

ACTION ITEMS
GRANTS WORKGROUP
February 8, 2011
REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Coarsegold, CA

	REQUESTED BY	TASK	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
GRANTS WORKGROUP ACTION ITEMS					
1	Erica Helms-Schenk Syndi Smallwood <i>(Submitted 1/28/11)</i>	Request funding increases to programs to allow for rising indirect costs.	Pamela Overman, Gwen Brown/ Susan Chiu, Kate Sloan		This item was #3 on the draft list of General RTOC Action items. Kate Sloan is following-up on this item to get clarification.
2	Ron Johnny, Summit Lake Tribe	Reporting in FSRS: Did OMB consult with tribes? Did they need to follow the Executive Order	Gwen Brown		Interim response: This is an OMB Policy/Directive. Gwen submitted an inquiry to OMB's website and asked for a response. We asked "What are OMB's procedures for consulting with Tribal Governments prior to publishing Federal Register Notices and if OMB has a Tribal Consultation Policy." Susan Chiu, Grants Management Office, is still the R9 contact for FSRS reporting at (415) 972-3674.
3	John Mosley, Pyramid Lake Tribe	What is the link between indirect cost and compensation?	Susan Chiu, Gwen Brown, Grants Management Office		Approved indirect cost rate agreements include an attachment that identifies a list of those cost that are included in the "pool" used to derive the indirect cost rate (eg, Attachment 2—CY 2010 Indirect Cost Pool and Rate Computation). This list of costs may include salaries of certain positions that are held within the organization (eg, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Secretary to the CEO, Receptionist,

					<p>Chairman, Vice Chairman, Finance Director, etc). Being identified on this list means that these individuals' salaries are being paid using money that have been recouped from funding sources, including EPA grants, being charged indirect cost (ie, budget has money under the indirect cost category). Therefore, for those EPA grants containing indirect cost in the approved budget, part of money the organization gets from EPA goes to pay for salaries of those individuals on the list.</p> <p>Please contact Susan Chiu 415/972-3674 or chiu.susan@epa.gov if you have further questions.</p>
4	David Jones, Cortina Tribe	What about small amounts that are billed ? by executives?	Susan Chiu, Gwen Brown, Grants Management Office		The OMB interim guidance does not include dollar thresholds for compensation to executives. Compensation is to be reported in FSRs.gov if it falls within the 5 most highly compensated.
	Grant Workgroup Co-chairs	Two new Grants Workgroup co-chairs were introduced. The new co-chairs will be working with Pamela Overman on the Grants Workgroup.	Kate Sloan, Gwen Brown		<p>Kate Sloan, Yurok Tribe; ksloan@yuroktribe.nsn.us</p> <p>Gwen Brown, R9 Grants Management Office; brown.gwenl@epa.gov</p> <p>Pamela Overman, R9 Tribal Program Office; overman.pamela@epa.gov</p>