes. The NODOS Study Team met at a scoping meeting on January 23, 2002 and at eight subsequent meetings and one field tour of Sites Reservoir location through March 2004 to provide updates on the NODOS progress and to encourage input on issues of concern from the tribes. A Tribal Forum on the Project was held by DWR and Department of the Interior on February 26, 2004. At least one Cachil Dehe representative was present at all of the above-listed meetings.

The timeline provided below generally starts with the Sites Project Authority’s (Authority’s) activities on the Project.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
January 3, 2017	The Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians (Cachil Dehe) submitted to the Sites Project Authority (Authority) a written request for formal notice of and information on proposed projects for which the Authority will serve as lead CEQA agency pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 21080.3.1(b) (Assembly Bill 52).
January 31, 2017	The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Sites Project EIR was sent to the Tribe.
February 6, 2017	Letter from Cachil Dehe to the Authority requesting consultation on the Sites Project. The letter was likely sent in response to the NOP.
February 10, 2017	Project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Cachil Dehe pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d).
March 6, 2017	Letter from the Authority to Cachil Dehe acknowledging their request for consultation and noting that they would be in touch to set up a meeting to discuss the Project.
July 12, 2017	Meeting at Tribal office to introduce the Project, discuss the cultural resources studies that had previously been conducted. Subsequently sent copies of all GIS data and archaeological reports to the Tribe for review and comment.
December 17, 2017	The Tribe submitted a request to join the Site Project Authority Board.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
June 13, 2018	Letter from the Tribe withdrawing their request for joining the Site Project Authority Board, but would continue to work with them on government-to-government and AB 52 consultations.
March 25, 2019	Meeting at Tribal office to restart Project and discuss upcoming geotechnical work. Provided Cachil Dehe with GIS data for proposed geotechnical work and cultural resources, and copies of cultural resources reports, to date. <sup>1</sup>
March 27, 2019	Email from Cachil Dehe requesting copies of some references cited in the cultural report supplied on March 25, 2019 and cited in the draft EIR.
March 28, 2019	The Authority sent the requested references, with the exception of one, which needed to be tracked down.
April 11, 2019	Email to the Tribe, noting that the missing reference is at DWR and a request has been made to DWR for a copy.
August 9, 2019	Authority sent the missing reference noted above.
October 22, 2020	Conference call to provide update on the Project description and status of the environmental document. Provided updated project description, GIS data for cultural resources, and draft archaeological report. The Tribe said they would like to take some time to review the data. Sent files to the Tribe.
October 26, 2020	Project information re-sent to the Tribe per their request in an email sent earlier in the day.
November 13, 2020	Updated Project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Cachil Dehe pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d), due to Project modifications and recirculation of the EIR.
December 7, 2020	Email from Cachil Dehe in response to November 13 letter, stating that they would like to continue consultation on the Project. The email identified Hazel Longmire and Molly Wood as contacts.
March 17, 2021	Email to Cachil Dehe, providing revised preliminary Project description.
November 12, 2021	The Authority issued a Notice of Availability announcing the public review and comment period for the RDEIR/SDEIS and dates of virtual public meetings. The virtual public meetings were held on December 15 and 16, 2021. The public review and comment period ended January 28, 2022. The Tribe was included in the issuance of the Notice.
December 10, 2021	Email to the Tribe providing link to the RDEIR/SDEIS and letting them know that the cultural report prepared in support of the document was available; requested who should receive the document.
January 11, 2022	Email from Authority requesting a meeting to discuss monitoring needs for two upcoming phases of the geotechnical studies.
January 12, 2022	Email from the Tribe stating that they did not have monitors on staff and deferred geotechnical monitoring to Yocha Dehe.

<sup>1</sup> The Authority has been in consultation with the Cachil Dehe for both the whole of the Project through the EIR efforts and for geotechnical efforts. The consultation history for geotechnical efforts are addressed in a separate timeline as these were separate AB 52 processes from the whole of the Project and the EIR efforts. Some meetings covered both activities and those meetings are included in this timeline. In addition, some additional communications on geotechnical activities are provided in this timeline as in early 2022, the Tribe deferred geotechnical activities to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. During 2022, the Authority continued to coordinate with the Tribe, primarily on geotechnical activities, and generally, no response was received from the Tribe.

