

RTOC Meeting
Evaluation Summary Report
EPA Region 9
San Francisco, CA
July 28-30, 2009

What worked well at this meeting

- All of the sessions were informative and began in a timely manner.
- Location was much better, and the weather was great.
- Special guest speakers.
- Tribal Caucus was good; focused on issues and good discussion.
- Meeting went well and was on time throughout the agenda. The facility was good.
- Time and a lot of the EPA employees participated and attended.
- Everyone showed up.
- Ok.
- Action items and updates on National level issues.
- Not much whining and moaning from tribes. Becoming more responsible.
- Finally stuck to agenda. Communication between tribes and EPA.
- Action items handed out.
- Agenda was on time.
- The first day tribal discussion was much improved over the last RTOC meeting. I liked the NTOC report and the updates from EPA.
- Structured meeting set up. Tribal feedback opportunity. EPA's response to tribal concerns.
- Following the agenda. Follow up with action items.
- Compared to the last RTOC (April) this meeting went well!
- Go over action items for the next RTOC meeting.
- Tuesday the room was small.
- Better communication with EPA on action items.
- Everything! Sticking to the agenda was awesome.
- Location was good.
- Location was good. Columns always a problem, but always an issue. Possibly consider having two screens to view presentations.
- Space was well organized.
- Location. Audio/Visual
- Great communication. I liked Enrique's way of framing the cultural question.

Ways the meeting could be improved

- Breaks need to happen when indicated on the agenda. Some bladders need timely attention.
- Charge the microphones before the meeting. Announce all RTOC members to be on time to meetings. Project Officers should be in attendance.
- More time for dialogue regarding policy and program issues. More microphones. FOOD!
- Agenda – stick to it (time for speakers)
- It's going to be what it's going to be.
- Tribal leaders meeting with EPA Administrator should be set at a time that will not conflict with RTOC meeting.
- At a hotel location; parking cost.
- Minimize unnecessary action items for the full RTOC. Reps receiving complaints should guide their tribes to the appropriate EPA contacts.
- More chairs in meeting.
- Refreshments – coffee, snacks. More seating.
- Have water available; no drinking faucets available to use. Big hassle going in and out of security.
- Logistics – water available.
- Climate control. Snacks/drinks (no-host)

- Tables for people, besides RTOC Reps, to use.
- A little bit of group working sessions.
- Bigger room. Water and snacks.
- Maybe have tables and water.
- The room set-up was a little odd. Better sound system i.e. more mics.
- Getting a packet together (either hard copy or on website) with an introduction to them of RTOC. RTOC 101 would be a good title, but hard copies available at meeting for new people.
- Tables for participants.
- Action items before the meeting from Manager's meetings. Need tables
- Two screens for presentations. Maybe have tables set up, some expressed that wish. When posting items on RTOC website, don't think changes should be made one week before RTOC.
- Get Caucus items to EPA staff sooner than next day.
- Tables for audience, if space allows. AC plugs for laptops. Wi-Fi access.

Issues requiring additional follow-up

- The issue of cultural recognition by EPA. The issue was not given the gravity it deserves by Enrique.
- Grant management issues; specifically GAP grants.
- Assist Lone Pine with well drilling issues.
- GAP funding procedures & requirements.
- GAP Online
- Action items need to be about environmental issues not about who manages EPA and community gardens. There is a guidebook to grants.
- Cultural activities, state parks. Misty Cook, Environmental Director svtepdire@sbglobal.net
- Grant management & budget issues and of course more available funding assistance needed. "Culture" use of the word in grants is fine.
- EPA oversight of state enforcement. Tribal follow to support proposed budget.
- Transition Document for new (would be) RA. Funding & Grant management issues
- What is the status of air emissions credit program in Indian Country.
- Everybody who currently speaks on behalf of the issues are already doing a good job – keep it up guys!
- General meeting action item list.

Meeting structure

- Excellent.
- Was good.
- Too focused on action items; reiterated 3-4 times. More meaty discussion needs to occur.
- Ok.
- Worked well.
- Ok.
- Good.
- Ok.
- First time attendance.
- Fair. Lack of refreshments in the meeting was very frustrating.
- I think guest speakers should be toward the beginning of the meeting so others don't leave early.
- Good.
- Fine.
- Pretty efficient. Not too much time wasted.
- Excellent.
- The structure set is good.
- It was okay; just small room.
- Works well.
- I think the structure was fine.
- It was fine.
- Good. Mics were good and available for everybody to use.
- Ok.

- Excellent job Russell.
- Okay, still think having concurrent breakout sessions are difficult because sometimes need to attend those happening at the same time.
- Too many action items!
- Good, positive tone. Effective use of time.
- Fine.

Suggestions/ideas on making meeting more environmentally friendly

- At least water at the meeting.
- Less paper. More time for networking.
- Provide coffee & drinks in recyclable containers. Also water.
- Unknown.
- Already improved; less paper used.
- Recommend to all attendees (potential) that they bring water bottles to minimize bottled water.
- Mention what EPA has set up in the beginning of the meeting.
- Non-bottled water. Any rooms that have natural lighting available?
- No.
- EPA does a great job at recycling/composting!
- Nothing.
- No.
- None.
- The bins were good. I even used them this time!
- Pleased to see recycle bins, but was a reminder sent to use given? Don't remember hearing one.
- Coffee

Interest in workgroups

- Where do you need help?
- Tribal Science Council.
- Recently joined the Charter Workgroup.
- Drinking Water/Waste Water, Tribal Science Council, and Infrastructure.
- Yes, but not at this time.
- Not at this time.
- If there is any Solid Waste workgroup.
- No.
- Climate Change – Energy.
- Not yet.
- Already belong to several.
- No.
- Did that already.
- No.
- No, already on one.

Tribe's interest in holding a future RTOC Meeting

- In a few years when the hotel is built.
- Someday.
- Possibly. Currently, the community is constructing a hotel/resort which should be completed in 2010. Possibly in 2011.
- No.
- Yes, although we are hosting the conference in Oct. 2009.
- No, due to location distance to airport. No shuttle available. 3 hour drive, cost will be too high.
- No.
- Not at this time.
- Not yet.

- Not yet.
- No.
- One day when we have a hotel.
- One day.
- Possibly.
- Did that already.
- No.
- Maybe, have to see the space.
- Sure, Big Valley Rancheria.

Other Comments

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My thanks to the RTOC representative both state and national for the excellent work. • Thanks to Dan for a job well done! • None. Thank you for a good meeting. • Nay. • Cover more areas on solid waste. • Excellent job Dan! Thank you for your hard work! • Was grateful that NTOC finally got it together and gave a detailed, up to date NTOC report. During the last year NTOC didn't present updated reports. • No. • Good meeting. • None. • Good meeting at Region IX! We are setting a good example for other regions. Good luck Corn for the next round! Dan and his group did a good job - thanks guys! • People need to be reminded about their phones. • |
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