

RTOC Full Caucus
San Francisco, California
May 9, 2013

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer provided by Hualapai Chairwoman, Sherry J. Counts.

Lori Lewis went over logistics for meeting: reminder to turn cell phones off, restroom location and the meeting is a webinar.

Co-Chair Antone recognized all tribal leaders for taking the time out to be with us today.

Welcoming Remarks- Jared Blumenfeld, EPA Region 9 Administrator

- **Welcome to San Francisco for another RTOC.**
- **Thanked elected officials** for coming and will be meeting with them later on. Elected are the ones that put trust in us to run our programs this well. Visited with tribal council have good knowledge what environment office is doing.
- **There are more people applying** for the same amount of money and that does not go far. Hopefully things will get better by 2015-2016. **We're not there yet but** see writing on wall. Understanding fiscal realities before they happen.
- **74 people left agency.** There is an opportunity is to hire entry level people, looking to hire 37 new people. If interested, send him a resume. EPA is only hiring veterans and the disabled. **You're your** resume to Jared or Alexis of a veteran that is a tribal member,
- **Thanked all folks who came yesterday. Engaging states and other federal agencies is good.** We are happy to have folks in room and appreciate that work.
- **budget Sequestration already happening to us. Every single person is getting furloughed.**
- **Existing** money is not cut 5%. EPA money will affect future money and your project officer will **tell you when that will be. 5% means we have 95% of the money we thought we had. We'll still** be able to get a lot done. We need to understand those changes. This may last a year. **We don't know. Doesn't seem to be ending very soon.**
- **Elections: good to hear that Corn ran again and everyone that voted for him.**
- The GAP guidebook been postponed again to May 13 which is next week. As many people will be frustrated as will be unhappy about it. Been a long process. Not any of us are proud the way it unfolded. Something we have to live with. If you have questions you could talk to Laura.
- **Will be useful to Corn to have dialogue with RTOC and the IG.** Just getting inspector general to understand what you do day in and day out.
We can have honest dialogue to improve environmental within tribal boundaries and within adjacent lands. Not an easy job. In order to do it and do it well and to build that relationship.
- **Annual meeting** we have budget constraint for annual meeting. Thanked Owens Valley. Agenda going to change in number of ways. Less hearing from EPA and more hearing from each other. There will be less EPA participants. The people that do go have to pay their own way and will be giving a presentation. If I go I **can't just give welcome** I have to give presentation. Those kinds of things will see changing overtime.
- **Renewed focus on PPG. Creates efficiency and meeting goals of getting reporting and planning.** Already good job with PPGs 330 odd people doing this work.
- His goal is to get out to Tribes. Zoe who works in his office does many things and if Jared **hasn't been to your tribe yet,** give her your card.
- Jared went to spend time at the Navajo uranium conference. Met with tribal community groups that had different set of environmental issues.

- Today hopefully Gina McCarthy nomination comes out of committee than goes to full senate. Hopefully will be good. Has long and deep history on many issues. Encourage to build that relationship. Go to budget presentation. Found this a useful engaging part on what you care about and how we can help.
- Have a good conference and make sure to send to Zoe the resume of a tribal veteran.

***Introductions/ Roll Call- Cornelius Antone, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair
FY 2013 Budget Presentation Proposal/ Discussion-All***

RTOC FY 13 Budget Update

Jared

-this is our opportunity to present our budget. Agency going into FY 15 planning process. President released FY 14 budget last month. Things not going smoothly in DC. Want to present overview going to cover FY 12, 13 and proposed budget by president for FY 14, to inform discussions that will be taking place at the NTOC level.

This is agencies budget from national perspective, goes through environmental project management. The state of interest is the stag monies, SRF funds are clean water act. Leaking UST, and superfund. Our acting administrator testified before the house yesterday. EPA budget request is 8.15 billion for FY 14. The STAG account is the largest. Key nugget important to U.S state revolving funds include 2014 budget includes 1.1 billion under clean water act SRF. 817 million under the drinking water SRF. Presentation is going to be put on-line on Monday.

