

ACTION ITEMS
REGION 9
REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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San Francisco, CA

	REQUESTED BY	TASK	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
General					
1	Arizona	Recommended/Suggested that US EPA staff who work with tribes, be <u>required</u> to take the <i>Working Effectively with Tribal Governments</i> training course.	Jean Gamache Enrique	11/20	EPA's final consultation policy will require all staff that work with tribes to take the training.
2		As sovereign governments/nations, tribal boundaries and territories must be recognized to affirm the government-to-government relationship between American Indian Tribes and the United States. US EPA has a trust responsibility to Tribes and recognizing that is very important especially when it comes to designating attainment and non-attainment areas of tribal air sheds. Tribal lands should be designated separate from state or county designations.	Air Colleen McKaughn		R9 is in discussion with EPA HQ about a national tribal designations policy, since this is a national issue, not just a Region 9 issue. A draft national tribal designations policy is being prepared which will be shared with tribes for their input <u>prior</u> to going final. Region 9 has raised the issues that we have heard from our tribes to EPA HQ during discussions on this policy.
3	Arizona	Communication is not efficient/effective between GAP project officers and tribal environmental program staff. It is strongly recommended that working relationships become stronger through respectful and professional	Jean Gamache		We invite the tribes who raised this issue to talk with Enrique to identify next steps.

		communication.			
4	Central CA.	<p>Tribal Leaders will request EPA's involvement in reviewing the EIRs as well as an explanation as to why they don't oversee the actions that affect the whole coastline of the United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on specific EIRs related to MLPA 	<p>Environmental Review Office</p> <p>Sarah Ryan and Enrique Manzanilla</p>	This week	<p>In December 21, 2010, State officials met with tribes on Marine Life Protection Act concerns. EPA encourages the tribes to work with State agencies that have jurisdiction over the CEQA review process. See attachment on Tribes-State meeting on MLPA</p>
5	Central Ca.	<p>Create a California Issues Workgroup to be a resource for California Tribes dealing with environmental and consultation issues. Tribal caucus requests EPA participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify list of recurring issues - Identify participants 	<p>Tribal Caucus</p> <p>Sarah Ryan (lead)</p>	11/30	<p>During this first meeting on February 9, we will develop a list of issues, agencies involved, EPA participation that we are requesting and needed information. We have been in touch with various state agency staff this past week about some issues that are recurring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish consumption default values used by CalEPA in TMDLs Diane Fleck has been working with Fraser Shilling from UC Davis to develop a Fish Consumption Survey Project. A project update on how tribes can participate has been requested. • CA Water Plan Update 2013 A teleconference took place a week ago that began the conversation with Tribes. A Tribal Advisory Committee will be meeting February 25th. Barbara Cross with CA DWR is

					<p>the contact, as well as Stephanie Lucero. An update of this meeting will be discussed.</p> <p>There will also be a presentation from FloodSAFE California during the workgroup meeting.</p>
6	Central Ca.	Request to Pesticide Programs in region 9 to have Headquarters conduct 2 webinars prior to the Certification and Training consultation so that Tribes can participate meaningfully.	Pam Cooper		In July 2010, Region 9 forwarded this request for pre-consultation webinars on Certification and Training to Office of Pesticide Programs at EPA HQ's. OPP replied that a webinar had been set up for the TPPC on September 2 and after benefit of TPPC input, wider tribal consultation would be scheduled for late fall/early winter (prior to publication in the Federal Register). These calls occurred on 11/29 and 12/13/2010. The Region 9 Pesticides Office will continue to host informational calls on C & T as requested by tribes.
7	Central Ca.	Have RTOC orientation at every RTOC for new Tribes/Tribal staff. Have copies of charter available for educating people on RTOC.	Corn		Agreed
8	Central Ca.	Do not reduce RTOC to fewer than 4 meetings.	Corn Enrique		EPA and Tribes will work towards areas of common agreement as identified in the Tribal Caucus summary (power point presented on 10/20 and the RTOC concept paper).
9	So. Ca	Requesting list of EPA water trainings.	Kristan Gullatt	Follow up in 2 weeks	See attachment on training

10	So. Ca.	<p>Provide list of tribal contacts for sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacts within different medias (e.g., solid waste, green building, etc) - Send list to Erica and Corn 	Heather White	Provide list in 3 weeks	See attachment on sustainability contacts
11		<p>Revise AI #7</p> <p>EPA to host a California Certification Training for Tribal Water Operators.</p>	Linda Reeves	Follow up in 2 weeks	<p>EPA hosts a Biennial Drinking Water Intensive training for water operators. The last training were last held in Tempe Arizona (2010) and San Diego (2008). The location for 2012 has not yet been determined.</p> <p>Numerous operator trainings are available through RCAC, ITCA, Ken Kerri correspondence courses, and local community colleges. A good directory is available at: http://www.smallwatersupply.org/</p>
12		<p>What is process to follow for federal water certification?</p> <p>ITCA course are valid through Federal reciprocity?</p>	Linda Reeves	2 weeks	The federal water certification program is designed to provide certification for tribal operators who may not be eligible to get certified by other means. The federal water certification program accepts ITCA and other water certifiers that are approved by the American Boards of Certifiers.
13	Northern Cal - Kate Slone –	<p>Identify a way to address Climate Change mitigation and adaptation planning (to look at multi media issues)</p> <p>Suggestions-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form a separate working group - Can Tribal Science Council 	Tia/Nina	In 2	<p>There have been some newsletters, e.g., AdaptNet, which gives a weekly update on literature in the adaptation field, but it's not specific to tribes. AdaptNet is focused on urban adaptation, but anyone interested can sign up for the e-bulletin here: http://gc.nautilus.org/gci/adaptnet</p> <p>There is a tribal adaptation planning</p>

		<p>work with other media representatives on this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop list of other national groups working on these issues 	Stephanie Valentine Air	<p>weeks</p> <p>By Jan RTOC</p>	<p>grant that EPA just initiated with ITEP. Once things get going, there will be regular (2-4 per year) adaptation planning conference calls led by ITEP for tribes to ask questions, share lessons learned, etc. The Interagency Adaptation Task Force is pulling together a state/local/tribal partnership committee to advise and partner with the Task Force, but that is a fairly narrow venue for participation, and there is only a small number of tribal representatives on the committee. For more information on the Task Force, go to: http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/adaptation If several tribes are interested, Erika Wilson, EPA's Office of Atmospheric Programs' Tribal Air Coordinator, is willing to look into creating a broader tribal adaptation work group or informal venue for information-sharing.</p>
14	Nevada	<p>Identify different resources to help tribes do data input into AQS. Tribes experiencing difficulty entering data; there is inconsistency between guidance and training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify a list of common problems and identify way to deal with problems <p>Suggestion: Develop a CAA103 template similar to WQX for data input into AQS.</p>	<p>Linda - ITEP Contact Sara B</p> <p>Colleen Justin</p>	<p>As needed</p> <p>1 month</p>	<p>Sara spoke with Justin Whitesides from Yerington Paiute about the issues he raised at RTOC about AQS. He has spoken with staff at the Institute of Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and is now confident he has the resources to figure out the AQS problems he was having. ITEP staff is willing to come to his tribe for individual training if needed. In addition, R9 staff spoke with staff at EPA HQ who work with AQS. It is a challenging database system which unfortunately will not be changing in the near future. There are many resources available through ITEP,</p>

					the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center and in Region 9's Air Division. If a tribe is having trouble, we encourage them to contact their project officer first.
15	Jared	Receive input from tribes on what issues to raise with newly elected state officials (for EPA meetings with some). Send input to Jean	All	After elections	None received so far.