

ACTION ITEMS  
 REGION 9  
 REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
 February 8, 2011  
 Coarsegold, CA

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	REQUESTED BY	TASK	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
General					
1	<b>Southern California</b>  Erica Helms-Schenk  Syndi Smallwood	What can EPA do to better support Tribal Bio assessment programs including lab analysis of samples?	Eugenia McNaughton, Rob Roy John Parada, Kristin Gullatt		Discussion with Rob Roy, John Parada, Audrey Johnson, Kristin Gullatt and Eugenia McNaughton about EPA support for Tribes doing bioassessments, specifically identifying benthic invertebrates as indicators of stream function (item 1) and how to reduce costs for water quality analyses (item 6). See attachment for next steps
2	Erica Helms-Schenk  Syndi Smallwood	Can EPA provide support to Tribal GIS and other environmental programs through the EPA Regional GIS Office?	Cheryl Henley		In progress
3	Erica Helms-Schenk  Syndi Smallwood	Request funding increases to programs to allow for rising indirect costs.	Pamela Overman  Gwen Brown		Moved to Grants Action item list
4	Erica Helms-Schenk  Syndi Smallwood	Request EPA to support a training program to help Tribal staff become LEED certified.	Heather White		LEED Professional Credentials and Exams are administered by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) for the US Green Building Council (USGBC). USGBC is the primary national source for education resources to prepare for and maintain LEED credentials and provides support to aspiring and current LEED APs and LEED Green Associates through

					education, study and reference materials. EPA does not have a training program specifically for LEED accreditation although we are supportive of the efforts of the USGBC. It is also possible that if you already have funding from HUD, you could use those funds to support LEED training and/or accreditation. Additionally, the Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste and Green Building Team is available to work with the RTOC to craft a request letter from tribes to the USGBC. They may be receptive to offering discounted trainings and/or exam fees.
5	Erica Helms-Schenk Syndi Smallwood	Can funding be set aside for sustainability projects on Tribal lands?			A comprehensive listing of funding sources (including set-asides) are available to Tribes can be found at:  <a href="http://www4.nau.edu/tribalclimatechange/resources/funding.asp">http://www4.nau.edu/tribalclimatechange/resources/funding.asp</a>
6	Erica Helms-Schenk Syndi Smallwood	Would 106 programs be able to reduce lab costs if EPA supported Tribal water quality labs?	Tiffany Eastman Kristin Gullat		Discussion with Rob Roy, John Parada, Audrey Johnson, Kristin Gullatt and Eugenia McNaughton about EPA support for Tribes doing bioassessments, specifically identifying benthic invertebrates as indicators of stream function (item 1) and how to reduce costs for water quality analyses (item 6). See attachment for next steps
7	<b>Central California</b> Sarah Ryan	How do items get on the Tribal or full Caucus Agenda? <b>Please</b>	Cornelius Antone		

	Robert Columbro	<b>provide clarification of deadlines, process.</b> Recommendation: That at the end of each RTOC, have a discussion of topics to be on the agenda during the next RTOC			
8	Sarah Ryan Robert Columbro	How do items get from Tribal Caucus to full Caucus Agenda? Does it need to be a consensus vote? <b>Please provide clarification of process.</b>	Cornelius Antone		
9	Sarah Ryan Robert Columbro	Request for information about how RTOC reps election gets carried out by EPA. Does the Tribal co-chair or neutral body oversee the election process?	Jean Gamache		According to the RTOC Charter, the election process is the responsibility of the EPA. If there are specific questions, please contact Jean Gamache.
10	Sarah Ryan Robert Columbro	The Regional Administrator has promised to meet with every Tribe in Region 9 during his term. <b>Please provide update on the progress of these visits.</b>	Jean Gamache		Sixteen site visits have been completed by the Regional Administrator. <b>California</b> Pala, Pechanga, Karuk, Hoopa, Yurok, Resighini, Quartz Valley <b>Arizona</b> Navajo, Hopi, Salt River, Gila River, Tohono O’Odham <b>Nevada</b> Reno-Sparks, Yerington, Walker River, Pyramid Lake
11	Sarah Ryan Robert Columbro	There continues to be no apparent follow up on the items discussed at the Tribal Leaders’ meetings. <b>How are Tribal Leaders being notified of the answers to their questions or action on a requested item?</b>	Jean Gamache		Action items are recorded and reviewed at each Tribal Leaders Meeting. Tribal Leaders designate who EPA should respond to. Draft action items are sent out to tribal leaders for review and comment prior to

					finalizing. Action items are assigned to a specific person/program at EPA. Please contact the assigned person or the Tribal Program Office Manager if information regarding the status of an item is needed.
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