



REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING – TRIBAL CAUCUS



Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel & Spa
170 Railroad Street | Santa Rosa, CA 95401

8:00 - 8:30 AM	Orientation for Tribes - Cornelius Antone, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair Tohono O’odham Nation
8:30 – 8:35 AM	Opening Prayer - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
8:35 – 9:00 AM	Welcome/ Opening Remarks
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Environmental Managers Action Item Report – Cornelius Antone
10:00 – 10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Western Region IPM Work Group Presentation - Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Tribal Concerns with Viti/Mono Culture Crops - Lake Mendocino and Sonoma County tribes
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	LUNCH (on your own)
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Drought & Climate Change - Alvin Crook Assistant Manager, Alex Cabillo Manager, Hualapai Tribe
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Grants.gov Concerns - All
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Mendocino Lake Sonoma County Tribal Programs - Cynthia Naha, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
2:30 – 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 – 3:45 PM	RTOC / National Workgroup Reports – Workgroup Leads
3:45 -4:45 PM	RTOC Budget Prep - All
4:00 PM	Adjourn

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 SPRING MEETING – BREAKOUT SESSIONS



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TIME	SESSION
8:30 – 10:00 AM	<p>California Issues Workgroup Location: Russian River Ballroom Tribal Lead: Sara Ryan, Big Valley Session Overview:</p>
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<p>Solid Waste Workgroup Location: Sonoma Mountain Room Tribal Lead: Rob Roy, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians EPA Lead: Jenny Stephenson, Tribal Solid Waste Team Session Overview: As a follow-up to the Winter RTOC session on the EPA Agency Wide Plan to Provide Solid Waste Management Capacity Assistance to Tribes, get an update on some of the issues raised, including EPA's commitment to develop a new tribal solid waste performance measure, and join an open discussion on what a meaningful performance measure might look like. EPA uses performance measures to focus the Agency's time and resources, and assess progress towards meeting desired outcomes.</p>
	<p>Tribal Water & Wastewater System Operator Certification as an Alternative to State Operator Certification Location: Chalk Hill Room Tribal Lead: Intertribal Council of Arizona Session Overview: Tribal drinking water and wastewater system operator certification, in lieu of state operator certification, is essential to Tribal self-determination and to the long-term sustainability of Tribal communities. This presentation will describe the program's progress, including the development and implementation of a brand-new professional certification—Tribal Utility Management Certification (TUMC). In addition, the presentation will describe two underlining problems that now need immediate attention by both the U.S. EPA and Tribes. (1) It is vital that Tribal representation be maintained at the national standardized operator certification exam development committees through participation by Tribal water and wastewater system operators / utility managers. (2) Under both the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act, significant inequality exists for funding of Tribal water & wastewater operator certification programs in comparison to state operator certification programs.</p>
11:00 AM – 12:00 noon	<p>Consultation Workgroup Location: Sonoma Mountain Room Tribal Lead: Kathleen Sloan, Yurok Tribe EPA Lead: Gilbert Pasqua, Tribal Programs Office Session Overview: Consultation Workgroup Session: Mr. Fred Leutner, Senior Advisor, National Water Quality Standards Branch, Office of Water, EPA HQ will present the proposed possible reinterpretation of TAS provisions under the Clean Water Act. This information sharing session will provide regional tribes an opportunity to ask questions and have a dialogue on the proposed streamlined TAS process prior to the upcoming pre-proposal tribal consultation and coordination process for this action. Wendell Smith, EPA Region 9 will moderate/facilitate this session.</p> <p>After the TAS session, the consultation workgroup session will discuss the Notification of Consultation and Coordination on the Region 9 Implementation Procedures for the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes</p>
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM	<p>Drinking Water Set Aside Guidance Revision Workgroup Location: Chalk Hill Room Tribal Lead: EPA Lead: Linda Reeves, Drinking Water Office Session Overview: Newly formed workgroup will be meeting to discuss revisions to the Drinking Water Set Aside Guidance.</p>
	<p>LUNCH (on your own)</p>
1:00 – 5:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">Tentative TRIBAL TOUR - Be sure to sign up</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graton Rancheria Tribal Wetland Tour. Meet at 1:00 pm at the Conference Center side. 2. Tour of Jenner Headlands, Wildland Conservancy – this tour limited to 20 people, must carpool. Will be leaving the hotel at 12:00 noon. A box lunch is available for \$15.00. <p>Groups will meet at Ya-Ka-Ama Indian Education and Development Inc., for dinner and local Dancers.</p> <p>Transportation – Sherwood Valley and Graton have 15 passenger vans, Kashia and Scotts Valley have three sedans between them.</p>



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Thursday, May 1, 2014
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8:30 - 8:35 AM	Opening Prayer - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
8:35 – 9:00 AM	Introductions/Roll Call , RTOC Co-Chairs
9:00 – 9:20 AM	EPA Opening Remarks , Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA, Region 9
9:20 – 9:25 AM	Issues Review from Winter RTOC
9:25 – 9:45 AM	EPA Budget Presentation & Discussion , Jeff Scott, RTOC EPA Co-Chair
9:45 – 11:15 AM	Dialogue on Tribal Budget – by Program
11:15 – 11:30 AM	BREAK
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Waters of the U.S. Update , Jason Brush, Manager, Wetlands Office
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Achieving Water Efficiency through Graywater Systems and EPA’s WaterSense Program , Eric Byous, Water Division, Sustainable Infrastructure Program
12:30 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH (on your own)
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Drought Panel – EPA, IHS, BIA, FEMA, USDA, BOR, CA SWRB - Moderated by Kathleen Sloan, Yurok Tribe
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Drought Panel, Continued – EPA, IHS, BIA, FEMA, USDA, BOR, CA SWRB – Moderated by Kathleen Sloan, Yurok Tribe
4:15 – 4:20 PM	NTOC Report and Updates , Alex Cabillo, (AZ) Stephen B. Etsitty (NN), and Annette George (NV)
4:20 – 4:25 PM	Tribal Caucus Report , Cornelius Antone, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair
4:25 – 4:30	EPA Response to Tribal Caucus Report , Jeff Scott, RTOC EPA Co-Chair
4:30 – 4:40 PM	2014 Conference Update , Teri Red Owl, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
4:40 – 4:45 PM	Review New Issues/Action Items , Meeting Facilitator, EPA
4:45 - 5:00 PM	Closing Comments , RTOC Co-Chairs
5:00 PM	Announce Next RTOC Meeting Location/ADJOURN