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January 15, 2022	Email from the Tribe providing a contact at Yocha Dehe to arrange for Tribal monitoring of the geotechnical studies.
January 25, 2022	Authority sent the confidential cultural report that is an appendix to the RDEIR.
February 7, 2022	Sites 2022-2024 Geotechnical Investigations project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Cachil Dehe pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d).
February 28, 2022	Letter from Cachil Dehe saying that they are deferring geotechnical consultation and communication to Yocha Dehe, with reference to the February 7, 2022 letter from the Authority.
March, April and August 2022	The Authority sent a few items to the Tribe on geotechnical activities. No response was received from the Tribe.
January 12, 2023	Authority sent a letter inviting the Tribe to participate in a Tribal Working Group.
January 18, 2023	Tribal Working Group letter resent when it was realized that the Tribal leadership had changed.
January 19, 2023	Email response from Cachil Dehe that they are interested in participating in the Tribal Working Group.
February 27, 2023	Email to Cachil Dehe's new Cultural Preservation Director, Jennie Mitchum, suggesting to meet for introductions and provide updated information about the Sites Reservoir Project.
March 8, 2023	Follow-up email to Jennie Mitchum regarding a meeting with the Tribe.
March 15, 2023	Email from the Tribe stating that they would like to meet and suggested a date.
March 16, 2023	Email exchange to settle meeting date on April 18, 2023.
March 30, 2023	Email to Cachil Dehe referencing upcoming meeting, noting that comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS would need to be received soon, and introduction of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement.
April 18, 2023	AB 52 meeting held at the Tribe's administration office.
May 3, 2023	Cachil Dehe followed up the April 18, 2023 with a letter to the Authority, which reiterated much of the exchange of the meeting and requested additional documentation.
May 8, 2023	Call from Cachil Dehe requesting information about the on-going geotechnical work and request for all AB 52 consultation letters and responses, and all cultural resources reports (EIR and geotech), to date.
May 10, 2023	Authority provided the tribe with copies all AB 52 consultation letters and responses, and all cultural resources reports (EIR and geotech), to date.

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February 10, 2017	Project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians (Paskenta) pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d)
November 13, 2020	Updated project notification letter sent from the Authority to Paskenta pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d)
December 17, 2020	Follow-up email to November 13, 2020 letter
January 12, 2023	Authority sent letter inviting the Tribe to participate in a Tribal Working Group (TWG)
February 7, 2023	Follow-up email to January 12, 2023 letter
February 9, 2023	Email exchange regarding TWG and request from Paskenta for a copy of the Bureau of Reclamation’s (Reclamation) Section 106 consultation letter, which was provided the same day
March 8, 2023	To Paskenta: email follow-up regarding TWG and consultation with the Authority
March 9, 2023	Response from Paskenta requesting a meeting with the Authority and requesting cultural reports
March 10, 2023	Sent existing cultural reports to Paskenta
March 21, 2023	Virtual meeting with Laverne Bill; copy of MOA brief sent to tribe after meeting



<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
March 28, 2023	To Paskenta: email reporting on status of Section 106 consultation request with Reclamation
March 29, 2023	To Paskenta: Sent KMZs of site locational data in the project footprint and copies of site records for resources located in Glenn County
April 18, 2023	Virtual meeting with Laverne Bill
May 18, 2023	Virtual meeting with Laverne Bill
June 22, 2023	Scheduled: Virtual meeting with Laverne Bill

