



RTOC TRIBAL CAUCUS MEETING REPORT

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
San Francisco California
75 Hawthorne St



Tribal Caucus:

The opening prayer was given by Dan Mosley from Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

The Welcoming and opening remarks were given by Corn RTOC Tribal Co-Chair. He also went over the summary of the meeting held the day before on the future of the RTOC. Most of the agenda from the day before was addressed, but a few were left and needed input from the tribes. He stated that a meeting would be held after the Tribal Caucus and urged tribes to stay and have their input on the questions that were raised during the meeting as well as the Tribal Leaders Summit. The RTOC meeting specifics would also be discussed as well as the challenges for having or not having four meetings a year. The Tribal co-Chair had the summary from that meeting and asked that throughout the day tribes think about those questions raised and have comments ready for the evening meeting.

Meeting Structure was done by Corn and then Introductions were given from those present.

Arizona Tribal Environmental Manager's Report was given by Roman Orona, the Southern Arizona Representative. the report given was just on the action items raised at the manager meeting hosted by the Salt River Indian Community on 3/31/10.

White Mountain Apache Tribe – Delbert Altaha, Jr. and Shannon Taylor

- Trying to clean up - WMAT has encountered a lot of illegal dumping on the reservation. They started recycling program, which received a good response from the community. There is a need for more recycling bins.
- Earth week will include a huge effort on the awareness of solid waste issues. Outreach to community schools, including a wetlands conservation day and “rezcycle” challenge → where community members are encouraged to participate in bringing recyclable items. Prizes will be given.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community – Ondrea Barber

- Ondrea stated that SPRMIC Air Quality data shows that they are in an attainment area; however, if they are not in non attainment area, SRPMIC could be eligible for DOT and other additional funding.
- Pesticide is a concern. Recently updated the SRPMIC Pesticide Ordinance. Developing 3 ordinances: 1) Air Quality 2) Open Burning and 3) Agricultural and will be providing a 60 day comment period.
- Water Quality standards have been approved by the Community, but are now waiting for federal approval.

Ak-Chin Indian Community – Roman Orona

- Roman stated that Ak-Chin EPA received a competitive non-point source grant through EPA to crush concrete debris, which was being thrown into Community canals and desert wetlands.
- Pesticide Program Ordinance is complete.
- Earth Day activities include community clean up and tree planning on April 23rd.

Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation – Mark Frank

- Mark stated that they are prioritizing incomplete programs that were started but not completed; Verde River Water Quality Sampling is a priority and is following the QAPP.
- Received 106 grant funding for FY2011
- DOE grant is pending Tribal Council resolution.

Navajo Nation Environmental Manager's Report , none was given due to no representative present.

California Tribal Environmental Manager's Report is given by the various geographical areas, the first to present was the Central CA RTOC Delegate which was Robert Columbro. Robert mention that the US Forest Service was having National Tribal Leaders call on May 3, 2010. The forest service was awarded 40 million.

Northern CA RTOC report was given by Ken Norton and Mike DeSpain, Mike mentioned again that any comments tribes have on the GAP Online are needed. the program is set to be implemented by September 2010. Comments can be given to Mike or Corn.

Eastern CA RTOC report was given by Teri Cawelti (mostly action items)

Southern CA RTOC report was given by Syndi Smallwood, Jackie has her report. she also just gave action items..

Nevada Tribal Environmental Manager's Report was given by Marie Barry,

The Tribal Co-Chair did add one final comment for the record, which involved potentially moving a tribe from one geographical area to another. The respective reps from both areas agreed this would be fine with them. The Tribal Co-Chair is still trying to contact the tribe affected to ask what their thoughts are on the potential move.

11:00 - 11:15 AM -BREAK-

National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) Report was given by Erica Helms Schenk, NTOC rep from California. The Tribal Caucus was informed that the Chairman of the NTC was severely injured and did not attend the meeting in D.C. He was able to participate via conference call with input from Dan Mosley, alternate to Marie Barry.

11:40 - 1:00 PM -BREAK FOR LUNCH-

After lunch the caucus reconvened and went over the Transition Document Strategy presentation

that was given this morning.

The Tribal Presentation on Water Quality Standards was not given due to the need to finalize the presentation.

The following Workgroups gave reports and or updates - Conference, Emergency Response, Solid Waste, Tribal Science, Pesticides, Air, Drinking Water, Sustainable Infrastructure. The Co-Chair stated that all reports would be made available on the website in two weeks. Most of the reports were focused on defining their top two or three priorities.

The Tribal Caucus broke for ten minutes to let Jaclyn Listo RTOC AA set up the action item list for review on the powerpoint. Technical difficulties prevented the review of the action items so Corn Tribal Co-Chair stated that the action items would be made available to the attendees for the full RTOC on Thursday. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.