DWR’s Prop 68 Technical Assistance program provides community outreach, engagement and technical needs, risks and vulnerability assessments for prioritized water systems within Tribal Communities. Once these prioritized systems undergo the needs, risks, and vulnerability assessments, as related to the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, preliminary engineering reports will be generated to scope out funding-ready projects.

We ensure effective communication and government-to-government consultation, creating a channel for Tribal Governments to provide input at all levels into the development of regulations, rules, policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions, and activities that may impact Tribal Communities.

DWR is committed to open, inclusive, and regular communication with Tribal Governments and Communities to recognize and understand their needs and interests.

Within the State of California, Tribes, Tribal Governments, and Tribal Communities face multiple challenges regarding access to clean, affordable, and sustainable groundwater and water resources. Tribes, Tribal Governments, and Tribal Communities are disproportionately impacted by water supply and water quality challenges, such as overdraft in basins and contamination, that is either anthropogenic (created by human activities) or naturally occurring. Moreover, the Tribal cultural significance of water and water bodies is not often recognized by local, state, or federal governments, which presents challenges.

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