

## R9 RTOC SOLID WASTE WORKGROUP – AUGUST 12 2020 AGENDA

Introductions – Please add your name and tribe in the chat box for this meeting.

Crowdsourcing Agenda Items (5 min)

Announcements (5 min)

- Virtual Trainings on Tribal Solid Waste: updates on recent Developing Small Tribal Transfer Stations training and upcoming trainings on Community Composting and Community Based Social Marketing

Discussion Items:

Waste storage at tribal businesses: what activities require RCRA ID numbers? and how do you determine how many numbers cover your operations? In followup to our June meeting discussion we have invited Patricia Moran from DTSC to answer questions about how ID numbers apply to tribal activities.

New capacity evaluation process for IHS-funded projects: EPA's new role in evaluating capacity for IHS at the sites they propose to clean up. Previously EPA played no role in evaluating capacity, and now tribes should assume that EPA will contact them to help build the case for IHS that they have the capacity to prevent former dumpsites from future dumping. We'll share the draft form, remind folks about the OMSD/SDS/wSTARS piece, discuss how we'll coordinate with IHS. Highlight again if needed the report that we got back from Ben Shuman about sites that have been cleaned up with IHS funds over the last 5 years.

Sustainability topics –

- Reuse Grant Program: The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is offering the Reuse Grant Program as a pilot program in fiscal year 2019–20. We'll discuss ideas for tribes who might wish to apply. CalRecycle offers grant programs to provide financial assistance to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases pursuant to [Public Resource Code section 42999](#). The purpose of this competitive grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding and improving waste diversion in California through reuse.
- We will brainstorm a list of sustainability topics / projects / goals that workgroup might want to help tribes focus on. We will touch on status of plastic bag ban given Covid-19 trends and limitations.

Annual Conference: We'll hear your ideas on who might be good speakers or what might be stories that we want to hear more about.

Visual waste sorts: (We ran out of time at our last meeting before we could cover this, so we rescheduled it.) Tribes have been requesting approaches on visual waste characterization. We will share available guidance and cover some options. You may wish to review the following procedures (this presents a technique and is not official California state regulation): <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/WasteCharacterization/General/SortingProcedures#VisualWasteChar>