



Addressing Regulatory Challenges to Tribal Solar Deployment

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Project Overview

Listening Sessions - November 17-18, 2020

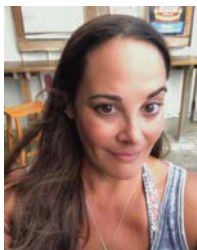
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Transparency and open communication

To encourage open dialogue and ensure we accurately capture what we hear:

- We are recording this session so that we can synthesize notes internally but will not post the recording; we will post a summary of ideas presented
- All participants may use anecdotes or information heard in this session, but should not attribute comments to specific people or organizations without obtaining additional permission

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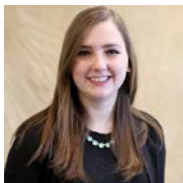
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Project Goals:

- 1) Identify policy roadblocks and work together to find solutions
- 2) Develop strong working relationships among three key stakeholder groups:
 - Tribal staff and leaders
 - State regulators and staff
 - Electric utility staff

Project Steps & Outcomes



Questionnaires

At the beginning, middle, and end of project to assess overall impacts



Working Group

Ongoing stakeholder participation (online, phone, in person)



Listening Sessions

Specific topics to gather information throughout project



Guidebooks & Training Materials

Case studies, issue briefs, slide decks, fact sheets, etc.



Lasting Commitment

MTERA will host and use guidebooks after project ends... you're encouraged to also!

Working Group Principles



1. Accessible

2. Efficient

3. Respectful. Constructive.

4. Keep scope boundaries, record all ideas.

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Many ways to
get involved

How to Participate

The success of the Tribal Solar Initiative depends on the active participation of Tribal, Utility, and Regulatory representatives throughout the project. There are four main ways to stay engaged:

 **Webinars and Listening Sessions**
Click here to register for the next event

 **1-on-1 Calls**
Click here to schedule a virtual call with the project team

 **Questionnaires**
Click here to complete the baseline questionnaire

 **Project Forum**
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Registration Open for Listening Sessions

Registration is open for Tribal Representatives, Utility Representatives, and Regulators to attend listening sessions on November 17th and November 18th.

Oct 28, 2020



Baseline Questionnaire Results

The Baseline Questionnaire requested information on the strength and importance of relationships among Tribes, Utilities, and Regulators. Click here to see a summary of the results.

Oct 3, 2020

Baseline Questionnaire Sent to National Representatives

Aug 11, 2020

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Case Studies

We will be listening for stories to include in our guidebooks.

If you'd like us to feature yours, please reach out:
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Photo Credit: San Carlos Apache Tribe, NREL 29202



What are the specific *policy* challenges that you have experienced, or are aware of, in deploying solar PV on tribal land?

Photo by Amy Glickson, NREL 40519

What solutions are you aware of to help overcome these challenges? If you are not aware of solutions that *have been* used, what solutions do you think *could be* used?

Thank you

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