

FY 2011 Tribal Budget Priorities & National Budget Meeting

Pacific Region
Sacramento, California



Pacific Region Tribal Representatives



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

❖ **Arch Super, Chairman
Karuk Tribe of California**

Representing 102 tribes of the Pacific Region.

Pacific Region Priorities

Water Programs:

❖ Natural Resources

**Water Rights Negotiations/Litigation
Water Resources Management,
Planning and Pre-development**

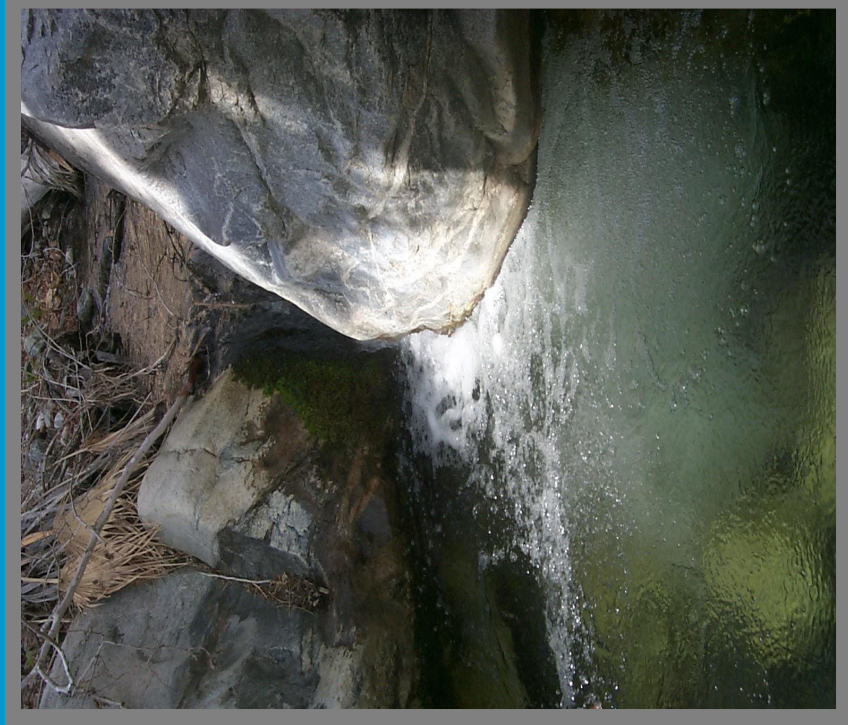
❖ Public Safety and Justice

Tribal Courts – O&M

❖ Education

Charter/Tribal School O/M

Natural Resources - Water



The Water Resources Program

- ❖ Water Rights Negotiation/Litigation (R3120)
- ❖ Water Management, Planning, and Pre-Development (N3410)



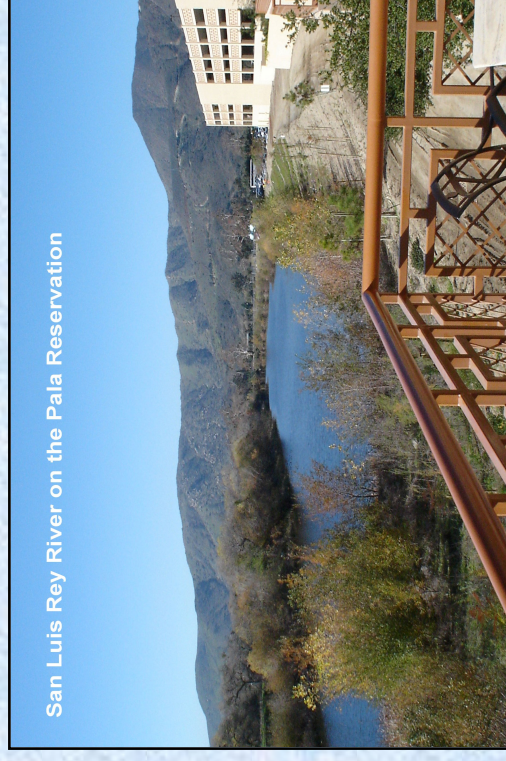
The Report of the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy (ACCIP)

