

From	Issue	Response	Who	When	Status
Central California	Elem Indian Colony is looking for contractors to work on the water issues related to the superfund project. Can Elem put up a message board at RTOC to do a call for contractors? Karola Kennedy is the contact and will have a RFP to post.	Suggest that Karola ask this question during the Tribal Caucus. The full RTOC meeting is not an appropriate place to gather this kind of information.	Alan Bacock	N/A	Complete
RTOC	Reported "gag order" for EPA staff: What can we share and will this change our relationship? Tribes need communication with the EPA on all the issues on our plate. Is this limited to news media and social media, or does this also apply to everyday communications from EPA to grantees and tribes as partners?	EPA's external communication with the media (not day to day communication with tribes, states and territories) is being reviewed by the incoming administration for the time being. This does not affect our day to day relationships, formal or informal.	Alexis Strauss	In Meeting	Complete
Nevada	Can EPA describe how they were affected by the transition in the context of tribal environmental programs from Ford to Carter, and from Clinton to George W. Bush? It's important to know if tribal environmental programs have secure funding for FY2017-2018. What is EPA's outlook for future funding of tribal environmental programs?	EPA's budget is guided by a continuing resolution which runs through the end of April. Congress may extend it or replace it with an enacted budget for FY17.	Alexis Strauss	In Meeting	Complete
Nevada	Has the Trump transition team communicated to EPA how climate change funding and activities will be affected by the new administration? Can tribes include these activities within workplans?	The transition team has not communicated with us on this topic yet. We have no current reason to disallow the identified tasks from workplans.	Alexis Strauss	In Meeting	Complete
Central California	What are EPA's thoughts on the potential new EPA Administrator? Having a Transition Team is key.	We have a transition team of 10 staff in place at EPA HQs. Their roles and duration is unknown to us.	Alexis Strauss	In Meeting	Complete
Southern California	The Torres Martinez Tribe asks: Can the EPA Air Division provide technical assistance in reviewing the Salton Sea Air Quality Mitigation Program document: http://www.iid.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=11827 This document outlines the monitoring program and the proposed mitigation measures, but as tribal air programs have limited funding and capacity in many cases, we are requesting assistance in ensuring the data collected through this program is sufficient to make decisions on air quality management, including the proposed mitigation measures.	Sara Bartholomew will work with Alberto Ramirez, Kelly Ferguson, John Parada, and Shawn Muir to schedule a followup discussion with EPA experts to discuss these questions. Update 2/27/17: Sara B. reached out to Alberto Ramiez over email on 2/16/17 and set up a time to discuss this action item.	Air Division, EPA	2/14/2017	Complete
Southern California	Alberto Ramirez shared concerns with the RTOC and requested further discussion with Air Division on: How is the EPA Air Division planning to review the SIPs for the project work? Right now the two air districts (South Coast Air Quality Management District and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District) handling the air quality data are using non-regulatory equipment and are using two different methods to review data. The way the data is being measured is not appropriately weighing spikes in particulate matter. Measurement projects should develop QAPPs that follow US EPA guidelines. Seek to discuss and evaluate alternatives to PM mitigation with CARB, EPA and Air Districts.		Air Division, EPA	2/14/2017	Pending
Jared Aldern	Regarding the tree mortality issue, I'm interested in hearing EPA's perspective on air quality in addition to water quality. What is the relationship of tree mortality to the risk of wildfire and large smoke emissions? Can tribal fuel reduction projects and prescribed burns proactively prevent larger releases of smoke from wildfires? Could EPA support these activities to reduce the risk to air quality?	Sara Bartholomew will review and respond to Jared and also to Ashley Jones at Campo as possible.	Air Division, EPA	2/14/2017	In Progress

Nevada	Is EPA involved with the siting of new nuclear waste facilities: 1) Yucca Mountain; 2) Private Initiatives for Consolidated Storage; and 3) Defense Waste Repository. We are also worried about the startup of new nuclear bomb testing under the new administration and how that could impact us. How can EPA protect us if they are not the regulatory agency for nuclear testing and spent fuel storage?	Enforcement Division is evaluating this question and will provide a response after the meeting.	Enforcement Division, EPA	2/14/2017	In Progress
Navajo	Violations of stormwater rules - the Tribe is frustrated by the violations and recognizes EPA lacks funding for inspections. Want to see EPA get outside companies into compliance and see EPA funded to conduct inspections.	EPA has done inspections under this program at NN and intends to continue to do so; funding to all of EPA is under a continuing resolution, but we continue to implement the program. The Program will follow up with Ronnie Benn.	Enforcement Division, EPA	2/14/2017	In Progress
Nevada and Central California	Will FY19 funding for GAP only be available to Tribes with EPA approved ETEPs? In the future will ETEPs determine funding levels for individual tribes?	GAP Guidance directed Regions to develop a schedule for delivery of completed ETEPs; Regions collectively negotiated a four-year completion schedule, completing all initial ETEPs by the end of FY18. GAP awards beginning in Fiscal Year 2019 will be contingent on an approved, current ETEP in place with the recipient, per EPA AIEO. Since ETEPs have no unified format, determining funding levels based on ETEPs does not appear possible.	Land Division, EPA	In Meeting	Complete
Southern California	Torres Martinez has expressed frustrations that they did not receive funds to clean up illegal dump sites on tribal lands. For TM it is extremely challenging to have an effective enforcement mechanism due to a checkerboard reservation. The surrounding county (Riverside) does not have illegal dumping cleanup or enforcement as a priority, therefore it is challenging, if not impossible, to enact effective enforcement. It is a priority for the tribe and not for the county. However, this is still a major priority for the tribe and environmental issue of concern.	Jeff Scott has elevated this to EPA AIEO, and one national call has been held on this topic. A follow-up call should be happening in February, and more information will be provided to the Tribe at that point.	Land Division, EPA	In Meeting	Complete
Nevada	We ask that EPA Region 9 request an increase in CWA Section 319 funding. With more Tribes achieving TAS status, the Tribes are not getting their needed funding levels. If this time there is not a continuing resolution for funding due to a Republican President and Republican Congress and we actually pass a new budget, we feel it is vital that the 319 funding reflect the increase in Tribal participation and needs in 319 programs.	Gail Louis responded in meeting. Tribal allocation is a subset of the national 319 program. There are two pots, base funding that is a formula \$30k or \$50k, and remaining funds used for restoration projects under competition. With more participants, amount remaining for competitive funds gets smaller.	Water Division, EPA	In Meeting	Complete
Central California	CWA 106 funding, not allocated yet for 17-18 (grant due by Feb. 1) so don't know how much is available for FY 17-18. EPA said just to submit to Grants.gov. Does EPA have any news on the amount that will be allocated for the next FY 17-18?	We are making allocations based on a projected budget based on our FY16 allocations. We are asking tribes to submit proposals based on those numbers as a cap, and we will have more information after April 28.	Water Division, EPA	In Meeting	Complete

Central California	How many millions of trees have died in the Sierras with the drought? It is being reported that upwards of 10M. How many of the tribes are affected by this and their water ways? How are the Agencies planning on responding to this? What discussions have occurred? What type of coordination will occur? Tuolumne reported that they are working on this now and crews are cutting trees. The county has a tree mortality task force that the Tribe attends. There is funding available from CalFire and BIA. Can EPA and RTOC help pull together Agencies who can assist with funding sources or other resources? There is money available through the Resource Conservation Districts. Jared Aldern (via email) attends the Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project meetings. There was an extended discussion at this morning's meeting about how to modify some of the existing timber-cutting and reforestation plans in the face of the extreme tree mortality we are seeing in the Sierra National Forest. There is a reforestation workshop in February (flyer attached). Note that among the topics is a discussion of "to spray or not to spray" herbicides during the reforestation process (for example, to suppress shrubs and "release" conifers). One of the landscape-scale questions yet to be fully addressed is how various proposed treatments will affect surface water quality throughout the watershed. This is a question that I think the U.S. EPA could help us to answer via GAP, 106, and 319 programs. This includes the associated surface water quality issues broader than possible contamination from herbicides; additional concerns include the potential for elevated water temperature, higher sediment loads, and shifts in dissolve oxygen levels.	Reaching out to our watersheds office and will follow up to figure out how to help tribes address this issue. Paula from Round Valley will identify who should be included in addition to Tuolumne, Cold Springs.	Water Division, EPA	3/1/2017	In Progress
Nina Hapner	Tribes want to hear directly from FHWA regarding FAST Act.	Tribes consider inviting FHWA representative from Vancouver, WA to speak at the Annual Conference regarding FAST Act. Shawn Oliver, FHWA, 916.498.5040; Shawn.Oliver@dot.gov	Tribal Caucus	By call for topics deadline	In Progress
Lionel Puhuyesva	We have heard there may be more current information on health effects in relation to Arsenic, we are particularly interested in any new information for dermal contact if there is any to be provided.	Water Division will share information back with Lionel on health exposure info related to arsenic following this meeting.	Water Division, EPA	2/14/2017	In Progress
Nina Hapner	Are there maps of arsenic prevalence, and where systems are that are in noncompliance with the MCL?	Water Division will share information as available following this meeting.	Water Division, EPA	2/14/2017	In Progress
Wilfred	Identify ways to improve understanding of consultation offers sent by the EPA.	Give input to the Consultation Workgroup	All	Any Time	In Progress
Alexis	Educate new EPA administration.	Suggest an in-person NTC meeting in Indian Country to give new administration (especially OITA, AIEO) a firsthand perspective on the issues tribes face.	NTC Reps	Any Time	In Progress
All	Make the Strengthening RTOC Worksheet better!	Send additional questions to Alan or Laura by noon Thursday.	All	Noon 1/26/2017	In Progress
Laura Ebbert	Finalize the Strengthening RTOC Worksheet	Share final final Strengthening RTOC Worksheet with Alan to share with the Caucus	Laura Ebbert	1pm 1/26/17	In Progress
All	Brainstorm ideas for Strengthening RTOC	Submit worksheets to Alan by 2/14/17	All	2/14/2017	In Progress
Laura Ebbert	Allow Tribal Caucus to weigh information gathered during Strengthening RTOC brainstorm.	Share compiled Strengthening RTOC info back with Tribal Caucus	Laura Ebbert	3/1/2017	In Progress
All	Prepare for new Administration	Convene an Ad Hoc Workgroup to develop transition briefing materials.	Alan Bacock	Any Time	In Progress

Bridget	Train tribes on messaging	Pursue training for Caucus on messaging.	Bridget Coyle	4/1/2017	In Progress
All	Make sure new administration have opportunities to visit Indian Country early on.	Ad Hoc Workgroup to deveop and scope possible trips for new administration officials.	Alan Bacock	Any Time	In Progress
All	Notes from the meeting	Notes shared by Alan	Alan Bacock	2 weeks	In Progress