



Spring 2018
Regional Tribal Operations
Committee Meeting

April 11th, 2018

Opening Prayer

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Introductions/Roll Call

Alan Bacock and Jeff Scott
RTOC Co-Chairs



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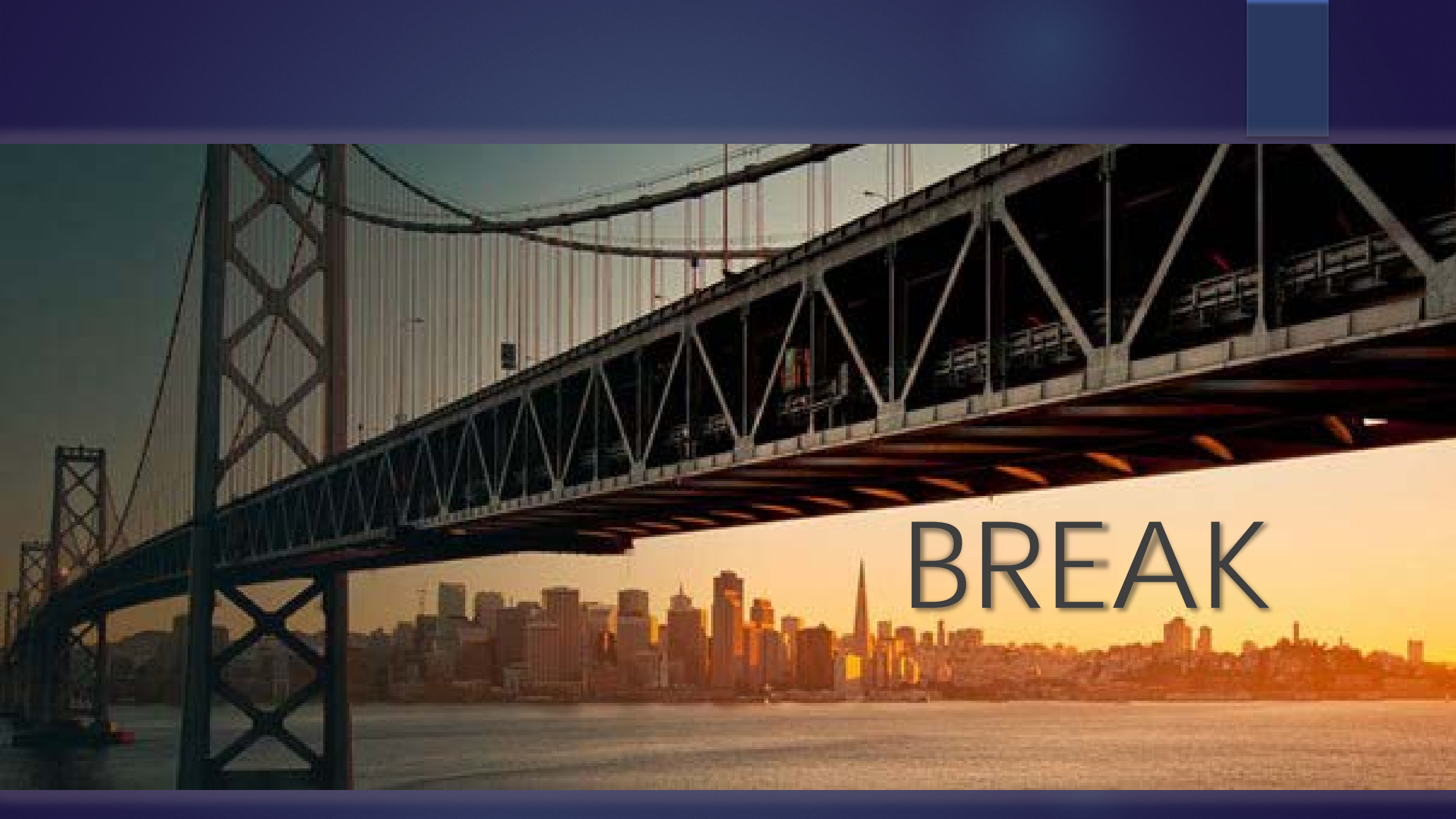
EPA Opening Remarks



