

Issues
Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting
October 21, 2013
Lemoore, CA

	Requested By:	Task	Who	When	Status
1	Caucus Wells Band-Marla Stanton	Concern about fracking- who has oversight? What is EPA's role?	David Albright EPO Water Division	11/25/13	<p>Interim Response: In response to the question raised as to EPA's role in hydraulic fracturing, there is no unique role for Region 9. Therefore, we are consulting on this question with EPA Headquarters to see if they have developed a summary of EPA's authorities/roles related to hydraulic fracturing. We will share any information/response we get from EPA HQs.</p> <p>In the meanwhile, if there are any tribes that would like to speak to David Albright about tribe-specific issues related to hydraulic fracturing, please send David an e-mail: Albright.David@epa.gov.</p>
2	Terry Williams	Would like more flexibility in work plans to deal with emergency response issues (e.g. RIM Fire)	Kristin Gullatt EPA Water Division	11/25/13	Interim Response: In instances such as the Rim Fire, tribes do have the ability to consult with their Clean Water Act Project Officer and make changes to their approved work plans and

					budgets for that fiscal year. Tribes can utilize CWA 106 funding to monitor the water quality impacts of a wildfire. After consulting with EPA Headquarters, it was determined that it was necessary to draft program language which would list eligible CWA 319: Nonpoint Source Program fire prevention and post-fire activities. When this language is finalized, it will be shared with the Region 9 Tribes.
3	Marie Barry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concern about Yucca Mountain opening. Marie will send EPA (Laura) supporting documents b. Get tribes more information on who oversee transport 	Marie Barry Laurie	11/25/13	EPA will follow-up with Washoe for how to proceed on this issue.
4	RTOC	Resend NTC Budget information to RTOC	Corn	10/28/13	Corn resent info to RTOC on: January 16, 2014.
5	RTOC	Send documents with Water Board language to Mariela	Sherri Norris		Pending information from California Indian Environmental Alliance.
6	RTOC	Provide information to Syndi & Marta for next spring budget presentation	All	January	Ongoing. Spring RTOC will take place April 29 – May 1, 2014.
7	RTOC	Raise GAP Cultural Resource restriction issue on internal	Laura	After call	Interim Response: Laura Ebbert raised issue on call with the

		Oct. Conference call.			American Indian Environmental Office, and is still awaiting a response. More information to follow when response is received.
8	RTOC	Post information on grant streamlining work	Laura TPO	11/15/13	Tribal Grants Council will be meeting in February 2014 – we will be a nominating an R9 Tribe to participate on the council at the Winter RTOC.