- **How they impact tribal lands. The last two enacted budget then what's proposed for FY 14.**
 - \$5 million increase was noted. Infrastructure budget: Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, added US Mexico Border monies that come in from border Environmental Infrastructure funds.
 - Reminder starting in FY 10 the tribal set aside became 2% of national allocation. Up from 1.5%. These numbers still reflect 2%. The flexibility that obtained to move money between CWA and DW SRF.
 - Tribal border infrastructure program has greatly diminished.
 - **Other grant programs: we don't** have break downs yet. Even for FY 13. As we look, at non-point source funds the national figures are of both states and tribes. The Region 9 is just for tribes.
 - Air funding is separate line item in EPA budget. FY 13 was **\$15 million. We don't have** break down for tribes in FY 13 and FY 14 yet to be determined.
 - Wetlands development: both numbers for state and tribes. Most money Region 9 goes to tribes. Hovered around 50% of projects funded with that money.

Questions/comments:

- Marta Burg -you mentioned Regional Administrator ability to transfer funding CWA State Revolving Fund and Safe Drinking Water Act revolving funds. Understand that Regional Administrator will be able to do that. That is not going to happen until regional guidance comes into place.
- Linda Reeves: authority in statue to allow transferring of funds. Awaiting national guidance. Very eager to get tribal input to transfer funding. The comment period of that consultation ended on Friday, are welcome to receive tribal feedback.
- EPA: this afternoon Denise will be talking about green grants. In world of enforcement and compliance many documents that transition between EPA, states, tribes. EPA been concocting this initiative to transition some of those key compliance documents to be

electronically based. We don't know if congress will be supportive of that. Hope to invest in modernizing how we do business with you and our states.

- Meyo Marrufo: **may see term next generation compliance. Captures where we're trying to go as a larger enforcement standpoint.** The office of enforcement compliance assistance trying to get money behind this push. Seeing a little bit here in specific line item for e-manifests.
- Action Item: Could the RTOC put forward a list of what it feels region 9 research priorities would be.
- John Mosely: ORD been working on project in CA on harmful algae blooms. They fund TSC. The TSC work on priorities for all regions for tribes. Destiny Cooper acting for EPA TSC. Matthew small who is regional science liaison for EPA. Research development for tools. Questionnaire to get science needs to whole region. Looking at proposing to put together the RTOC science workgroup again. Going to reinvigorate science workgroup. **Maybe hash out some of these priorities and look at what's being done. Want to put all resource and look at what being done outside of ORD and maybe inside of ORD.**
- Co-Chair Antone thanked everyone for putting this together. This year with the help of **Marta's husband Kevin and Syndi put our whole budget video, and everyone who participated.**
- Syndi Smallwood talked about the video, a documentary, as you know we do this every year showing you telling stories, and giving data backup. Recognize currently economic is challenging not for EPA but for tribes, we see and hear about the funding cuts and sequestration that is occurring. And proposed budget for 2015 is not as robust as we would like it. Protect tribal programs, hold tribal programs harmless, and help ensure tribal environmental programs are able to do their environmental work. After we show video, **we're going to give tribes a chance to give more comments. In our documentary very thankful to have tribal elders, tribal members and environmental staff able to donate time and wisdom. Syndi thanked environmental staff and tribal leaders, for all their help. There a lot of information that could not be put into the final product. We hope people will now want to do the interviews. The other thing is we really want to thank Marta's husband Kevin who spent many hours editing this video for us.**

Additional comments:

- Melody sees; stress the fact that there are a lot of dumps not closed properly, a really big one on San Yesebel **It's a reality; keep hearing that clean up funding is not going to go away.** One dump that is covered is near a drinking water well. Drinking water **funding and solid waste funding is very important to us and don't want to see it going away. Tribe is economically efficient. Just because a tribe has a casino doesn't mean they have money.**
- Meyo Marrufo: Hopland working with Kashia, Stewart, Coyote, Pinoleville, working with recycling. We keep finding open dump sites. We need those monies to continue that fight.
- John Mosely: looking back now can think of successes that pyramid lake has had that was from GAP funding. Emergency response department which was through GAP. It opened it up. We work a lot with burning man. That was provided through GAP funds in **beginning, it's a huge success. Important to be reminded of those successes. Right now working on separating public works department. Last year was first year tribal council authorized tribal funds to hire manager to oversee that department. GAP is really crucial.**