Treatment as a State Presentations



Tribal & EPA Budget Presentations



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Budget Strategy Session

World Café Discussion



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Tribal Caucus Report

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Action Item Review from Winter RTOC

Action Item Review - SUPERFUND

Anaconda Mine issues: inadequate consultation, EPA failed to meet with decision makers, Tribe demands equal representation and advanced notice of any meetings or visits. The information being provided to states can impact the tribes authority, tribes may have to go through states for funding. 10 days ago Yerington leadership meet with R9 leadership and are now concerned that decisions are not being made at the regional level. Tribe requests additional information as to who they should be meeting with at the regional or national level.

Anaconda Mine issues: Enrique will meet with leadership from the two tribes to evaluate the consultation issue. In advance of the meeting, the Superfund division will assemble this inventory of meetings and correspondence with tribes, and analyze what transpired over the last year and see what could have been done differently or better. Participants will provide a status update at subsequent RTOCs, as available.

Action Item Review - GAP

- ETEPs
 - Number completed
 - Tribes in danger of not receiving funding
 - Tribes awaiting Regulated Facilities Lists
- Deobligated funding
- Rules around consortia
- Reporting in GAP Online
- GAP Guidance revisions and comments

Action Item Review - WATER

- WOTUS Rule Changes
 - 401 Certification Process
 - Implications for tribes with TAS
- Efforts to develop federal Water Quality Standards

Action Item Review - AIR

- Funding
- TAS applications

Action Item Review – SOLID WASTE

- Develop dump clean up fact sheet, including information on wSTARS, funding (via IHS or EPA)
 - Discussed at last SW Workgroup Meeting

Action Item Review – EMERGENCY RESPONSE

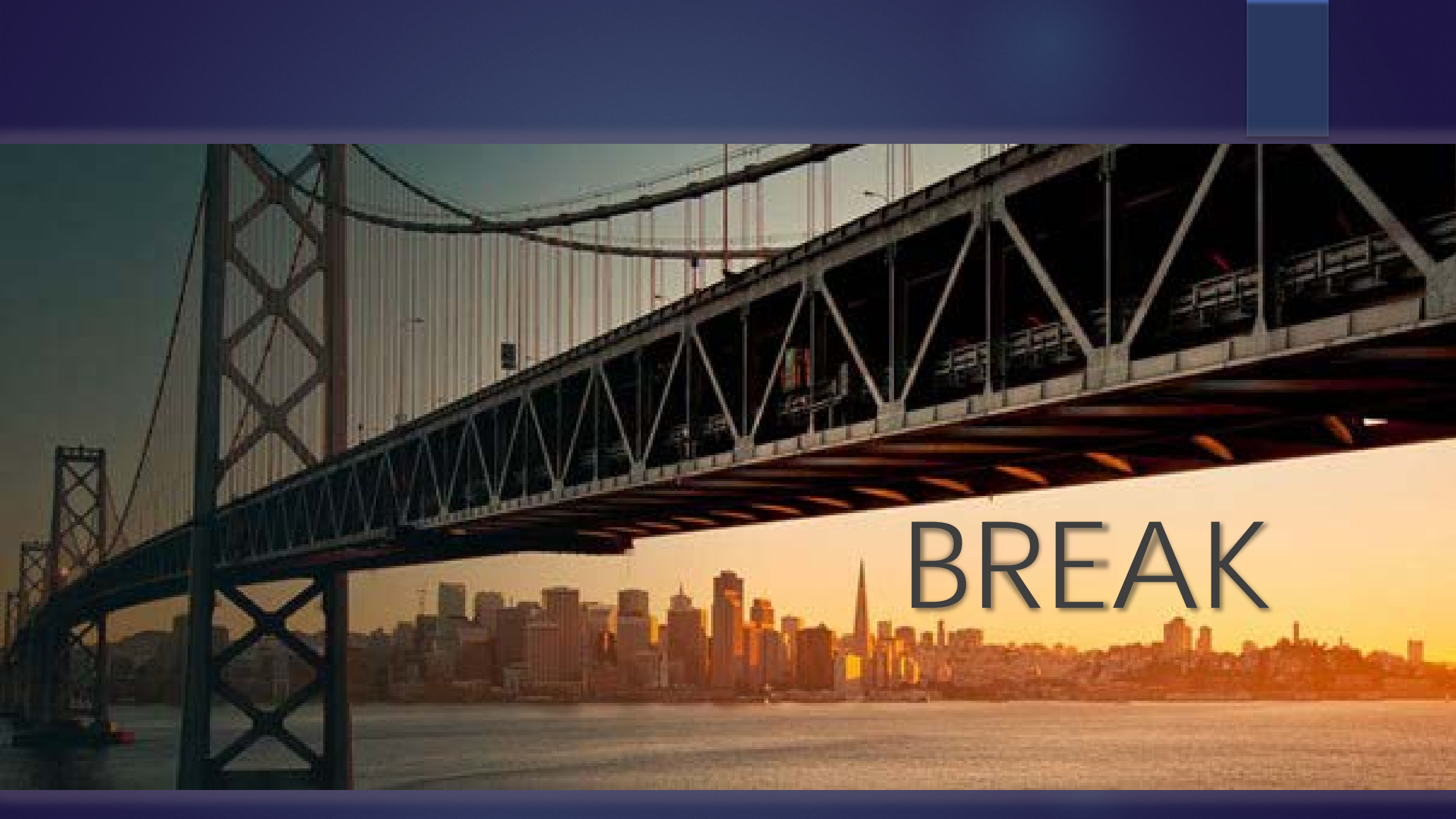
- Who is the lead for the Emergency Planning Work Group?
 - At the moment EPA is unable to co-lead the Emergency Planning Work Group but is able to provide resources for assistance related to emergency planning and response on an as needed basis and can provide related presentations at RTOC meetings. Dan Meer, EPA R9 Assistant Director for the Emergency Response, Preparedness and Prevention Branch, is the point of contact for questions related to emergency response and can be reached at Meer.Daniel@epa.gov or (415) 972.3132. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the California Office of Emergency Services have tribal liaisons that can provide information on emergency planning resources. Those contacts are Christopher Poehlmann at FEMA (christopher.poehlmann@fema.dhs.gov, 510.627.7285) and Denise Shemenski at CalOES (denise.shemenski@caloes.ca.gov, 916.845.8163).
- EPA's Brownfields program has a 128(a) State and Tribal Response Grant that tribes can apply for on an annual basis. The purpose of the grant is to establish or enhance a response program. For more information contact Jose Garcia at Garcia.Jose@epa.gov or (213) 244-1811.

Action Item Review - PESTICIDES

- Session today!



EPA Response to Tribal Caucus Report




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Pesticides and Pesticide Programs

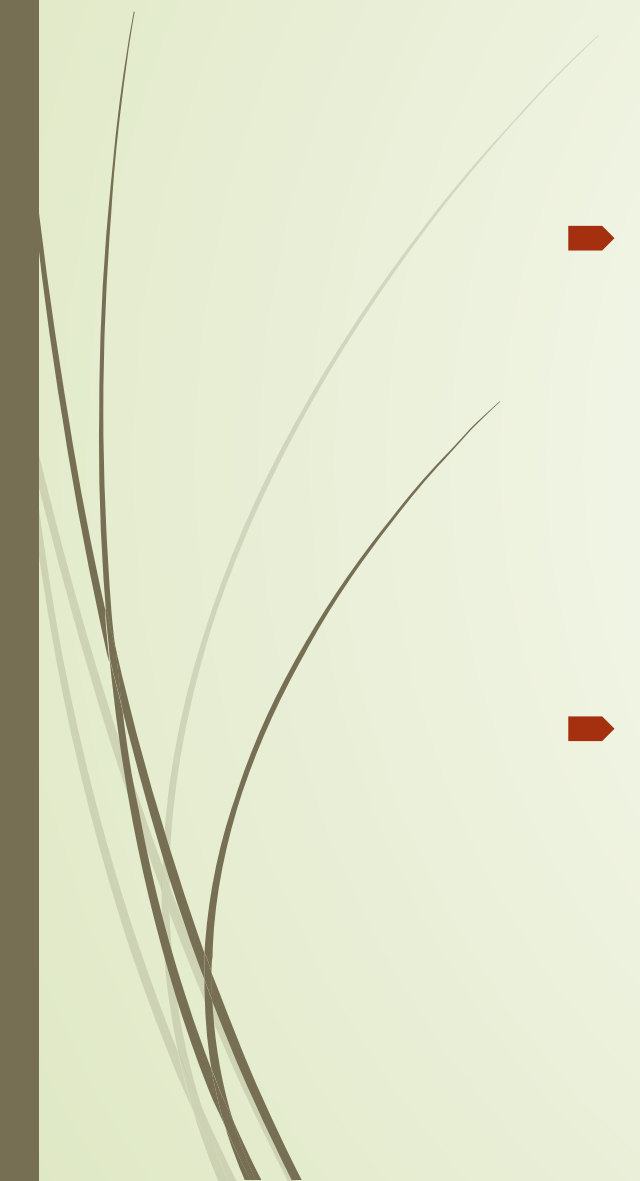
Spring RTOC—Full RTOC



Region 9 Land and Enforcement Divisions



Plan for this week's RTOC

- ▶ Introductory session
 - ▶ Who works on pesticides in Region 9?
 - ▶ Do I need a pesticide program?
 - ▶ Direct Implementation and Tribal Participation under FIFRA
 - ▶ Breakout session—Thursday 9:00-10:30
 - ▶ Assessments
 - ▶ Brainstorming/Prioritizing
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Who works on pesticides in Region 9?

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- Manager: Patti TenBrook, 415-947-4223, tenbrook.patti@epa.gov
- Tribal Liaison: Peter Earley, 415-972-3850, earley.peter@epa.gov
- Project Officers: Peter Earley, Mary Grisier, Allen Demorest, Norman Calero, Sonam Gill, Fabiola Estrada
- Worker Safety Program: Katy Wilcoxon
- Integrated Pest Management: Fabiola Estrada
- Bed Bugs: Norman Calero
- Pollinators: Sonam Gill
- Endangered Species: Allen Demorest
- Water Quality: Patti TenBrook

➤ ENF

- Manager: Eric Magnan, 415-947-4179, magnan.eric@epa.gov
- Tribal Liaison: Panah Stauffer, 415-972-3247, stauffer.panah@epa.gov

Direct Implementation of FIFRA in Indian Country

- Pesticide Registration and Use
- Registration of Pesticide Producing Establishments
- Compliance Assurance and Enforcement
- Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides



EPA's Direct Implementation of Federal Environmental Programs in Indian Country

February 25, 2016

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/epa-direct-implementation-indian-country.pdf>



Opportunities for Tribal Participation under FIFRA

- Cooperative Agreements
 - Support tribal programs
 - Federal credentials, if appropriate
- Training and Certification of RUP Applicators under EPA-approved plan
- Pesticide Program Development and Implementation



Funding

- GAP
- FIFRA
 - Program—Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP)
 - Enforcement—Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)

Do I need a pesticide program?

- Commercial Agriculture
- Structures
 - Housing
 - Schools
 - Casinos
 - Hotels
 - Hospitals
- Public Health (e.g., vector-borne diseases; pathogen control)
- Forestry
 - Invasive Species
 - Habitat restoration
- Rights of Way, Fire Suppression



Invasive Species

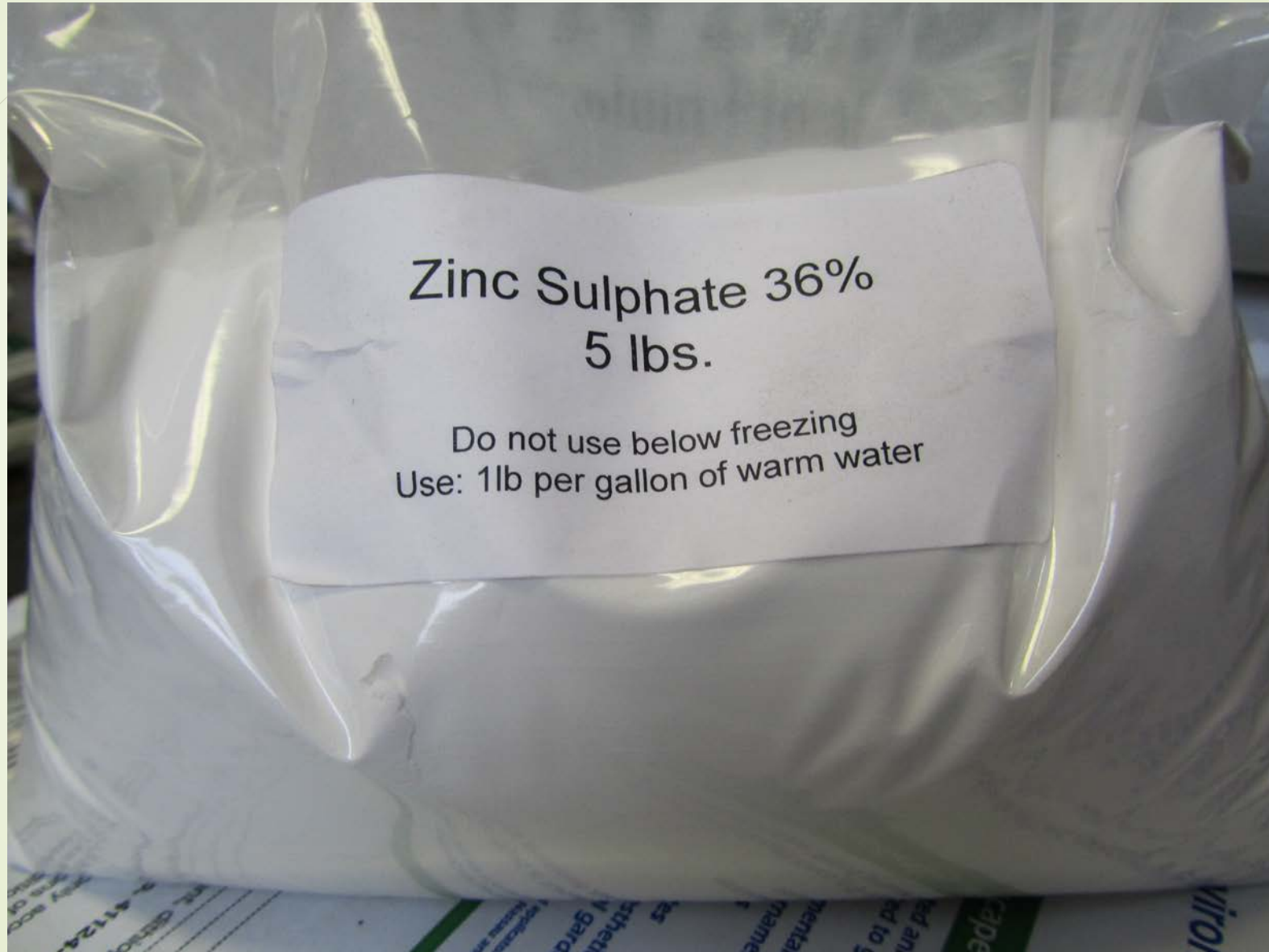


Pythons in Florida



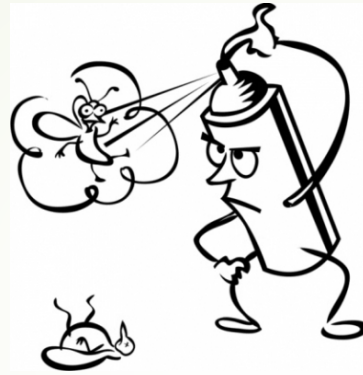
Mormon Crickets in Region 9

Illegal Pesticides



What is a Pesticide?

- FIFRA definition
- Examples
 - Insecticides
 - Fungicides
 - Rodenticides
 - Herbicides
 - Piscicides
 - Avicides
 - Virucides
 - Bactericides
 - "other" -icides






Current Programs--Cooperative Agreements in Region 9

- 9 tribes (8 individual; 1 consortium)
- ~\$700-800,000 per year



Questions/Comments



Please attend breakout session tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. for more in-depth discussion of pesticides and pesticide programs

GAP Guidance Evaluation Rollout

Felicia Wright, Acting Director
American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

Workgroup Day Activities

GAP Workgroup: GAP Guidance Evaluation Rollout ***9:00 – 10:30 am, CA/AZ Room***

- Interactive discussion & listening session
- Overview of evaluation process
- Provide feedback on understanding and using GAP Guidance in developing and implementing environmental programs

Workgroup Day Activities

Pesticides Breakout Session

9:00 – 10:30 am, NV Room

- In-depth information on pesticide issues (i.e. Bed Bugs, IPM, etc.)
- Programmatic/implementation inquiries
- Plenty of time for questions and discussion based on tribal interests

Workgroup Day Activities

Regional Solid Waste Interagency Task Force

10:30 am – 12:00 pm, CA/AZ Room

- Resource directory rollout
- Set out draft mission statement
- Review ITF Workgroup recommendations

Workgroup Day Activities

California Air Resources Board SEP Program

10:30 am – 12:00 pm, NV Room

- Program updates
- Application process step-by-step
- Funding procedures

Workgroup Day Activities

Federal & State Hazard Mitigation & Recovery Programs in Support of Tribes Post-Disaster

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, CA/AZ Room

- FEMA, USDA, IHS, EPA, and State representatives
- Overview of programs and resources available to tribes
- Funding opportunities following California wildfires
- Q&A for tribes working on emergency response activities

Workgroup Day Activities

Grants Presentation & Workshop

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, NV Room

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm: National Policy Updates Presentation from Office of Grants and Debarment
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm: Grants.gov working session, with Grant Specialists and GAP Project Officers
- Bring your laptop and application materials to get assistance completing and submitting your application
- Sign-up in lobby!

Workgroup Day Activities

California Issues Workgroup

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, CA/AZ Room

- Tribal input on Draft Tribal Consultation Protocol (Agency)
- Tribal input on Draft Tribal Consultation Policy (Department)
- Demo of California Environmental Screening Tool from California Office of Health Hazard Assessment

Workgroup Day Activities

VW/DERA Funding Opportunities

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Guam Conference Room

- Trina Martynowicz (US-EPA) available to answer questions
- Information for tribes interested in submitting applications under this funding opportunity



TOUR OF THE W's GREEN HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

Meet in the R9 Lobby, 1:50 pm

Join us for a tour of the W San Francisco hotel. The W at San Francisco is a LEED silver certified building which has invested in more efficient technologies and equipment to reduce its environmental impact. The hotel has also implemented a number of programs to assist its guest and employees in reducing their impact while working and staying at the hotel. We will tour the facility and discuss its green program initiatives. Come ready with questions!



Review New Issues & Action Items

Closing Comments

Alan Bacock & Jeff Scott
RTOC Co-Chairs

Thank you for joining us!

You can find all the information from today on the RTOC website:

<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/regional-tribal-operations-committee-region-9>