- *“The Department of the Interior should compile and consolidate existing data on Indian water resources in California and assist the California tribes in preparing current inventories of their water resources. In appropriate situations, the Department should assist the tribes in quantifying their water rights. Congress should appropriate funds for this purpose.”*
- The ACCIP further recommended:
 - *“As part of its trust responsibility, the Department should establish priorities for conducting water resource inventories – including surface and subsurface water sources – of public domain trust allotments in California and, where necessary, quantify the allotment’s water right. Congress should appropriate funds for this purpose.”*



Program Goal:

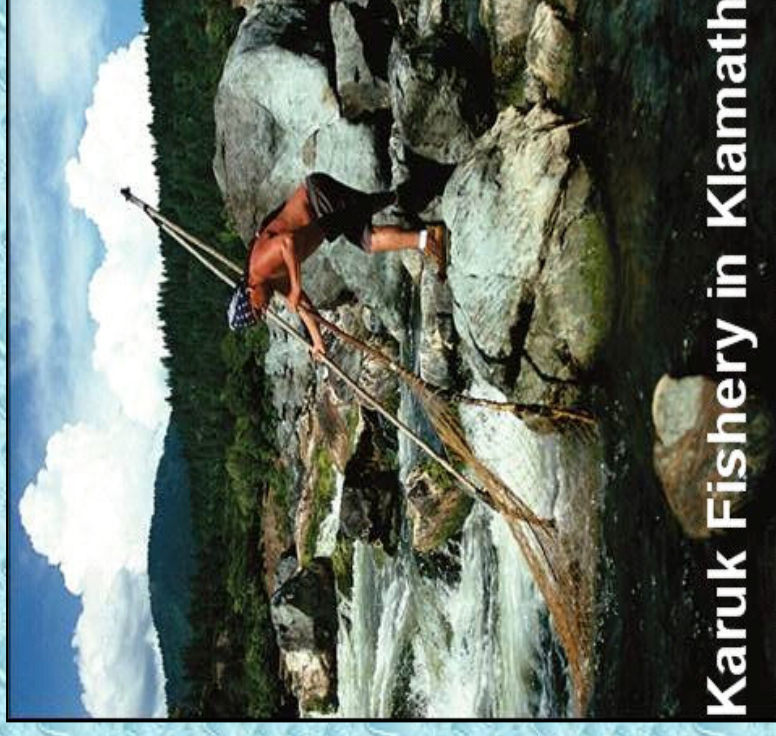
- “...successfully support the prudent management and conservation of Tribal natural resources and assist tribes with establishing and defining water rights and settling claims through negotiations.”



Primary concerns expressed by Tribes with respect to water resources issues have included:

Surface water and ground water supplies;

- federally reserved water rights
- water quality
- overdraft
- water diversions
- water transfers
- ecosystem management
- fisheries

