

Priority Public-Watch Briefing

Seven public findings: what changed, what remains uncertain, and what to check next. Older research reports remain dated historical editions.

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At a glance

Final decisions: California bill outcomes are signed, vetoed or held. Fountain Wind is denied.

Unfinished legal action: The Pit River land-transfer bill is not enacted. Birthright-citizenship rules remain in litigation.

Early-stage and ongoing work: The Mt. Shasta data-center question is not a verified application. Medicine Lake water sampling is not an adopted designation.

Funding: The community grant application periods have closed. A separate technical-assistance provider procurement opened October 13.

California Tribal legislation — final 2026 bill outcomes

FINAL 2026 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONFIRMED

What the record shows

The Governor signed eight bills tracked here on September 25: AB 31, 1641, 1769, 1824, 1841, 2115, 2187 and 2507. AB 1581 was signed September 30, and AB 2018 became law in July. AB 1881 and AB 2218 were vetoed September 30; SB 891 was vetoed September 27. SB 1326 was held, not passed.

What is still uncertain

Signed bills are law, but their specific start dates and implementation steps can differ. Vetoed bills did not become law. These are outcomes for the bills tracked by this Watch Desk, not a list of every California Tribal-related bill.

What to check next

For new legal obligations, read the enacted bill and its effective date. Watch official agency guidance and any new bill that replaces a vetoed or held proposal.

Sources and records to check

- [Governor: Tribal legislation signed September 25](#) (www.gov.ca.gov)
- [Governor: legislative update September 27](#) (www.gov.ca.gov)
- [Governor: legislative update September 30](#) (www.gov.ca.gov)

Pit River Land Transfer Act — H.R. 2400

PASSED SENATE WITH AMENDMENT • NOT ENACTED

What the record shows

The Senate passed H.R. 2400 with an amendment on September 30, 2026. The House must agree to the amended text before the measure can be sent for signature.

What is still uncertain

The records cited here do not establish House agreement, enactment, or a completed land transfer. The companion bill, S. 2871, does not establish those steps either.

What to check next

Check the House record for action on the Senate amendment. If the bill becomes law, look separately for the legal and administrative record of the land transfer.

Sources and records to check

- [Senator Padilla: Senate passage October 1](http://www.padilla.senate.gov) (www.padilla.senate.gov)
 - [GovInfo: Senate-amended H.R. 2400 text](http://www.govinfo.gov) (www.govinfo.gov)
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Birthright citizenship — court cases and agency action

COURT PROTECTION IN PLACE FOR CERTIFIED CLASS · AGENCY PLAN PROPOSED

What the record shows

After the Supreme Court's June 2026 decision in *Trump v. Barbara*, the President issued Executive Order 14418 on August 6. In *CASA*, a federal district court issued a September 2 order barring enforcement against the certified plaintiff class. A separate challenge, *Nathan v. Trump*, was filed September 28. The State Department also published a proposed passport implementation plan.

What is still uncertain

The *CASA* order protects its certified class; it is not a final decision that resolves everyone's citizenship status. The same order allows agencies to publish public guidance. Publishing a plan does not itself remove the court's protection, and the State Department calls its plan proposed and subject to legal obligations.

What to check next

Look for new court orders, changes to the protected class, and final agency instructions. For an individual case, the controlling court orders and current agency rules matter more than a proposed plan.

Sources and records to check

- [White House: Executive Order 14418](https://www.whitehouse.gov) (www.whitehouse.gov)
 - [Federal district court: September 2 CASA order \(PDF\)](https://icap.law.georgetown.edu) (icap.law.georgetown.edu)
 - [Georgetown ICAP: CASA litigation status](https://icap.law.georgetown.edu) (icap.law.georgetown.edu)
 - [ACLU: Nathan case filing](https://www.acludc.org) (www.acludc.org)
 - [State Department: implementation-plan notice](https://travel.state.gov) (travel.state.gov)
 - [State Department: proposed plan \(PDF\)](https://travel.state.gov) (travel.state.gov)
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Mt. Shasta — former Crystal Geyser site and data-center inquiry

DEVELOPER INQUIRY REPORTED • FORMAL APPLICATION NOT INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED

What the record shows

A July 10 investigation reported that county planning emails identified Dunlieh Infrastructure Group in a preliminary inquiry about the former Crystal Geyser site. This is reporting based on documents obtained by the journalist. The Long Return has not independently authenticated those emails.

