

Issues
Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting
July 29 – 31, 2014
Indio, CA

	Requested By:	Task	Who	When	Status
1	Sarah Ryan, Big Valley	Request EPA support on cyanobacteria blooms – technical assistance on whether water is impaired for beneficial uses, ensuring Tribal used are protected through additional monitoring by tribal or local agencies, information on mitigation measures.			<p>Federal – For Drinking water, the World Health Organization advises using a guideline of 1 ug/L for drinking water; some states use lower thresholds to protect formula-fed infants. Cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins are on the third Candidate Contaminant List (CCL). Delays to moving forward to develop DW standards are: finalizing toxicology profiles (with ever increasing information about these toxins), analytical methods, and finding sources of certified analytical standards. There is a helpful fact sheet at the following links: http://www2.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/policies-and-guidelines</p> <p>Link to : Cyanobacteria Factsheet</p> <p>* Note: Jane Diamond will speak on this topic at the Water Division Director's Session.</p>

2	Sarah Ryan, Big Valley	Update on when federal or state recreation and drinking water standards for cyanobacteria will be developed.			<p>CA does not have DW standards; but does have recreational exposure Draft Voluntary Guidelines for cell count and toxin levels in surface waters:</p> <p>Link: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/bluegreen_algae/</p>
3		Intent of the guidebook – e-mail out examples of approved and denied custom tribal indicators.	Laura Ebbert		<p>Laura and staff will provide an update on this action item at the GAP Session "ETEPs and Indicators."</p>
4		Legal justification regarding definition of 'implementation' under GAP (i.e. newsletters, webpages)	AIEO, Region 9 Project Officers		<p>Laura and staff will provide an update on this action item at the session "GAP Grants to Support Program Development (formerly "GAP 101")</p>

5	Investigate options for sharing audio from RTOC Meeting	Mariela Lopez		Mariela Lopez investigated this, and there is the possibility to share audio, but will have to talk further with the Tribal Co-chair about costs to do so.
6	Investigate resource for tribes to research potential fracking impacts to tribal lands.	Laura Ebbert & Jose Zambrana		<p>Jose Zambrana of US EPA, ORD has provided the following suggestions:</p> <p>FracFocus.org has a database searchable by various geographic parameters.</p> <p>EPA's Research Study website is here: http://www2.epa.gov/hfstudy</p> <p>On the right side, one can sign up for email alerts as the website is uploaded with new information.</p>
7	Identify jurisdiction of the power plan impacting Buena Vista Rancheria	Laura Ebbert		Stephanie Valentine has communicated directly with the Chairwoman of Buena Vista Rancheria on this matter.
8	Share information with tribes on SB4	Mike Montgomery		<p>Public Meetings/Opportunities for Public Comment:</p> <p>CA State Water Resources Control Board is planning another public meeting/workshop on "Development of Model Groundwater Monitoring Criteria in Areas of Oil and Gas Production" sometime in the November 2014 timeframe; specific details are not available yet, but will be posted on the State Board's SB4 Groundwater Monitoring website - http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/groundwater/sb4/index.shtml#devmodel</p> <p>CA Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) will soon be releasing their revised Permanent SB4 regulatory text for a 15-day public comment period. Details about the interim and</p>

				<p>permanent SB4 regulations, and information about the upcoming public comment period (once it is announced) is available on DOGGR's Well Stimulation website - http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/WellStimulation.aspx</p> <p>Location of Wells that have been hydraulically fractured:</p> <p>We are not aware of any mapping of SB4 information on hydraulically fractured wells that has been done to date. However, as required by SB4, operators must provide a notice with specific details about their proposed hydraulic fracturing activities (including the location) to CA DOGGR, prior to conducting the activity. DOGGR's Well Stimulation website has information on SB4 Notices that have been received and deemed complete. The link on the website to the list of SB4 Directories is http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/WellStimulation.aspx. There is a list on the site that has the Notices Index, Notices Directory, and Well Stimulation Disclosures. The Notices are pdf files with information that details the wells to be treated and the proposed chemical list. The Disclosures list, is a list of wells that have been treated. Note that the information is only for the State of CA, and only has Notices that DOGGR received in 2013 and 2014. For any well treatment jobs performed in CA prior to that time, or in other states, you can get information from the national FracFocus website (http://fracfocus.org). The FracFocus site has a map/search feature that allows users to enter certain locational information and look for wells that have been hydraulically fractured in that area.</p>
9	Examples of inconsistent or arbitrary application of GAP Guidebook on Tribal workplans	Corn	As needed	Ongoing. Laura Ebbert also provided a listening session for all Tribes in Region 9 to address concerns with the GAP guidebook.
10	RTOC Agenda Setting	Laura Ebbert		A fracking panel will be part of the Fall RTOC agenda, as well as a Drought Panel at the Annual Conference. These were the top two most voted on items from the Summer RTOC.