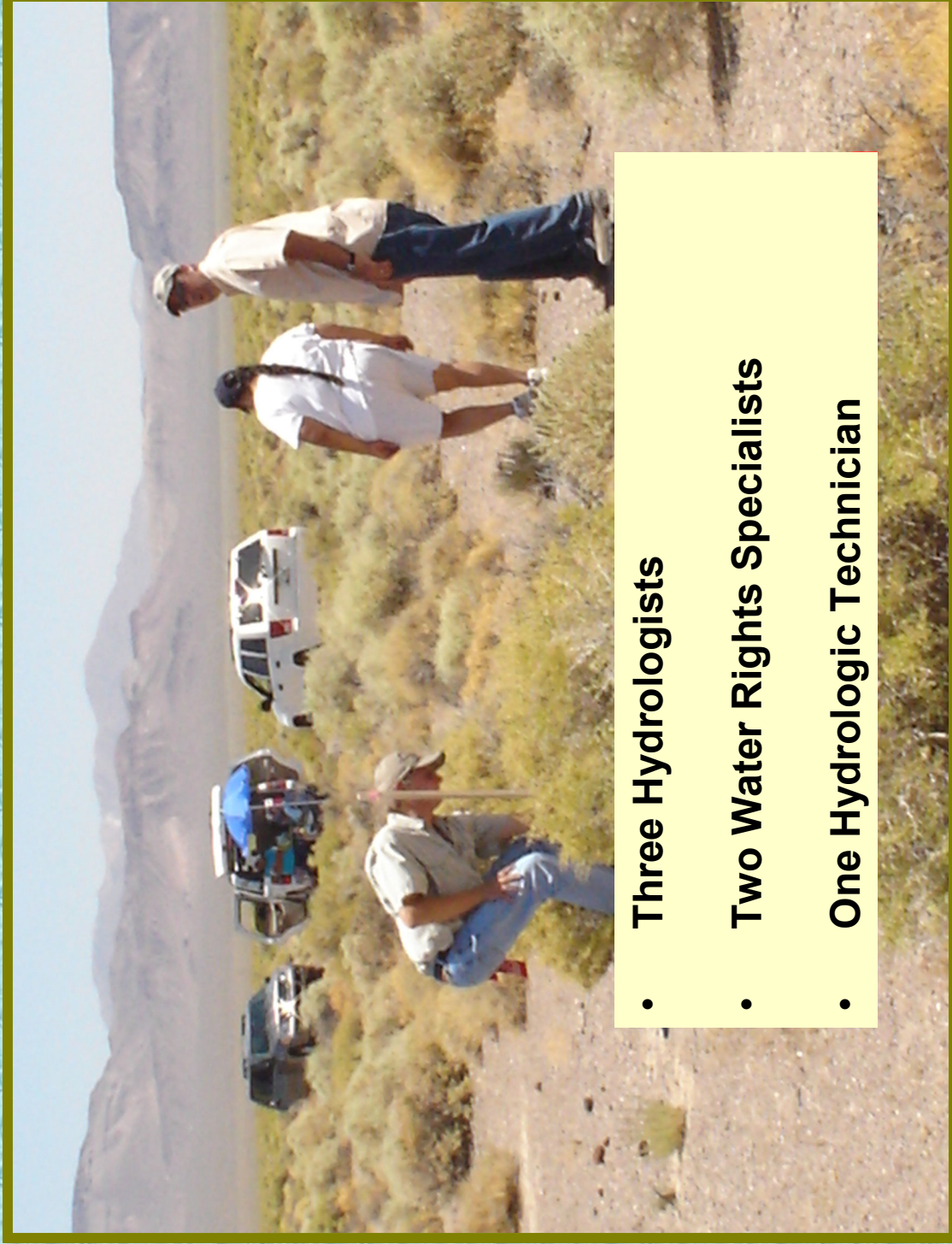


Needs:

- “For Budget Year 2011, the Pacific Region anticipates a continuation of recent program goals and objectives with particular attention to water rights protection, water resources assessments, drilling exploration, and inventories of priority tribal lands.”



Staffing Need:



