Tribal Consultation & Coordination Town Hall Agenda (Pacific Time)

- 12:30-12:35- Sign-ons

- 12:35-12:40- **Welcome & Introductions**– John Busterud, EPA Region 9 Administrator

- 12:40-12:55- **Opening Remarks** from RTOC Co-Chair Mervin Wright Jr., Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe & Scott Mason, U.S. EPA American Indian Environmental Office

- 12:55-1:00- **Overview of National Consultation Policy** – Andy Byrne, American Indian Environmental Office

- 1:00-1:05- **Region 9 Approach** – Laura Ebbert, U.S. EPA Region 9

- ~1:10-1:55– **Group Discussion on Consultation** - Facilitated by Juliann Schroeder, U.S. EPA Region 9 and Kelcey Stricker, RTOC Consultation Workgroup Lead

- 1:55- 2:00- **Closing Remarks**- Scott Mason, U.S. EPA American Indian Environmental Office

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Comments Provided by Tribal Attendees

- Government to government relationship:
  - Meeting with tribal council
  - Knowing what decision is on the table
  - Being part of the planning process
  - Providing preliminary documents
- Some tribes have their own consultation policies, some don't
- Informational calls are not consultation
- Increase the minimum number of days for consultation from 30 to 60
- There needs to be a maximum number of consultation opportunities that occur simultaneously
- Developing MOUs keeps consultation active

Questions for the Group

► How does consultation best reflect the overviews we heard today?

► Does anyone have a consultation success story they would like to share of what worked well for their tribe?

► What recommendations do you have to improve the overall process?

► Other questions?

Other Points (as time allows):

- Superfund Consultations

- "Tribal Consultation" versus "Coordination"

- National calls

- Not doing consultations at R9 RTOC meetings

- Is decision maker(s) present for the meeting?

- Face-to-face versus calls/webinars

- Limited access to webinars due to internet

- Not treating tribes like the general public