



TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM



KASHIA BAND OF POMO INDIANS OF THE STEWART'S POINT RANCHERIA

ENERGY-RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR KASHIA TRIBAL FACILITIES

Project Manager: **Vaughn Pena**

Award Amount: **\$250,000**

The Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (“Kashia” or “the Tribe”) plans to address energy efficiency and distributed renewable energy generation to lower costs, increase resiliency, and mitigate its carbon footprint in the following areas:

- 1) On-site solar, wind, and hydropower generation, and energy efficiency measures at the Center for Abalone Research, Education, and Restoration, which is under development on Tribally-owned coastal property in Sonoma County
- 2) Biomass fuel supply and energy production from Tribally-owned forest property and from local timberland managers in Sonoma County
- 3) Energy efficiency measures and on-site solar and wind power generation at residential, commercial, and government facilities at the Stewarts Point Rancheria

In addition, the Tribe intends to establish the necessary capacity and business/regulatory infrastructure – namely, a Tribal Energy Utility – to generate and sell power, purchase power, and deliver power to its members, businesses, and community facilities at the locations listed above as well as potential future growth locations in the region.

By reducing energy use and taking control of energy production and delivery, the Tribe will be able to reduce its cost and carbon footprint across its territory, while exercising its sovereignty and increasing its resiliency.