- Clay Bravo: given presentation earlier on agencies budget overview. These cuts that are starting to happen and the future as we are sitting here together, I think the agency first years ago stated that we as an agency want to have an environmental presence in Indian country. Tribes jumped on board saying very important to have on the reservation. GAP was agencies way of making environmental presence in Indian country. GAP is really about building environmental capacity and keeping in mind the potential of that by first assessing what exists on that reservation. We got worked up and came along ways from a few hundred thousand to millions in the budget lines now. We do not have parity to states, we still lack ability to have direct money coming to tribes. Still in competition mode for these same dollars. How in the heck we going to handle this process in the years, understanding how we supposed to build this relationship with each other. The tribes are saying How you going to be able to ensure we have a continued environmental presences in Indian country? When you say excuse me tribe **we don't have the resources to continue** to do that.
- What and how you going to handle the situation when the tribe cannot perform the environmental task on Indian country? How you going to hire a contractor to come in? what is your plan as an agency to work with us during these hard times that are approaching us? The agency has volume of records of how much work has been done. Why is it we have to come and show what we have done when we submitted it to the agency.
- Let us know what amount of reduction is going to happen in the GAP program. Already **struggling with solid waste with this interagency plan, but we don't know what the outcome will be. I think if you tell us what your plan is and maybe you don't really know what that plan is, we can start to work with each other.**

Jared Blumenfeld:

- thanked everyone who worked on video. Reason that video worked 1. People that heard often can't be here. 2. **Don't see that moment when cars** or tires being pulled on hill. The more visual we can make things the more tangible it becomes. We should think about how we record during the year the most important things we do. Talk to a tribal elder about something they remember. The need for video not going to go away.
- The GAP program goes up 5 million dollars. The magnitude of dollar cuts are huge for **Ca. that scrutiny is not linked to scarcity of resources. It's accountability. That's why** more and more activity by IG. He is instructing IG to do these reports and audits to make sure dollars match the purpose. As I tell people who apply for Environmental **Justice small grants is same if you get 250 million. Terms of what if you don't perform** that is up to us. The combination of scrutiny and lack of resources, Bob is the kind of person to sit down and have those conversations. If we have system or idea on how to change that paradigm to talk with Bob Percusepi.
- In terms of budget year ahead, we are here to fight for tribes. 85% of money EPA receives goes out the door to people. Need to understand the challenges EPA has, **because we will be frustration with them. It's hard to allocate resources, never knew** until this week the indirect cost that we allocate in a grant determine generally by their agency. We present our budget, goes to OMB goes to president and goes to continuing resolution.
- Bill Campbell: solely funded by GAP. The guidebook has got him worried because of unrealistic definition of capacity building. The vehicle provided by GAP fund will not be maintainable in the future because of the guidance. He achieved his capacity and will

not be able to maintain the vehicle. Works with 27 tribes around state, many are remote. The northeastern tribes are very frightened because of southern area water authority potential grab that EPA says they have no control over. The grab of that water is going to cause many problems; reduction of water table, decrease water quality, because of subsidence will no longer be able to fill with water again. Many of **their sacred areas are going to be eliminated. He doesn't understand why EPA will get** with tribes and work with them to prevent these types of grab.

- Jared Blumenfeld: in terms of two things, had two great meeting with ITCN. Brought in all other federal agencies. Was a great meeting had opportunity to go into meeting with 27 tribes. There is some pretty strong language that relates to the impacts of that project. We are monitoring that closely.
- Jeff Scott: the good in beginning is after multi year battle on the GAP guidance and what it says, the latest version reaffirms that you can spend GAP money to clean up open dumps. That was good news. Appreciates support that people in room provided. **On budget as whole for solid waste, explains to folks that we don't provide solid waste money to states. Therefore we don't have money for tribes for solid waste. Reduction of that budget virtually zero is not terribly large. The whole setup of things, don't expect that to change. Good news is that if you look at how much has gotten done in this region particularly in last 5 years, dumps clean up, recycling facility, it's awesome, far greater than any area in rest of country put together. People being creative from using GAP funds. folks should be proud of. Encourages people in this room that are environmental leaders. We have to work together to highlight importance of this work.**
- Jane Diamond: they have folks that do assessments, cleanup of hazardous waste. If questions about solid waste or hazardous waste call and see if they can help us. Continue to work and support with any response needed. There are a handful of tribes that have land adjacent to sites. Many of the tribes are not represented here today. Most of sites are long term cleanup sites are in urban areas.
- Nancy-water division: some of agencies emphasis to use all told for drinking water and ensuring it complies with regulating standards. We are working with partnership with Kathleen Shaw on drinking water action. Emphasis going to be drinking water and ensuring allowable access to drinking water. Maybe a little irritated with agency how we do that. Continue to put that pressure and be heard at DC level.
- Kathleen Johnson: We think by having consolidated enforcement division we can do our job as enforcers better. Should be able to work better in terms of enforcement with tribes. One of enforcement issues looking at is drinking water. Very important tool. When we choose to use enforcement tool we use judiciously. Facilities that been out of **compliance for a long time, that have ability for infrastructure but not don't have the priority, or people that have been let go and not replaced where a drinking water system is not a priority. Those are the ones that the enforcement acting will get on someone's radar screen.** If any issue with enforcement see her or Angela Baranco.
- Alexis Strauss: call attention to GAP. Worked hard with important comments from tribes. We won some we lost some we will see that document soon. To go forward with whatever money we receive. **Let's learn lesson from you. There may be some things that seem frustrating to you. What are some of things that we could change?**
- Jared Blumenfeld: Denise is a person that approves the grants and has to deal with grant oversight.
- Denise of USEPA: thank you for documentary. Non-Point source example that was given. Those stories are meaningful and inspiring, got from documentary innovation. Making