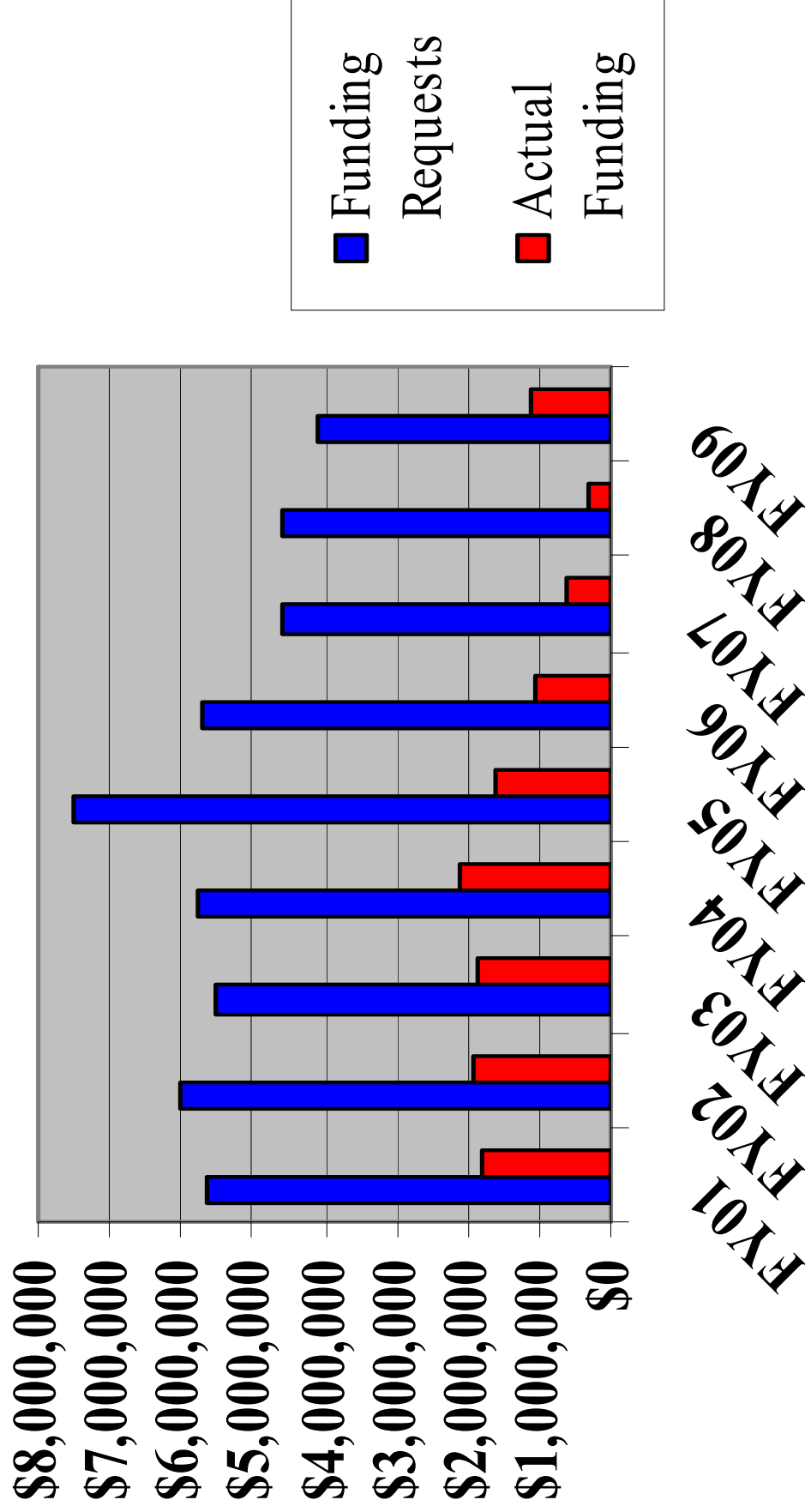
- Three Hydrologists
- Two Water Rights Specialists
- One Hydrologic Technician

Funding:

- Estimation approximately \$9 million dollars in Budget Year 2011
 - **\$1,500,000** to the Pacific Regional Office improved water rights.
 - **\$1,000,000** to Coachella Valley Tribes –For future emergency planning and resources protection as a result of fires & flooding.
 - **\$300,000** to Central California Agency tribes for assessments that would assist with resources/rights protection
 - **\$1,800,000** to Northern California tribes for participation related to Klamath
 - **\$100,000** to Tule River Reservation to participate in ongoing water rights negotiation
 - **\$500,000** to Pechanga, Cahuilla and Ramona to continue participation in U.S. vs. Fallbrook litigation
 - **\$500,000** to Colusa Rancheria to address water rights quantification
 - **\$3,000,000** Pacific Region tribes for drought related emergency water supply development
 - **\$300,000** Colusa Reservation provide stream gaging and groundwater model development



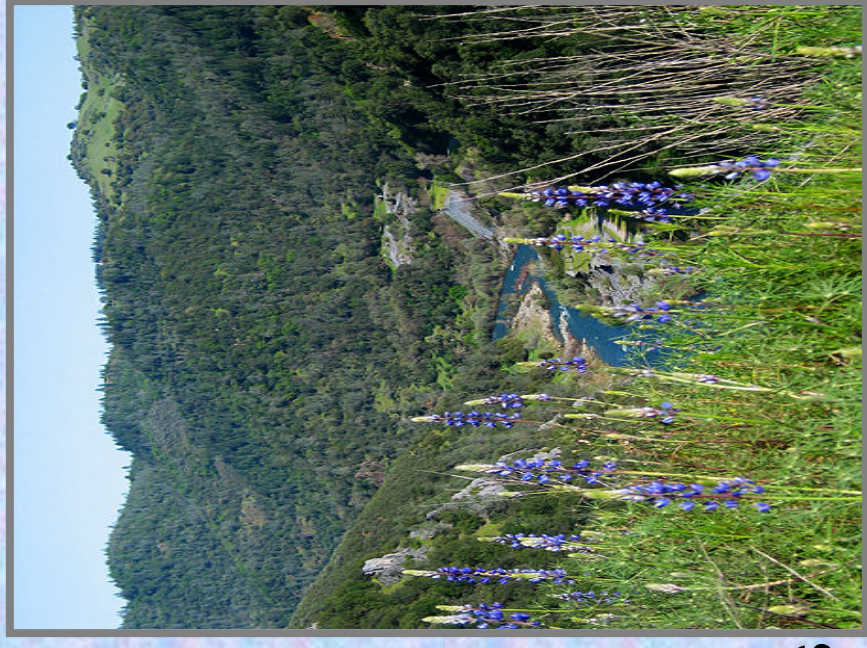
Chart 1 - Pacific Region Request and Funding History FY01 to FY09



