San Diego State University and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Collaboration for Energy Sovereignty

San Diego State University

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- Torres Martinez is a federally recognized sovereign tribe located near the north end of the Salton Sea
- The Tribe experiences frequent power outages in a region that regularly reaches up to 120°F
- Checkerboard composition of the Torres Martinez tribal lands creates costly challenges associated with energy transmission & distribution









Torres Martinez tribal land map



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