most of dollars we do have. Working in budget office really challenging on constraints. Still have many constraints need to do best we can with what we have. Priorities will be when we have final numbers for FY13. As far as own innovative efforts will be hearing on grants later today. One of the things her office is doing is being more green and paperless. Send in application electronically.

- Jared Blumenfeld: really getting message in communities is most important thing. That could do more.
- Kelly of USEPA: highlight fact Jared mentioned the vast majority of our budget goes out **the door. Sometimes we don't do very good job of partnering. Always looking for a way** to work with us to highlight those great stories. That is one step trying to take to communicate with that.
- Jared: Denise and Kelly will be working with John Lions on language on contracts to require tribes to put EPA logo when tribes out doing project
- Stephanie Valentine: give roughly 30 air grants a year to tribes. Have good working relationship with grantees. NSR, air designations,

Lunch Break

February Issues Review-EPA Facilitators

This is posted on website.

- **9 issues at Feb. meeting** have almost been completed.
- **2 that want to highlight is that furloughs have started this first have started on April 26 to June 14.**
- **Take 4 days without pay at that time. Trying to make sure that someone in office can address** issues. What that means for EPA is they are not allowed to check voice messages. Been given specific instructions.

Questions/comments:

Erica Helms-Schenk: some tribes want a schedule of the furlough for project officers.

Laura Ebbert: trying to be flexible for staff. Everyone is instructed in their voicemail for whom to talk to. There is that in place.

Enrique Manzanilla: the whole agency will be furloughed the Friday before Memorial Day.

- Feb. issue- strategic planning session, workgroup hosted webinar. Yesterday a session was held with lots of great conversation.

Tribal Caucus Report-Cornelius Antone

EPA wanted more clarifying question on superfund rep for calls.

Erica Helms-Schenk: discussion on last action item for Charter. Erica will set up meeting for June, if interested please let her know.

NTOC Report and Updates-Clay Bravo

Erica Helms-Schenk provided the NTOC report.

- Current budget process and getting priorities together to present in July. Yesterday was conference call.
- **Questions regarding GAP guidebook, understands next week it will go out, and will be put on website portal. This was a concern because some tribes don't have access.**
- **Questions regarding Solid Waste Management agency plan, AIEO stated that the plan or comments will now reflect into GAP guidebook. Asked when revisions will be coming out but**

they were unsure of that. Discussed meeting next week about funding and % and holding tribes harmless.

- **NTC meeting next week will allow** for time to guide them on budget and how they want to move forward.

Fracking in California, Water Division

David Albright: what is hydraulic fracturing; been used for decades

Questions:

- **Alex** Cabillo: are you happy with all regulations you have in place?
- **Nina** Hapner: you showed a map of where fracking sites are located. In some of those areas there are aquifers. Would like to have a map of our region where there is fracking and potential sites. Where there are aquifers. Some of us are only water sources is ground water. Need to be prepared. There is nothing wrong with being prepared.
- **Alex** Cabillo: under use of diesel products, what are the other constituent that they used in **the injection process. Where they're not using diesel what might that be.**
- **Nina** Hapner: since you have MOA with Department of Interior and BLM. That EPA assists us in getting that data. EPA is limited on what oversight it has.
- **Marla Stanton: when they use water they use 70 trillion** gallons of water 360 billion gallons of **chemicals, 5% they don't have to explain what it is. Some of it causes cancers, the end result** they only get 300,000 barrels of natural gas.
- **Bill Campbell: questioned how EPA could allow these people to use these solutions when they don't know what their** using.
- **Nina** Hapner: thinking about amount of water being used, potentially trying to locate it in regard to aquifers and where some of potential fracturing may be occurring, in the potential especially for tribes with groundwater systems having difficulty and needing compliance with water systems if these chemicals start showing up then that will fall under EPA. Then we will not be in compliance for clean drinking water in our communities. Has EPA started to consider that?

