

ACTION ITEMS
REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
February 4, 2009 (General Meeting)
REGION 9 EPA
San Carlos, Arizona

Updated: April 22, 2009

ACTION ITEMS					
	REQUESTED BY	TASK	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
0	Tohono O'odham Nation	Request follow up on bladed road along the US/Mexico border	Nate Lau, EPA	2/18	Completed.
1	AZ RTOC Rep	Request for support from EPA to not have the National Coordinator's meeting at the same time as the annual conference.	Nate Lau, EPA	2/18	Completed.
2	NN RTOC Rep	Request additional funding for Tribes that have UIC Programs and CWA Section 106. (Annual UIC funding increase to \$150,000 from \$50,000 and CWA Sec. 106 funding increase to \$1,500,000 from \$1,000,000 for Navajo Nation)	Kristin Gullatt, EPA	On-going	Update provided during meeting (see meeting minutes). Will keep tribes updated regarding 319.
3	NN RTOC Rep	Request support for drinking water/wastewater infrastructure funding under Stimulus Package.	Linda Reeves, EPA		On-going discussions during transition.
4	NN RTOC Rep	Request for on-site visits to region 9 tribes – Lisa Jackson.	Laura Yoshii/Clancy Tenley, EPA		Would like tribes to come forward with suggestions
5	CA RTOC Rep Central	Request clarification from EPA regarding what EPA grants can fund cultural resource protection. If no grants exist, we would like EPA to create these opportunities.	Jean Gamache, EPA		Complete – (see meeting minutes).
6	CA RTOC Rep Central	Request to have RTOC meetings in less expensive areas other than San Francisco. Why was Oakland chosen?	Jean Gamache, EPA		On-going. Update provided during meeting (see meeting minutes).
7	CA RTOC Rep Central	Request that EPA have their staff respond to action items and inquiries in a timely manner.	Clancy Tenley/Jean Gamache, EPA		Request tribes to provide specific instances to Jean or

					Clancy.
8	CA RTOC Rep Northern	Requesting more compliance money for solid waste – illegal dumping, authority.	Heather White, EPA		On-going
9	CA RTOC Rep Northern	Request travel funds – tribes are being specifically allocated funds.	Jean Gamache, EPA		On-going. Working with OVIWC.
10	CA RTOC Rep Northern	Requesting that GAP Project Officers have the same submittal procedures – either online or hardcopies.	Jean Gamache, EPA		Complete – update provided during meeting (see meeting minutes).
11	CA RTOC Rep Northern	Requesting EPA to consult directly with Susanville Rancheria. Ruby Pipe Line and Water Quality with Sierra Army Depot	Tim Wilhite, EPA	2/18	Susanville is monitoring the Ruby Pipe Line management and does not request a specific consultation with EPA at the moment.
12	CA RTOC Rep Eastern	Requesting video conferencing for the April meeting in SF for those who cannot make the meeting.	Tina Davis, EPA	2/18	Completed.
13	CA RTOC Rep Southern	Recalling action Item #8 from October 2008 Action Items List –Requesting info./trainings on new or additional guidelines for storm water and construction projects.	Kristin Gullatt, EPA	2/27	Completed. Comment: WD held a conf call with So CA Tribes and others on Mar 3,2009 and answer all stormwater related questions. WD will host a stormwater workshop on Aug 20, 2009 in SF, CA. Any other stormwater questions should be directed to Ann Murphy at 415-972-3640. Please see Oct. 08 Action Items.
14	CA RTOC Rep Southern	Recalling Action Item #16 from October 2008 Action Items List – Request for Pesticide Training in Arizona – A-Basic Pesticides and B-Inspector Training.	Pam Cooper, EPA	2/25	The Pesticides Office would like to have a meeting with tribes some time during the 4th quarter of FY09. Date, location and agenda are still to be

					determined. Pam Cooper is the contact.
15	CA RTOC Rep Southern	Recalling Action Item #22 – Request for EPA’s assistance to work with FEMA regarding SDGE ruling & conduct follow up regarding air quality violations for tribes using diesel generators during power outages.	Colleen McKaughan, EPA	2/9	Complete and on-going. Update provided during meeting (see meeting minutes). Policy memo emailed 2/9.
16	CA RTOC Rep Southern	Recall Action Item #27 from October 2008 Action Items List – Request a conference call to discuss federal credentials for tribal pesticide inspectors.	Pam Cooper, EPA	2/25	Conference call was completed in the 4 th quarter of FY08. EPA is still awaiting additional information from Tribes and we will respond upon receipt.
17	CA RTOC Rep Southern	Recall Action Item #28 from October 2008 Action Items List – Request a follow up discussion regarding border/tribal indicators and what needs to be done to move the project forward.	Vance S. Fong, P.E. EPA, R9	2/18	Complete. On going conversations with Nina and Headquarters.
18	CA RTOC Rep Southern	Request update on Air monitoring QAPP for Pechanga. Due to the time span, Pechanga’s air data is now invalid.	Stephanie Valentine, EPA	2/18	Completed. Update given during meeting (see minutes).
19	NV RTOC Rep	Request for supplemental meetings would assist Tribes in making an educated decision about air quality issues.	Colleen McKaughan, EPA		Complete – tribes can contact Colleen at (520) 498-0118 to schedule meetings.
20		Are sites still being added to the Superfund list?	Matthew Jefferson, EPA		Complete- Update given during meeting. Tribes can contact Matt with questions.
21		Are states/counties who receive federal funding required to have QAPPS in order to collect data?	Eugenia McNaughton/Susan Chiu, EPA		Complete – update given during meeting (see minutes).
22		Timeline is an issue – appropriateness of reviewers. Who sets the standards?			Who: QA Office, Eugenia McNaughton

