

**Spring RTOC Action Items – May 13, 2015**

1	Requested By	Task	Who	When	Status
	Central California	<p>Is the current funding for the RTOC Co-Chair and the Attorney enough to perform the necessary duties of RTOC without being a burden to the Tribe who hold the contract for Co-Chair?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the average base funding in the past?</li> <li>2. What is the RTOC Attorney working on currently?</li> <li>3. It would be helpful for the RTOC to have a list of items in process or completed on a quarterly basis with a status of the work.</li> </ol>			
2	Central California/Big Valley	<p>Update on #9 Action Item from January 2015.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is happening to Tribal Water Quality Data? Gail Louis has been in conversation with her but no updates were provided to the Action Item list on the website.</li> <li>2. Why doesn't WQZ talk to Ceden?</li> </ol>			

		<p>In the past, these do databases were compatible, but now they are not. It appears the State and EPA are working separately and not communicating well. It is requested that SWRCB, EPA and interested Tribes meet together to figure out this dilemma.</p> <p>3. If Tribes are entering data into CEDEN because it isn't currently communicating with WQX, can CWA 106 funds be used?</p> <p>4. If data entered is preliminary to WQX, and talking resumes with CEDEN, can data be used in evaluation of water bodies?</p>			
<b>3</b>		<p>Why are Project Officers/Awarding Officials advising Tribes how much they can pay their employees? Tribal Policy supersedes EPA. Would like clarification on this.</p>			
<b>4</b>		<p>Enforcement Team coming out to tribal water systems pushing that they are enforcement and yet they aren't qualified to inspect because they don't know what</p>			

		<p>they are looking at. Some tribes also noted that the enforcement team has been trying to dictate to the Tribe who can be present on an Enforcement inspection.</p> <p>Tribes would like to see some education to the "New Enforcement Team" and stop the bullying. It is inappropriate and disrespectful to Tribes.</p>			
<b>5</b>	Central California/ Robinson Rancheria	Request RTOC to form a ETEP workgroup that will track ETEP submittals by Tribes in the EPA review/approval process and that the Workgroup members who had completed ETEPs could be available to mentor Tribes that requested assistance" or something like that. If all the Tribes are to have completed and approved ETEPs by whatever the deadline goal of HQ EPA then we need to get things moving.			
<b>6</b>	Karuk Tribe	Consultation Issue:			
<b>7</b>	Big Valley	Is IHS sharing tribal data with State Agencies to address the drought? Can we have discussion with EPA tomorrow? Is there an approach to deal with this? Could be sharing well logs.			
<b>8</b>	Big Pine	Why were tribes asked to put questions on cards? If we can avoid that. May be more efficient.			

<b>9</b>	Hopi Tribe	Same issues as Central CA. On water issues. The multimedia and enforcement group. Issue on if they know what they are really inspecting or enforcing.			
<b>10</b>	Tribal Caucus	Does EPA approve Solid Waste Plans, what is the process for approval?			
<b>11</b>	Navajo	Reorganized New Staff – Need to meet with new decision makers			
<b>12</b>	Hualapai	Discussion on GAP Letter to President Obama			
<b>13</b>	Sherwood Valley	Extends invitation to Regional Administrator to visit.			
<b>14</b>	RTOC Policy Advisor	Has been collecting info on “what has been lost with new GAP guidance.” Wondering who this should be shared with?			
<b>15</b>	Redwood Valley	What does it mean to declare a Drought Emergency? CAL OES has been great, but FEMA unlikely to use Stafford Act.			
<b>16</b>	Big Pine	Themed Budget – need money and flexibility			
<b>17</b>	Coyote Valley	What can you do to get officials out to the reservation? Need Project Officers to visit to help sell projects.			
<b>18</b>	Big Pine	Defining Mature Tribal Programs			
<b>19</b>	Tribal Section	Send out Survey Monkey to identify possible dates for a GAP webinar		5/22/15	
<b>20</b>	Alex Cabillo	Send “Mature Tribe” definition (focusing on water) to Laura		3 weeks	
<b>21</b>	Alex Cabillo	Clarify what NTC meant re: “engaging Tribal Leaders”		5/21/15	

22	Marcy Katzin	Follow-up on question (Melody Sees) re: bees-pollinators-GMO (Marcy Katzin will forward GMO webinar to people) Webinar is June 11.		6/13/15	
23	Navajo Nation	Request by Navajo (Ronnie Ben) for tribal consultation on Shiprock sites (GW plume moving). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul will talk with Ronnie &amp; Clancy</li> <li>- Stats will be given to RTOC at August meeting</li> </ul>	Paul & Ronnie	Before August Meeting	
24	All Tribes	Review and provide comments on cybersecurity language to Kysha Holliday ( <a href="mailto:holliday.kysha@epa.gov">holliday.kysha@epa.gov</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mariela will resend to EDs</li> </ul>	All Tribes	6/20/15	
25	Vernese Gholson & Liz Armour	Follow-up on 4700B forms, clarify process	Vernese/Liz	5/14/15	
26	Sara Russell	Follow-Up on Grants.gov issues raised at January RTOC	Sara Russell	6/13/15	
27	Big Pine	Pesticides Enforcement – if there is a specific company to inspect please let Roberto Rodriguez know ( <a href="mailto:rodriguez.roberto@epa.gov">rodriguez.roberto@epa.gov</a> ), and EPA can follow up with the Tribe and company. Also Big Pine would like to request inspectors/applicators get their credentials verified by Tribal Council	Big Pine/Amy Miller		
28	Ak-Chin	There were several issues that individuals expressed of renegotiating water rights and settlements. Water rights in CA	Gail Louis will follow-up with Ak-Chin		

		are governed by DWR and state water boards. We can facilitate a discussion here. We have appeal to declare state rights for fish and wildlife – make sure these are exerted.			
29	Big Pine	Big Pine is the go-to when there are a lot of situations because of how we care about the environment. Did you have any follow-up about recycling program: is the county going to start a recycling program because we are being affected by them not having one?	Laura Ebbert	1-week	
30	Big Pine	We had a meeting with LADWP to beg county to support them in their effort to do less mitigation because they have put some more water into the project. As we are sitting there, a health advisory was going on and so there was a bit of irony. It's not just Owens Valley lake bed. We are in an air monitoring gap. Great Basin Pollution Control District has an air monitor but it barely includes us. They are in support of our efforts to address air pollution	Elizabeth Adams/Amy Zimpher		
31	Big Pine	Grants.gov	Laura Ebbert		

Legend	
Pre-Meeting Action Items	
During Meeting Action Items	
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