

ACTION ITEMS
REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
July 27, 2010
REGION 9 EPA
Mooretown Rancheria

	REQUESTED BY	TASK	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
General					
1	Central CA	Short term workgroup to address RTOC restructuring the workgroup is made up of EPA and tribal reps.	Corn and Enrique	9/1/10	Report at next RTOC; conference call took place on October 5.
2	Central CA	Requested written response to action items in addition to discussion that took place during the RTOC meeting.	Corn & Jean	on-going	Currently action items are posted on-line on Region 9 Tribal web pages.
3.	Central CA	Request conference call in next 2 weeks to discuss concerns about state bypassing CEQA and other MLPA issues. Has Cal EPA invited EPA to participate in this process?	California Department of Fish and Game, Jean Gamache, EPA's Environmental Review Office	9/20/10	Corn re-sent the Marine Life Protection Act Summary from the February RTOC to TC representatives, which outlines this state law (attached).
4	Southern CA	Request for a webinar or course for Water Quality Assessment Template Training.	Kristin Gullatt	10/26	WQX training took place on August 24-26 and included an optional session on the 26 th in which the Water Quality Assessment Report Template (WQAR) was discussed. Also, EPA Water Division is holding a data session at the annual conference on Oct. 21, Thursday at 9:45 am, in which the WQAR will be discussed as well.
5.	Southern CA	Assistance from EPA to help tribes locate a certified lab that is not as costly and to assist labs that are certified that are tribally owned with funding.	Eugenia McNaughton Brenda Bettencourt	9/1/10	EPA sent to tribes request for information on the type of lab support needed. Limited assistance from R9 lab and Tribal Air Monitoring Support and drinking water has been identified. (see attachment)

6.	Southern CA	Some Southern California tribes are requesting a circuit rider to assist with all areas of Water Quality Management.	Kristin Gullatt (RCAC)	9/1/10	EPA Region 9 is advocating for water quality implementation (i.e., circuit rider for implementation of water quality programs) to be an eligible activity under the proposed grant program, Multi-Media Tribal Implementation (MMTI). Non-EPA training and assistance are also available to Tribes through Project WET, the mission of Project WET is to teach children, parents, educators, and communities of the world with water education. For more information on Project WET, please contact Kerry Schwartz at (520) 621-9591, extension 22. Another source of training and assistance is the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), please contact Mehrdad Khatibi at (928) 523-0946. Many Tribes have found the Project WET and ITEP courses to be helpful.
7.	Southern CA	EPA to host a California Certification Training for Tribal Water Operators.	Linda Reeves Erica Helms-Schenk	9/1/10	The conference call took place on October 5.
8	Syndi Smallwood, Marta Burg	Is EPA involved in the national chemical exposure conversation? This national conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures is a project under the CDC and ATSDR. There are 6 workgroups and each has a tribal representative; Syndi is on the Chemical Emergencies Workgroup. Syndi and a few others have been trying to get tribal input for the past	Enrique and Jean Syndi Smallwood	9/1/10	Region 9 does not have a representative in this workgroup. EPA will continue following up and provide updated information as it becomes available.

		few months on a national level. The project is explained completely at the following website: http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/nationalconversation			
9	Erica Helms-Schenk	Feedback is needed on topics for the State-Tribal meeting during the October Conference	All Tribes	8/30/10	Send topics to Erica Helms-Schenk: ehelms@soboba-nsn.gov
10	Nevada	Set up webinar on proposed draft on restricted use pesticide plan with Region 9 tribes	Katy Wilcoxon and Marcy Katzan, EPA	9/30/10	On 8/4/10, the R9 Pesticides Office contacted the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to request an interactive webinar in September 2010 on the draft national federal C & T plan. OPP responded that conference calls (wider tribal consultation) will be set up in late November/early December 2010. No call dates have yet been established.
11	Southern California Tribes (from April 2010)	CWA 106 Template needs to add hot springs because water quality is different. Revise template to include springs and hot springs.	Kristin Guallatt	8/13/10	Hot springs was added to the draft template per the April RTOC request. The Water Quality Assessment Report Template (WQAR) was updated in August/September 2010 based on comments from Tribes and will be covered at the EPA Region 9 Water Division Data Session during the Annual Conference on Thursday morning, October 21.
12	Southern California Tribes (from April 2010)	Pesticide priorities should include the ability of Tribes to do compliance assistance not just enforcement. EPA has historically pushed toward enforcement.	Pesticide Program	8/16/10	Prior to the July 29, 2010 RTOC, the R9 Pesticides Office responded as follows: "The Region 9 Pesticides Office is working with tribes that have pesticide inspection and enforcement programs to develop a compliance assistance measure that will be presented to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

					for consideration." Update: On 9/1/10, the Region 9 Pesticides Office presented the draft measure to OECA. The Pesticides Office is working with OECA to refine the draft language. EPA has not heard back from tribes whether EPA's efforts are responsive to this action item.
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