

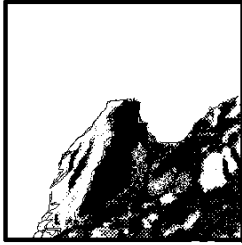
From: William Micklin
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Cc: William Micklin; Robert Pinto
Subject: Tribal Consultation Request
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Mr. Jules Stein,

The Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians requests tribal consultation concerning the California Broadband Council and Executive Order N-73-20. The Tribe is off-grid to all utilities, including telecommunications (both wireline and wireless services) and electricity. Thank you.

Will Micklin, CEO
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians

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VIA EMAIL
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November 23, 2020

California Broadband Council

Re: Broadband: Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians Tribal Input

On behalf of Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, a federally-recognized tribal government, I convey the Tribe's responses to the list of questions in preparation for the Tribal Listening Session pursuant to Executive Order N-73-20.

- Does your Tribe have broadband access?
No. The Ewiiapaayp Indian Reservation is off-grid to all wireline and wireless services.
- What is the most valuable use of the internet for your Tribe – telehealth, distance learning, telework?

All and any broadband services are valuable to the Tribe given its off-grid status.

- How can the state be the most helpful in advocating for your Tribe's broadband needs?
The Tribe requests the state assist with its advocacy for federal and state funding to deploy fiber optic media in underground conduit as a part of the electrification project for the Reservation that is off-grid to all utilities, including electrical and telecommunications. Underground conduit for electrification is required due to high wildland fire risk, which is an opportunity to share the cost burden for deployment of fiber optic media. The Tribe's 15 year effort to backhaul radio spectrum to the Reservation failed due to topology, climate, power, and high cost of construction.

Because the Reservation is off-grid, should you have any questions, please contact the Tribe's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Will Micklin, by telephone at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Pinto, Sr.
Tribal Chairman
Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians