

Exchange Network/E- Enterprise Governance and Tribal Consultation

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Tribal Governance Group

- The EN TGG is an ad-hoc group that was formed to address tribal issues regarding the EPA Exchange Network
- NCAI/ITEP Tribal EN Cooperative Agreement recipients
- Members have a wide variety of technical skills needed to communicate with state & EPA technical staff
- www.tribalexchangenetwork.org

Exchange Network Timeline

- 2002 – Implementation Plan for Exchange Network / Exchange Network grant funding available
- 2006 – Charter for (2) Exchange Network Leadership Council and the (2) Network Board Operations
- 2011 – Action Plan for completing Phase 1 of EN: 10 priority data flows
- 2013 – Exchange Network Leadership Council (ENLC) adopts Implementation for phase 2 of the EN; ENLC (2), ENLC Coordination Team (0), Network Technology Board (2)
- 2015 – Exchange Network governance becomes part of E-Enterprise
- 2016 – EELC draft charter outlines new governance

Exchange Network

- EN developed by states/EPA as a way to come up with standards and protocols for sharing/submitting environmental data (EPA-OEI)
- ECOS is responsible for the day to day operations of the Exchange Network; ECOS staff and EN Coordinator under contract with ECOS
- EPA Data Exchanges use the Exchange Network; Central Data Exchange (CDX)
 - Tribal Data → Fit Data into Data Exchange Template (DET) Schema → Generate .xml file → Use Node/Node Client to submit data → Validation of file → Results accepted

E-Enterprise

- 2012 – ECOS and EPA issue a joint statement regarding the EPA/ECOS E-Enterprise initiative
- 2013/2014 - States and EPA joint working groups develop the conceptual blueprint and design /implementation strategy
- E-Enterprise for the environment meant to modernize how government agencies deliver environmental protection (EPA-OCFO)
- E-Enterprise first presented to tribes at the Tribal EN Conference in February 2015

EN/EE Joint Governance Model

- EELC Draft Charter (March revision)
- Exchange Network and E-Enterprise as one

Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet
NTC

**E-Enterprise
Leadership Council**

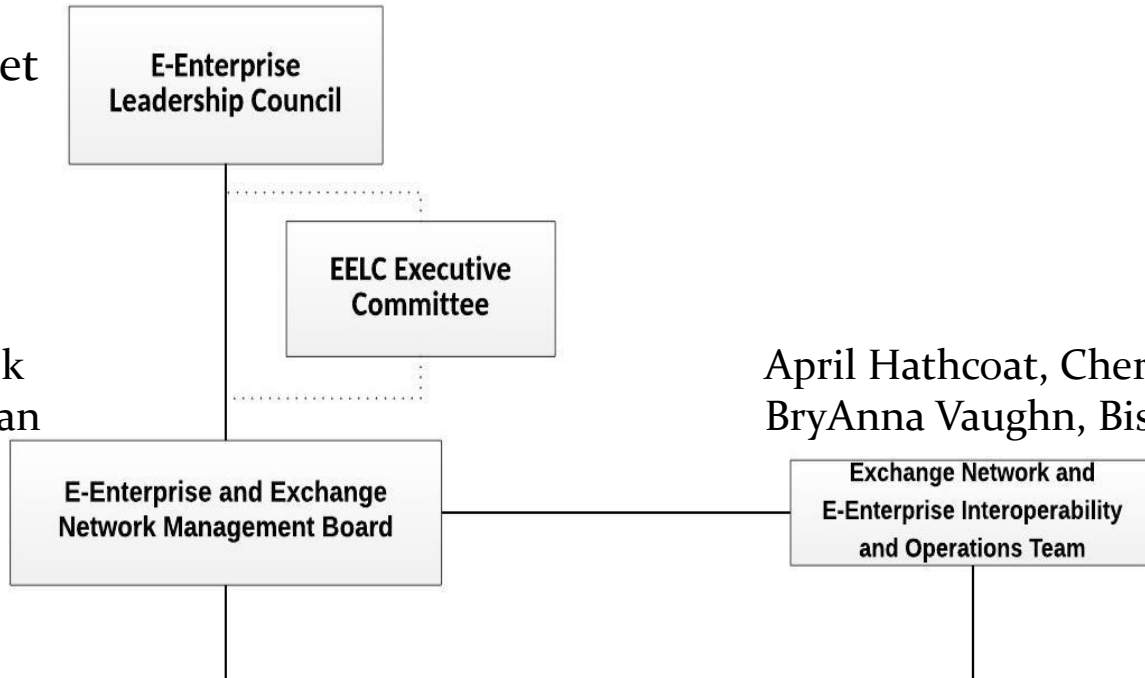
**EELC Executive
Committee**

April Hathcoat, Cherokee Nation
BryAnna Vaughn, Bishop Paiute

Frank Harjo, Muscogee Creek
Bruce Jones, Northwest Indian
Fisheries Commission

**E-Enterprise and Exchange
Network Management Board**

**Exchange Network and
E-Enterprise Interoperability
and Operations Team**



EN Tribal Issues

- Communication issues with the various EPA offices
 - EPA-OEI, Office of Information Collection (OIC), Office of Information Analysis and Access (OIAA) – Tribal Program Coordinator
 - EPA-OCFO
 - EPA-OITA
- EN Tribal participation is low and tribal EN grant applicants continue to decline

EN Tribal Issues

- Tribes at different levels of technology & infrastructure
 - Hard to streamline tribes in an enterprise
 - How many tribes actually have data management systems in place
- EELC Draft Charter
 - Referred to tribal participants as co-regulators
 - Unequal representation and tribes should be able to choose their representatives

TGG Actions

- Concerns about EELC Charter
 - Tribal Participation, etc.
- Sept 2015, TGG concerns expressed to EPA-OEI Matt Leopard & Ann Dunkin
- Feb 2016, TGG concerns expressed to EPA-OITA JoAnn Chase & Randy Hill
- March 2016, TGG Letter to Exchange Network Leadership
 - Response from ECOS and EPA leadership

Tribal Consultation

- Initiated March 9, 2016
- EELC charter refers to GOVERNANCE! not participating
- Both March 30 & 31 webinar opportunities did not have large tribal participation
- E-enterprise for the environment is still a new concept to many tribes and those on the webinar still had questions
- April 14, 2016 is end of the comment period

TGG, NTC, & NCAI

- As part of the new EELC governance model, each entity is working together to develop a process to nominate and select tribal representatives for all levels of EELC governance
- Striving for equal regional representation
- Establishing new working relationships with EPA offices/staff and the Exchange Network/E-Enterprise governance as well as NTC and NCAI



Questions?