***FY09 Actual Funding is Estimated.**

Program Initiatives:

- Water rights negotiations
- Assist tribes toward water rights settlement
- Water rights adjudication participation
- Water resources assessment reports
- Data Collection
- Data assimilation
- Inventories
- Groundwater modeling activities



Initiatives Cont:

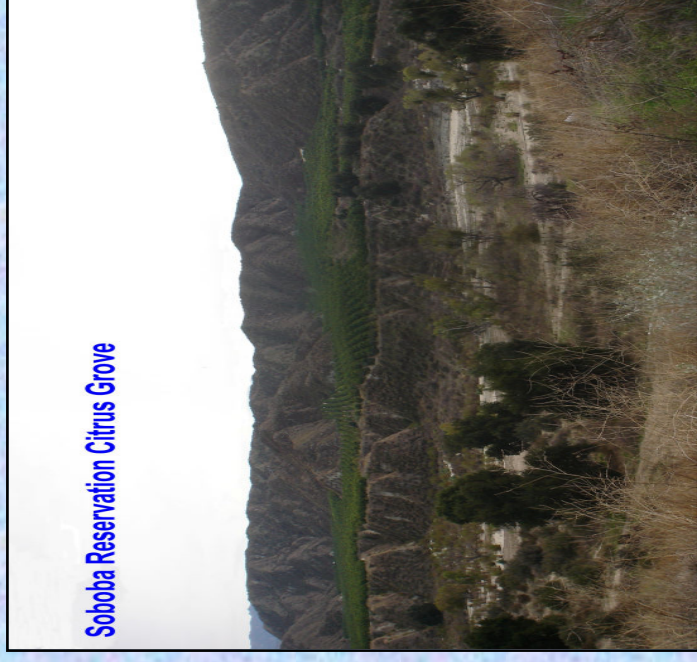
- Geologic characterization
- Geohydrologic exploration
- Aquifer performance testing
- Groundwater and surface water monitoring
- Planning studies
- Environmental protection
- Water resources management
- Water resources technician training



Mill Creek Lake above Hoopa

Examples of Accomplishments

- Soboba Settlement Negotiations
- Pauma Yuima Reservation
- Colusa Reservation – Water Resources Protection
- Hoopa, Yurok, Karuk and the Klamath Tribes Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission
- Tule River Reservation Water Rights
- Cahuilla Ramona and Pechanga Reservations in United States vs. Fallbrook Utility District
- Coachella Valley Tribes – Environmental Protection



Examples of Accomplishments



**Colusa Reservation Drilling
Exploration**



**Santa Ynez Reservation
Hydrogeologic Reconnaissance**

Pacific Region Changes

- Probate:
 - Combine Probate funds into one program
 - Hire BIA staff, verses contractors.

Result:

- ✓ Continuity
- ✓ Stability
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Control of resources



Pacific Region Changes

- Public Safety & Justice:
 - Funds received under Stimulus can address current construction needs.
 - Funds originally targeted for projects should be available for other projects.

Result:

- ✓ Window available to look at other projects
- ✓ Identify unaddressed needs
- ✓ Include California tribal needs



Pacific Region Changes

- Education O & M:
 - Funds received under Stimulus can address current construction needs.
 - Funds originally targeted for projects should be available for other projects.
- Result:
 - ✓ Window available to look at other projects
 - ✓ Identify other unaddressed needs
 - ✓ Include California tribal needs, tribal and Charter Schools



Thank you