What is still uncertain

This briefing has not verified a formal permit application or project approval. That is a limit of the documents checked, not proof that no filing exists. California signed seven data-center-related laws on September 21. Their application and effective dates must be checked law by law.

What to check next

Request or inspect the City of Mt. Shasta and Siskiyou County planning records. A filed application, environmental review, or agency decision would change this entry. Claims about water, power, or cooling should be checked against project documents.

Sources and records to check

- [SFGATE: planning-email investigation \(reporting\)](http://www.sfgate.com) (www.sfgate.com)
 - [Governor: seven data-center laws September 21](http://www.gov.ca.gov) (www.gov.ca.gov)
 - [Siskiyou County: planning application routes \(not proof of absence\)](http://www.siskiyoucounty.gov) (www.siskiyoucounty.gov)
 - [City of Mt. Shasta: public planning projects \(not a complete docket certification\)](http://www.mtshastaca.gov) (www.mtshastaca.gov)
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Fountain Wind — application denied

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION • DENIED

What the record shows

The California Energy Commission lists Fountain Wind, docket 23-OPT-01, as denied. Its decision took effect and became final on December 19, 2025.

What is still uncertain

Older language about a recommendation to deny describes an earlier stage. It must not appear as the project's current permit status. A final denial does not, by itself, rule out a different future application.

What to check next

Watch the official docket for a new filing, a court ruling, or agency reconsideration. Do not describe this application as awaiting initial approval.

Sources and records to check

- [CEC: Fountain Wind project status](http://www.energy.ca.gov) (www.energy.ca.gov)
 - [CEC: 23-OPT-01 docket and signed order](http://efiling.energy.ca.gov) (efiling.energy.ca.gov)
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Sáttítla / Medicine Lake — water sampling and protection

WATER SAMPLING REPORTED BY ORGANIZATION • NO DESIGNATION ADOPTED

What the record shows

In its October 9 newsletter, the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center reported restarting water-quality sampling at Medicine Lake and Paynes Spring during summer 2026. It reported funding from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

What is still uncertain

The group says the data may support future Tribal Beneficial Use and Outstanding National Resource Water protections. Neither designation is established by this report. Sampling does not itself change the area's federal land-management status.

What to check next

Look for a formal Water Board proposal, Tribal consultation, a public notice, or an adopted basin-plan change. Track Forest Service or monument decisions separately.

Sources and records to check

- [MSBEC: October 2026 first-party newsletter](https://us4.campaign-archive.com) (us4.campaign-archive.com)
 - [Central Valley Water Board: Tribal Beneficial Uses](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov) (www.waterboards.ca.gov)
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Food Has to Get Here — funding dates and next decisions

GRANT APPLICATIONS CLOSED • PROVIDER PROCUREMENT OPEN

What the record shows

California changed the Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Round 2 implementation-grant deadline from September 25 to September 30, 2026. Planning applications closed September 4; implementation applications closed September 30. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 6 applications also closed September 30. CRC decisions are expected in spring 2027, after state review.

What is still uncertain

On October 13, the Strategic Growth Council invited bids from organizations to help future grantees carry out projects. This is a contract for technical-assistance providers, not a new application period for community grants. It does not establish a Pit River project award or a change in local food access.

What to check next

The provider information webinar is October 29, 2026, at 10 a.m. Pacific. For the food briefing, keep source R20 with its original study and record this procurement as R32. Watch official grant awards and actual local implementation commitments.

Sources and records to check

- [Strategic Growth Council: CRC Round 2 applications](https://sgc.ca.gov) (sgc.ca.gov)
- [Strategic Growth Council: TCC Round 6](https://sgc.ca.gov) (sgc.ca.gov)
- [Strategic Growth Council: TA provider RFP October 13](https://sgc.ca.gov) (sgc.ca.gov)

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