Response by David Albright:

- With those instances where regulations in place are not specifically written to address hydraulic fracturing we are trying to do a better job.
 - Not great information about chemicals being used. Trying to get at required information being reported.
 - **This is as far as he knows the most recent map available. This doesn't show the shale in** Nevada. Unfortunately there are no data on where the fracking sites are. Someone would have data on where the known shale is.
 - Action Item: Timeframe 30 days for David to get information.
 - **Understand the concern of chemical being injected.**
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- **Nina** Hapner: thinking about amount of water being used, potentially trying to locate groundwater For those that only have groundwater would be concern for me.
 - **David:** What you described could be violation of several laws. When we talk about hydraulic fracturing is injecting in very deep rock formations. Those chemicals either stay in deep formation or come back up on well boar and come to the surface and is treated. Chemicals should not be getting outside the deep formation, if they are getting in drinking water sources that are a problem that EPA will respond to.

- Marie: in other parts of country where impacts to drinking water hopefully EPA is working with those people. A lot of times wells are put in areas where ranches only have one well. **So they don't get safe drinking water act for a single user. They're on their own pretty much. Wouldn't necessarily fall into what we have to face, but they will have same chemical impacts.** Also having additional earthquakes, lots more sinkholes needs to be looked at to extraction of resources. Might just be water, people taking groundwater. Mexico one foot a year is sinking because of groundwater table.
- David: we are really trying to get handle on these issues. These are critical issues.
- Marla: who regulates where these companies are going to dump their water? The water that comes back up. In Nevada where they start doing fracking is on fault line. Already had **a major earthquake. There's just ranches out there and BLM land.**
- David: hopes they are not going to just dump it, does not have an answer for that question. They would try to recycle that as much as possible. Probably trucking it off. Another option to re-inject that waste water. **It's a good question. Should get answers from company and from State of Nevada.**
 - David: does not know how much of it is BLM.
 - Enrique: 3 yrs. at NTOC in DC, conversation around this was already starting in that venue. Bigger issues that were raised are national. Does not know if this conversation has continued at NTOC.
 - Erica: mentioned that we have hydro fracturing workgroup. It definitely is high on NTOC list. It is continuing.
 - **Marta: we don't know what all is being injected.** There may be a website where some companies are voluntarily disclosing that information.

Announcement by Marta Burg:

Previously mentioned that FY 14 water program guidance is out for comment and comments are due today, been extended slightly for us, and had conference call with Ken Norton on what NTWC on supporting strategic measure instead of indicator that recognizes land of aggregation. We have until Monday at noon. Have copy of national tribal water council comments. Kate has printed copies. Janice emailed out to workgroup. Marta got electronic version. If anyone wants to see the comments.

Superfund Abandoned Mine Coordination Group, John Hillenbrand, Superfund Division

Questions:

- Alex Cabillo: your list of mines out here is based on information that is provided to you. There could be more out there?
- John Hillenbrand: wanted to listen to people like us to let them know of mines they **don't know about.**
- Marla Stanton: why the American beauty mine in Nevada is that a canyon? **Shouldn't it be ranked higher?** When is the last time anyone provided information?
- John Hillenbrand: this is a relative ranking, work was found on that mine.
- Clancy Tenley: **been a while since it's been ranked. If anyone has mines that they want EPA to look at and think it could be a hazard and cleaned up, they could rank any mine that they may have.**
- John Hillenbrand: when we do rank a site we get all information that is readily available and rank it at that time.
- Alex Cabillo: do they have to be abandoned mines?