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February 10, 2017	Project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d).
April 7, 2017	Follow-up Project notification letter sent to the Tribe.
April 14, 2017	Telephone call from the Tribe requesting that the notification letter be resent to a different Tribal contact.
April 19, 2017	Authority called the Tribal contact, leaving a message.
April 20, 2017	Email from Yocha Dehe requesting Project information, including maps and shapefiles; the Authority emailed a map of the Project on the same day.
May 19, 2017	Letter from Yocha Dehe to the Authority requesting consultation on the Sites Project, as well as additional information.
June 22, 2017	The Authority provided the additional requested information and the draft archaeological survey report.
February 2019	Project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Yocha Dehe pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d) for upcoming geotechnical investigations. <sup>1</sup>

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March 7, 2019	Letter from the Tribe requesting consultation on the geotechnical studies.
June 28, 2019	AB 52 consultation meeting at the Tribal office to discuss the geotechnical project. Ended up explaining the entire Project, not just the geotechnical studies.
July 1, 2019	Yocha Dehe followed up by emailing the Tribe's Treatment Protocol for Handling Human Remains and Cultural Items Affiliated with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, should any be discovered. The Tribe also requested that the historic sites be separated out from the resource GIS data.
July 5, 2019	Sent Native American archaeological site GIS data to the Tribe.
July 10, 2019	Yocha Dehe received a flash drive from the Authority containing the 2017 EIR/EIS, Feasibility Study, geotechnical investigation environmental commitments, and prior AB 52 correspondence.
July 12, 2019	Yocha Dehe acknowledged receipt of the files.
June 30, 2020	Email to the Tribe with agenda for meeting later that day and a copy of the Value Planning Appraisal Report that described the revised Project.
June 30, 2020	AB 52 consultation meeting to provide Project updates and plans for recirculating the EIR in 2021. Yocha Dehe requested GIS information for recorded sites. The Authority noted that it is being compiled and should be available in the fall.
September 28, 2020	Updated Project information sent to the Tribe in preparation for upcoming meeting.
October 6, 2020	AB 52 consultation meeting with the Tribe. Yocha Dehe requested a visit to the Project area.
November 14, 2020	Updated Project notification letter sent from the Authority to the Yocha Dehe pursuant to Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21080.3.1(d), due to Project modifications and recirculation of the EIR.
November 17, 2020	Email to Tribe to notify them that they would soon be receiving a new Project notification letter for the Project (the November 14, 2020 letter), as well as an updated Project description. The letter and Project description were attached to the email.
November 19, 2020	Letter from the Tribe requesting continued consultation and a site visit.
November 23, 2020	Email from the Tribe with November 19, 2020 letter attached.
January 11, 2021	Site visit to the Project area by Yocha Dehe members with the Authority.
January 11, 2021	Following the site visit, KMZs with site locations were forwarded to the Tribe.
January 12, 2021	Email to Yocha Dehe as follow-up to the January 11, 2021 meeting in which requested information was provided regarding tribal monitors during the original surveys in 2003-2004.
January 22, 2021	Yocha Dehe emailed the Authority with a request for the archaeological site records and for the site record data to be linked to GIS information. As communications relevant to this topic were quite extensive and extend through May 2022, they are not listed here.
March 15, 2021	The Authority provided the Tribe with an updated Project description.

covered both activities and thus, some of the details of the timeline are for geotechnical activities to provide context for subsequent Project and the EIR efforts.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
March 26, 2021	Letter from the Tribe noting that they would like to continue to receive updates on the Project. [Note: the Authority is not entirely sure if this letter was in response to EIR topics or geotechnical studies.]
May 21, 2021	AB 52 consultation meeting with the Tribe. Yocha Dehe requires site records in order to help define areas that need protection.
June 23-29, 2021	Email to the Tribe on June 23, 2021, requesting a meeting to talk about potential ways to address impacts to significant sites. The Tribe responded on June 29, 2021 agreeing to meet on this issue. That same day, the Authority responded asking the Tribe to identify some potential meeting dates.
July 29, 2021	AB 52 consultation meeting with the Tribe. The mitigation measures in the RDEIR were discussed and there was a discussion about identifying areas outside of the reservoir footprint for reinterring human remains currently located within the reservoir. Also established monthly meetings in lieu of quarterly meetings.
August 25, 2021	AB 52 consultation meeting with the Tribe. Yocha Dehe was expecting to receive site records from the DWR soon.
September 16, 2021	AB 52 consultation meeting with the Tribe. Status of RDEIR discussed, along with notification that public meetings would be in November. Tribe met with DWR earlier in the week and expects to receive site records soon.
October 7, 2021	Email to Yocha Dehe providing a status update of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement.
November 12, 2021	The Authority issued a Notice of Availability announcing the public review and comment period for the RDEIR/SDEIS and dates of virtual public meetings. The virtual public meetings were held on December 15 and 16, 2021. The public review and comment period ended January 28, 2022. The Tribe was included in the issuance of the Notice.
December 10, 2021	Authority sent the confidential cultural report that is an appendix to the RDEIR. Yocha Dehe called later that day to discuss mitigation measures in the RDEIR.
December 13, 2021	At the request of Yocha Dehe during the call on December 10, 2021, the Authority sent the RDEIR mitigation measures to the Tribe via an email. The email also reminded the Tribe that two virtual public meetings on the RDEIR were scheduled to be held that week and included the website link to the RDEIR.
January 27, 2022	Authority reached out to Yocha Dehe to discuss a request from the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) for the cultural resources report prepared in support of the RDEIR.
January 31, 2022	Telephone call with Yocha Dehe about UAIC's request for the confidential report. Yocha Dehe said they would discuss it with UAIC.
February 1, 2022	Letter from the Tribe noting that they will need additional time to review the RDEIR but they intend to provide comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS.
May 19, 2022	AB 52 consultation meeting with Tribe. Authority requested that comments on the RDEIR be submitted by August. Discussion about monitoring of upcoming geotechnical work. Site record data had been submitted to Yocha Dehe the prior week.

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August 1, 2022	AB 52 consultation meeting with Tribe. During this meeting the Authority introduced the concept of using a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to close out AB 52 consultation. Discussion of upcoming geotechnical work and inclusion of tribal monitors for both pre-work surveys and field work.
October 31, 2022	AB 52 consultation meeting with Tribe. The Yocha Dehe Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and other Cultural Committee members attended. The Authority requested comments on the RDEIR by November, but could take them through mid-January 2023, if necessary. Discussion of the MOA and Tribal Working Group. Discussion of geotechnical work. The Authority acknowledged the comments Yocha Dehe provided on the geotechnical Post Review Discovery Plan and noted that the comments would be incorporated into other project cultural resources documents.
December 8, 2022	AB 52 consultation meeting with Tribe. Yocha Dehe still reviewing the RDEIR and asked about a hard date for completing the review; the Authority said January 20, 2023. Brief discussions about status of MOA review and the Tribal Working Group, as well as verifying that new contract for upcoming geotechnical monitoring had been finalized.
January 5, 2023	AB 52 consultation meeting with Tribe. The Tribal representative said that they would work to provide comments on the RDEIR by January 20, 2023 and comments on the MOA by the end of the month. Discussion about providing access to areas that the Tribe is interested in visiting, as the real estate branch is currently reaching out to land owners, but the Authority needs to know where those areas are located. Yocha Dehe will provide such information shortly. It was agreed to establish monthly meetings for the remainder of the year.
January 12, 2023	Authority sent letter inviting the Tribe to participate in a Tribal Working Group.
February 9, 2023	AB 52 meeting with the Tribe, which was attended by the Tribe's attorney. The Authority provided a status of the RDEIR and Yocha Dehe said they would provide comments by the end of the month. The Tribe also said that they would review the MOA by the end of the month; the Authority resubmitted the MOA brief to Yocha Dehe, per their request, after the meeting. The Tribal Working Group and geotechnical study monitoring were briefly touched upon. The Authority's real estate branch is working with land owners for access, and the Tribe was reminded to let the Authority know what areas they are interested in accessing.
March to June, 2023	March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8, 2023 regularly scheduled, monthly consultation meetings were not attended by the Tribe.