					<p>When: Already in place Status: Policy is 90-day turn around time for review. The other issues should probably be discussed at a Quality Assurance Subcommittee meeting. To summarize, we have a long standing relationship with tribes; all of our reviewers have worked extensively with tribes on Water, Superfund, RCRA, Pesticides, Toxics and GAP projects. We have developed templates specifically for tribes, in particular, the 106 Monitoring Program QA CD-ROM, which is being used by tribes across the country. The "standards" don't really apply to QA - we work with "guidance", and make sure that the QAPP fits the project so that the data collected is appropriate and useful for the question the project is trying to answer.</p>
23		Can EPA move the gap training to the federal building in Oakland to save on costs?	Jean Gamache, EPA	2/18	The April RTOC will be in Oakland.
24		Provide hotel list for April RTOC meeting	Tina Davis, EPA	On-going	List was emailed to D. Mosley/R. Cook on March 2, 2009
25	Dan Mosley, Tribal Co-chair	Tribes sending letters providing information to new administration, please send copy to Dan	All tribes	On-going	
26	RTOC	Update and make changes to RTOC website –	Tina Davis, EPA	April RTOC	Completed.

		workgroup tab		meeting	
27	Heather White, EPA	Green Casino Training – A. send announcement request for tribal host to Dan. Dan will send to RTOC. B. Tribes let Heather know if interested in hosting.	Dan Mosley All Tribes	2/13 3/16	
28	EPA	Final GAP applications due to EPA via GAP online	All tribes	4/17	
29	EPA	Tribes to submit nominations for EPA Environmental Awards	All	2/8	
30	Loretta Vanegas/Linda Reeves, EPA	Tribes to submit information regarding possible stimulus package projects. Clean Water to Loretta Vanegas and Drinking Water to Linda Reeves.	All	2/16	
31	RTOC	Send email to tribes clarifying due date for AI#30	Linda Reeves/Lorretta Vanegas, EPA	2/6	Completed.
32	RTOC	Research and report back how and whether or not 638 funds can be used	Linda Reeves, EPA	2/18	Completed.
33	Tribes	Provide feedback and information how the 30 day timeframe will affect tribes.	All/Marta Burg	ASAP	
34	RTOC	Conduct follow up call to answer TAS questions	Colleen McKaughan, EPA/Curtis Miller, Hoopa Tribe	2/18	Colleen McKaughan spoke with Curtis Miller at the RTOC about why tribes have to go through the TAS process when states don't. She followed up with a phone conversation with Curtis in April to resolve the question. She has written down the answer so that it can be shared with the RTOC and so the response can be preserved for the next time it gets raised. The response is currently being reviewed by ORC for accuracy and will be available by the April

					RTOC.
35	Kristin Gullatt, EPA	Tribes with questions regarding water authority (water TAS) can contact Kristin and she will set up a meeting	All tribes	On-going as needed	On-going as needed
36	RTOC	Find out how other regions are using DITCA's and provide summary to RTOC	Jean Gamache, EPA	April RTOC meeting	Completed. The chart is on the website.
37	RTOC	Provide update on status of Intra-agency Solid Waste Workgroup	Heather White, EPA	By April RTOC meeting	Heather White will report out at RTOC meeting.
38		Conduct conference call to identify new tribal lead for Budget and Quality Assurance Workgroups.	Syndi Smallwood, Pechanga	2/18	Complete – Call held 2/13
39	Syndi Smallwood, Pechanga	Forward updated contact lists for Solid Waste and Quality Assurance workgroups	Russell Cook, PLPT	2/11	Complete
40	Heather White, EPA	Tribes wanting to attend or host a Solid Waste /Transfer Station Workshop, contact Heather White and she will arrange it	All	2/18	
41	RTOC	Distribute minutes and action items to meeting participants	Russell Cook, PLPT	2/18	Complete
42		Submit visuals to Sara Ryan for multi-media document outlining tribal issues. Priorities are DW/WW, water quality, solid waste, climate change, air quality, and border issues.	All Region 9 Tribes	Within 30 days	

ACTION ITEMS – DRINKING WATER/WASTE WATER WORKGROUP

1		Submit to EPA information on projects to be considered for Stimulus funds which are not already on SDS list.	Interested tribes	2/16/2009	
2		Attend weekly stimulus call and submit any questions to Laura Mayo (mayo.laura@epa.gov)	Interested tribes	2/9 by 11:00 am.	

ACTION ITEMS – BORDER TRIBES BREAKOUT SESSION

1		Include Environmental Health Information on cancer in the Transition Paper	Nina Hapner	2/13/2009	
2		Draft paper on Border Region regarding tribes to Border Tribes for the new Regional	Nina Hapner	2/13/2009	

		Administrator			
3		Final draft paper on Border Region regarding Border Tribes concerns to Marta Burg for the new Regional Administrator	Nina Hapner	2/28/2009	
4		Set up Arizona Tribal Caucus Meeting	Lorinda Sam/Cornelius Antone/Ty Canez	Before July RTOC Meeting	