

# **SPRING 2016 RTOC MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

**APRIL 15, 2016**

**San Pasqual Reservation Tribal Hall  
Valley Center, California**

<b>#</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>1</b>	Investigate any funding available through the Source Water Assessment program for tribes and report back the information gathered.	Gail Louis	2 weeks 4/29/2016	Gail Louis connected Rob Roy (La Jolla) with SWAP 4/19/16
<b>2</b>	Coordinate with workgroups regarding budget issues/requests to identify which media programs need specific letters to EPA Headquarters.	Alan Bacock	By next RTOC	
<b>3</b>	The Inter-Agency Task Force will be contacted to explore if multimedia funding can cover all capacity building needs for water systems. ( <i>E.g.</i> operator certification)	Inter-Agency Task Force Alex Cabillo	5/4/2016	Alex Cabillo contacted Felicia Wright 4/25/16
<b>4</b>	Request that Andrew Baca of AIEO provide a summary of GAP Online with: -Analysis of how well it performs for EPA's desires -Update on the replacement for GAP Online and info on how tribes and Region 9 can be involved in the development of this replacement -Cost of GAP Online, the replacement system and where this funding is coming from.	Laura Ebbert	Request will be sent by 4/29/2016 Response by fall RTOC	Laura sent request to AB 4/22/16
<b>5</b>	Report back from National Tribal Caucus (NTC) on progress regarding understanding the role of AIEO and work being done to make the AIEO/NTC relationship more effective.	Region 9 NTC Reps.	Next RTOC	
<b>6</b>	Find historical and other AIEO documents ( <i>e.g.</i> mission statement or strategic plan). Send these documents to Co-Chair Bacock and he will forward them to the Tribal Caucus through the email list.	Laura Ebbert Alan Bacock	4/29/2016	Done

<b>7</b>	If RTOC needs information or help during the transition of the next EPA Regional Administrator ask Laura Ebbert or other EPA staff/management.	All	As needed	
<b>8</b>	Schedule an Air Workgroup phone call to discuss issues raised in the EPA <a href="#">presentation on ozone designation</a> , such as attainment vs non-attainment, collaboration, working with states and other issues.	Air Workgroup Sara Bartholomew Ondrea Barber	TBD	
<b>9</b>	Pesticide General Permit & 401 Tribal Certification questions should be forwarded to Gail Louis for resolution.	All tribes	As needed	
<b>10</b>	Follow up with issues regarding grants.gov numbers on Attachment 2 of Guidance letters.	Kate Fenimore	4/20/2016	Alba Espita (EPA Grants Specialist) contacted Alan Bacock 4/19/16
<b>11</b>	Let your Project Officer know if you want to opt in to elect a signatory for ETEP cover memo. (Note: Remember to update when your staff changes).	All tribes	As decided	Done
<b>12</b>	Share examples & documents of work plan modifications that address travel issues and questions regarding GAP related travel. (E.g. Tribal Travel Fund)	Laura Ebbert	Within one month of finalizing travel guidance	
<b>12a</b>	When draft tribal travel fund guidance is shared, tribes submit comments on the guidance.	All tribes	Comments from caucus to EPA by 5/27/16	
<b>12b</b>	Issue updated Tribal Travel Fund Guidance document	Laura Ebbert	Guidance finalized by 6/1/16, issued before August RTOC	
<b>13</b>	A new requirement for tribes who are cleaning up open dumps is that their match is now to be made up front instead of it being a soft match that could contribute after the project is complete. This newly implemented requirement has created a financial	Bridget Coyle	Before August RTOC	This item was withdrawn by the Caucus on 4/21/2016.

	burden on tribes. In addition, tighter restrictions on eligible activities for clean up projects have reduced the ability of tribes to effectively manage solid waste issues. EPA will raise IHS grant & pass/match requirements with IHS Ken Shapiro.			
<b>14</b>	Provide information to tribes about available funding for direct cleanup activities.	Zoe Heller	4/29/2016	Laura Ebbert emailed request to Zoe Heller and Ruben Mojica 4/21/16
<b>15</b>	Distribute action item list.  Distribute meeting notes.	Joseph Miller	Action Items 4/20/2016  Notes 4/29/2016	Done Action Items sent 4/20/16 Notes sent 4/29/16
<b>16</b>	ITCA requested that EPA facilitate meetings with tribal leaders. As a result, EPA will work with ITCA to set up a meeting with Tribal leaders.	ITCA	TBD	
<b>19</b>	EPA to share if the waiver for Earth Day/outreach events continue on after 2016?	EPA – Jeff Scott	By August RTOC meeting	
<b>20</b>	Concern about the process and short turnaround time to submit Omnibus Solid Waste activities. Why didn't EPA look at previously submitted items?	EPA	Responded in meeting	Done
<b>21</b>	Issues with broken links on the EPA website	EPA & All Tribes	As needed: send any broken links to <a href="mailto:fenimore.anna@epa.gov">fenimore.anna@epa.gov</a> and/or Ebbert.laura@epa.gov	Done
<b>22</b>	GAP presents an administrative burden	EPA & Grants Workgroup	As needed: send requests for additional tools and support	Done

			through Grants Workgroup	
<b>23</b>	Nevada Tribes want to confirm Laura will come	Laura Ebbert	Confirmed 4/18	Done
<b>24</b>	Nevada Tribes want EPA training, and for that training to be available within Nevada	EPA	Locational request noted in meeting	Done
<b>25</b>	Frustration with short turnaround time for Earth Day activities	EPA	Responded in meeting	Done
<b>26</b>	Some Tribes would like to request Guidance Letters be issued electronically rather than paper copies.	EPA and Tribes	Interested tribes should notify their GAP Project Officer	Done
<b>27</b>	GAP Guidance - the PO's are calling the Guidebook the Guidance and vice versa. As new PO's come on, we want to make sure you continue to respect there are 2 separate documents.	Laura Ebbert	Feedback shared with Project Officers on 4/19/16	Done
<b>28</b>	Some tribes would like a change in PO where they have had the same PO for a long time. What is the process for getting a new PO? What is the process for assigning work to new Pos? Can you have some visual aid to help tribes recognize their Pos?	EPA	Will look into providing a "Look Book" or other visual aid to identify new POs at the Annual Conference. POs will be asked to identify what tribes they work with when introducing themselves.	Done

<b>29</b>	When a GAP PO is on leave, what happens to their tribes?	EPA	Responded to in meeting. Tribes are encouraged to contact the manager of the unit if they are unsure how to contact their PO's backup.	Done
<b>30</b>	Clarification on what items can be purchased as promotional items. Point to it in the regulations.	EPA	Responded to in meeting	Done
<b>31</b>	Tribe reports they were told they have to sign the Regulated Facilities Document.	EPA	Responded to in meeting	Done
<b>32</b>	Requirements that we comply with RCRA is a burden, when there are already so many grant conditions.	EPA	EPA requested additional clarification in meeting and will forward question to RCRA/grants expert.	
<b>33</b>	ITCA requests an EPA visit	ITCA and EPA	ITCA will send an invite	
<b>34</b>	UST implementation rules - what are the definitions of Class A, B, and C Operators? States have a training program - can we take that? Who else can provide training?	Steve Linder	followed up with Tribe re: training resources	Done
<b>35</b>	Bill Campbell and Clifford Bunuel raised question about the level of funds decreasing for Nevada tribes over time.	EPA	EPA provided data response to this inquiry 4/15/16	Done