- John Hillenbrand: if they are active then hope permitting process could address any issues. **99% of time it's going to be abandoned.**
- Marie Barry: California put together a report couple of years ago on abandoned mines in Ca. Have you used that report?
- John Hillenbrand: used that report to rank top 100 mines. He is on California abandoned mine lands group.
- Kate Sloan: do you have a map of historic mines where their known to have existed? Are sites mapped out where we can see it displayed?
- John Hillenbrand: we got map for each state which shows abandoned mines. USGS has mine database. Different levels of accuracy. You can get sense of where mines are and the general area.
- Bill Campbell: worked BLM in Wyoming, they have database by state with all open abandoned mines on BLM land. That could be something to look into. When it comes to BLM forest service plan.
- Roselynn Lwenya: have you been to neighborhoods of Lone area, seen a lot of mines that look abandoned.
- John Hillenbrand: he has been in the area. If you have specific concerns or questions 415-972-3494
- Marie Barry: In Nevada a million different test pits. **When they do test pit they can't put** tailings back into the holes to mitigate instead of leaving just holes all over the place. Some of these pits are less than 10 feet.
- John Hillenbrand: **if you're in Nevada there is a reclamation requirement for state permit** for exploration. Problem with test pits is that you rarely run into superfund scale toxic waste type. **It's on a pretty small scale and should** be addressed by state or BLM.

Green Grants – Susanne Perkins

Questions:

- Sally Manning: what is needed some way to make this more appealing to people. How do we make this be something more easily to just be cool with?
- Laura Blah: Providing different ways of marketing. How do we make things easy as possible so people could do the right thing?
- Kate Sloan: one of our challenges is our environmental program love this stuff. How do we get other departments within tribal **government to embrace it? There doesn't seem** to be a lot of coordination, what are incentives for tribes to commit to greener practices in their grant programs. Another concern is development, talked a lot with some and they firmly believe they get less square footage of building if they get green materials, is there a way EPA could work with HUD, who is the primary funder to also get incentives on their side for tribes to commit.
- Michelle: work closely with HUD in Southwest Office of Native American programs.
- EPA: working on addressing issue with less square footage.
- EPA: there is a lot of different components for HUD grants. One being worked on is where trying to develop green specification on manufactured housing.
- Linda Struna from Grants Office: the **application phase doesn't have to send in hard** copy, it can be sent in electronically. On award phase, we sign it and send it off. Tribal Chairperson no longer has to sign and send back. It is noted on it. Some tribes have been signing on bottom award and sending it back.
- Destiny: the project officer perspective if we work with tribes that are not purchasing recycled paper do we need to document.

- Nina Hapner: got a finding on an audit for that. For unsigned documents. They had grant contracts that are not signed. Probably still continue to see signed documents until tribe changes policies.
- Marie Barry: tried to implement for a lot of green for computer systems. If staff want computers running 24 hours a day. Not allowed to set up strips in computer labs. If you guys have education or outreach stuff for the staff to make greener. That would be good.

EPA Response to Tribal Caucus Report-Enrique Manzanilla, EPA RTOC Co-chair

Primary engagement was NEPA because of right of way. Going to get update before end of meeting. We had extensive engagement on GIS.

-San Francisco RTOC could be moved to Sacramento, we can explore that option. We have been talking about that for conference and strategic conference. Fracking: Wells Band brought up issues, and will have follow up with David Albright.

- Melody Sees: question on GAP Online, is there any way we could get someone to help her to get it work.
- Laura Ebbert: the action item for tribes, need to send Laura Ebbert a note on what kind of a problem they are having and if they are preventing from using the system successfully.

Announcements from Enrique:

1. Good questions about GAP guidebook, any type of process there is a compromise. Encourage us to view upcoming NTC call to look at solid waste questions. Look at eligibility issues. Be prepared whether in venue of NTOC. Look at what it does not what you have been accustomed to. There are positive things in the guidance.
2. Tribal chairman should have received a letter on EJ permitting. Better outreach on permits the agency is responsible for.
3. A letter going to tribal government next week asking for input for technical guidance for evaluating environmental justice concern and EPA regulatory actions. Asking tribes for input on different aspects. Going to go through 60 day comment period.

2013 Conference Update – Teri Red Owl, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission

Rosanna Marrujo provided update on the Annual Conference.

- conference website up and running.
- Same address as last year. Attendees can register now.
- Will be selling t shirts this year, has to be done on website. \$12 a shirt.
- Need call for topics, presenters, forms are on website.
- Conference Oct. 22-24 at Tachi Palace hotel and casino.
- RTOC on Oct. 21. Save the dates on the back table.

Enrique: going to obviously continue supporting conference, and planning. The ability of EPA folks will be limited for budgetary issues. That will affect ability to be presentors.

Marie: is there a way to hook into system to reconnect so people can present online.

Laura: full video conferencing at Tachi may not be available but webinars will be.

Meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm.