



REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SUMMER MEETING – OVERVIEW

July 22 – 25, 2019

Noyo-bida Ranch - 21801 N. Highway 1, Fort Bragg, CA

Note: The agenda is under development. Topics will be added, deleted or moved to another time slot as needed to accommodate requests. This RTOC week is family friendly and we are looking at how to provide activities for children.

Camping – There is no cost for staying on site. Please see the attached document for best preparing to tent camp at the site and there are showers located on site.

For RV or trailers, there are no hookups, but water can be found to fill reservoirs. We are looking into having a company provide waste removal service in the middle of the week for a fee. Please review the attached map for the best transportation routes since roads can have lots of curves and may not be the best for large profile vehicles.

Coffee and Refreshments will be available in the clubhouse throughout the day.

This shall be an outdoor venue under a large tent. WIFI will not be available though we shall have a conference call/webinar option for at least the Tribal Caucus and full RTOC days. Electricity for the meeting will be provided through a solar generator provided by GRID Alternatives and we are working to create a low waste event by using compostable products and encouraging participants to reduce waste as much as possible. Doing little things like bringing reusable water bottles and your favorite mug for coffee make a big difference.

<p><u>Monday July 22, 2019</u></p> <p>10:00 – 4:00</p> <p><i>Dinner (Provided by Area Tribes---donations are welcome)</i></p>	<p>Brownfields Training</p> <p>Kid Friendly Activities - TBD</p> <p><i>Fort Bragg closes up fairly early so if you are coming to town in the evening stop by the meeting site for some dinner</i></p>	<p>KSU – TAB</p> <p>Center for Creative Land Recycling</p> <p>USEPA</p>
<p><u>Tuesday July 23, 2019</u></p> <p>9:00 – 4:30</p>	<p>RTOC Tribal Caucus</p> <p>Kid Friendly Activities - TBD</p>	<p>Tribes</p>

<p><u>Wednesday July 24, 2019</u></p> <p>9:00 – 4:30</p> <p><i>Dinner (Provided by Area Tribes)</i></p>	<p>Full RTOC</p> <p>Evening Cultural Event: Pomo Tribes Winna-Mah-Bakay-Yachma Kashia Dance Group</p>	<p>Tribes</p> <p>USEPA</p>
<p><u>Thursday July 25, 2019</u></p> <p>Breakfast (Provided by Area Tribes---donations are welcome)</p> <p>9:00-11:30</p> <p><i>Box Lunch (Please pay during RTOC)</i></p> <p>1:00 – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Showcase of MLSTEP Environmental Education Camp/Outreach Activities</p> <p>Option 1 - MacKerricher National Park (Tidepool Exploration, Stream Team Sampling Demonstration)</p> <p>Option 2 – Pygmy Forest (Nature Walking Tour)</p> <p>Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>Tribes</p> <p>Tribes</p> <p>USEPA</p> <p>GRID Alternatives</p>
<p>Other Events</p>		
<p>July 26, 2019</p> <p>8AM-3PM</p>	<p>Usal Field Trip</p>	<p>MLSTEP Tribes</p>
<p>July 25-28, 2019</p>	<p>Tule Boat Festival at Clear Lake</p> <p>Contact Sarah Ryan (s.ryan@big-valley.net) for more information</p>	<p>Big Valley Rancheria</p>



Purpose: This training is to help participants recognize the large scope of the Brownfields program to show how Tribes could benefit from the resources available. The Brownfields program is the one area in EPA's budget which was provided an increase within the President's budget. The late afternoon session will provide participants the opportunity to interact with meeting organizers to get specific about projects/land to see how their Tribe can be assisted through the Brownfields program.

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Pre-RTOC Brownfields Training

Noyo-bida Ranch – Country Club
[21801 N Highway 1, Fort Bragg, CA]

July 22, 2019

10:00am – 4:00pm

- 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome, Orientation, and Introductions
- 10:15 – 11:15 Overview & Examples of the Brownfields Process, and Types of Tribal Programs
(TAB, EPA, and Tribal Presenters)
- 11:15 – 12:00 Available Grants & Resources - Grants & Resources from EPA
(EPA & Tribal Presenters on Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan, Cleanup & JT grants;
Targeted Brownfield Assessments, and GAP/128a Programs)
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:00 Solar Generator Demonstration (GRID Alternatives)
- 2:00 – 2:30 Available Grants & Resources – Non-EPA Resources
- 2:30 – 4:00 Resources Roundtable – successes on past projects and advice on new ones



REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SUMMER MEETING – TRIBAL CAUCUS

Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
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TIME	TOPIC
We will start at 9:00 am. Times below are approximate and will be adjusted as needed	
Begin at 9:00 am	Opening Prayer – TBD Welcome - Salvador Rosales, Tribal Chairperson of the Potter Valley Tribe of Pomo Indians
30 minutes	Welcome/Introductions/Agenda and Logistics Review – Alan Bacock, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair Jill Sherman-Warne, NAEPC (Meeting Facilitator)
15 minutes	RTOC Co-Chair report – Alan Bacock, RTOC Co-Chair <i>Share announcements, list of current/future issues that Tribes can comment on and provide a report of RTOC Tribal Co-Chair activities</i>
1 hour	Environmental Managers Report <i>Nevada RTOC Delegates</i> <i>Arizona RTOC Delegates</i> <i>California RTOC Delegates</i>
BREAK	
45 minutes	To TAS or not to TAS – <i>Overview of Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State (TAS) and importance of TAS; Share tips from tribes who have gone through process</i>
30 minutes	National Tribal Operations Committee Report –Meyo Marrufo (CA), Mervin Wright Jr. (NV), Ronnie Ben (Navajo), Alan Bacock (R9 Alternate)
LUNCH (a 90 minute lunch break will be taken at approximately at noon)	
45 minutes	Fall Conference <i>Brainstorm list of possible topics and presenters</i>
1 hour	Budget Strategic Group Updates and Next Steps
BREAK	
45 minutes	Regional Workgroup/National Partnership Groups Issues – Group Leads <i>Raise key issues and concerns that the groups desire to share with tribes; Identification of next steps as appropriate</i>
15-30 minutes	Review of Action Items and any Issues for EPA – RTOC Representatives
4:30	Adjourn

Note: The Tribal Caucus Agenda items are solely selected by the tribal participants without any input from EPA. EPA neither sanctions nor endorses any individuals or organizations speaking during the Caucus. Furthermore, the opinions expressed during the Caucus are those of the speaker and do not necessarily represent the opinions of EPA.



REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SUMMER MEETING – FULL CAUCUS

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
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TIME	TOPIC
We will start at 9:00 am. Times below are approximate and will be adjusted as needed.	
Begin at 9:00 AM	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/Opening Prayer • Introductions/Roll Call - RTOC Co-Chairs • Review Agenda/Logistics
30 minutes	EPA Opening Remarks – Alexis Strauss, Tribal, Intergovernmental and Policy Acting Division Director, US EPA Region 9
15 minutes	Issues Review from Previous RTOC – Ruben Mojica Hernandez, US EPA Region 9
15 minutes	Tribal Caucus Report – Alex Cabillo, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair Alternate
30 minutes	Reflections on Serving for Two Terms as RTOC Tribal Co-Chair – Alan Bacock, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair
BREAK	
30 minutes	Sovereignty of Tribes in an Age of Cooperative Federalism – Tribal Caucus <i>Sharing of Tribal concerns regarding state assumption of USEPA authorities and considerations needed to recognize Tribal Sovereignty</i>
30 minutes	GAP Guidance Evaluation Updated Timeline; LEAN/ELMS Debrief – Jeremy Bauer, Tribal Branch Manager, US EPA Region 9 <i>Update on the timeline for the GAP Guidance Evaluation and summary of high-level statistics USEPA has captured while moving through efficiency processes.</i>
LUNCH (90 min -on your own)	
30 minutes	Brownfields: Considerations Prior to Acquiring Purchased or Gifted Land – Eric Byous, US EPA Region 9 and Blase Levin, Technical Assistance to Brownfields Programs <i>Land acquisition can end up creating major challenges if due diligence is bypassed and we will go through some considerations to assist Tribes in making land acquisition decisions</i>
30 minutes	Wildfire Preparedness and Response: Available Resources and Tools – Lauren Maghran and Ruben Mojica Hernandez, US EPA Region 9 <i>A review of resources and tools that can help tribes prepare and response wildfire events.</i>
30 minutes	Best Practices on Grant Compliance – Marisol Anaya and Jeremy Bauer, US EPA Region 9
15 minutes	Fall Annual Tribal EPA Conference – John Flores, San Pasqual Band <i>Share possible activities, logistics and travel information</i>
BREAK	
30 minutes	EPA Response to New Tribal Issues – Alexis Strauss, Tribal, Intergovernmental and Policy Acting Division Director, US EPA Region 9
15 minutes	Review New Issues/Action Items – Jill Sherman-Warne, NAEPC
15 minutes	Closing Comments – Alexis Strauss, Tribal, Intergovernmental and Policy Acting Division Director US EPA Region 9 & Alan Bacock, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair
Adjourn by 4:00 PM	Adjourn <p style="text-align: center;"><i>**Evening Session: Dinner and Cultural Event to Follow**</i></p>



REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SUMMER MEETING– TOUR/BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thursday , July 25, 2019, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
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Time	Session Title	Session Title
9-11:30AM	Showcase of MLSTEP Environmental Education Camp/Outreach Activities Option 1 - MacKerricher State Park <i>(Tidepool Exploration, Stream Team Sampling Demonstration)</i> Option 2 – Pygmy Forest <i>(Nature Walking Tour)</i>	
Lunch		
Location:	TENT	LODGE
1:00 – 1:55 PM	Clean Vehicle Mobility and Transportation Equity Programs – Blue Lake Rancheria/NAEPC/GRID Alternatives.	Charter Workgroup – Cliff Banuelos, ITCN and Jeremy Bauer, US EPA <i>This session shall explore ways to improve the RTOC Charter.</i>
2:00 – 2:55 PM	CA Climate Assessment Outreach – Laurie Monserrat, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment OEHHA <i>This session will collect ideas for moving towards a stronger partnership on climate research efforts with Tribes and the State.</i>	GAP Workgroup – Michelle Baker and Jeremy Bauer, US EPA Region 9 <i>This shall be a follow-up listening session on the LEANS/ELMS agenda item to gather information from Tribes on successes, challenges, suggestions for improvement with the last GAP application process.</i>
3:00 – 3:55 PM	Public Shutoff Strategy Program – Cal OES	
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Using Excel to Help Develop Budgets/Workplans – Tribal Presenter <i>This session will provide an Excel template Tribes could use to develop their workplans and budgets.</i>	