

Response to Spring 2020 RTOC Action Items

6-Aug-20

Identifier	Action Items	Tribal Contact	Lead	Status	Category/Topic	Response
1	EPA R9 will follow-up on who responses to open tickets for GO3.0. Meyo has had problems uploading progress reports and would like to get a response.	Meyo Marrufo	Jeremy Bauer	Complete	GAP	Jeremy Bauer emailed Luke Jones (EPA HQ). He responded that this GO3 access issue was resolved May 11, 2020.
2	EPA Region 9 will develop a one-pager summarizing GAP-eligible activities related to wildfires and summarizing other potential sources of wildfire preparedness and response funding sources; This is in response to October 21, 2019 RTOC item #20.	request from GAP Working Group	Jeremy Bauer; Willard Chin (RIPSC)	Complete	GAP	EPA R9 has received comments from AIEO and updated the draft one-pager to incorporate the comments. The final version was distributed to RTOC on 6/3 and also will be put on the web site: https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/region-9-tribal-environmental-gap-funding
3	Votes for online training topics will be shared with EPA R9 staff to organize one or more webinars.	request from GAP Working Group	Jeremy Bauer	Complete	GAP	Shared results of poll with RTOC co-chair on May 8th; Tribal EPA conference may include a webinar/training on one of the topics.
4	EPA will provide contacts for workgroup leads. Updated contact list will be uploaded to the web site.	Mervin Wright Jr.	Willard Chin (RIPSC)	Complete	RTOC	RTOC workgroup leads available: https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/regional-tribal-operations-committee-rtoc-contacts
5	Request that there is a discussion on consultation and what has worked and has not worked. Scott Mason, Chad McIntosh, and Laura Ebbert were requested as speakers. This is in response to October 21, 2019 RTOC item #1.	Plenary RTOC	Laura Ebbert	Complete	Consultation	There will be a special virtual session on consultation with Scott Mason the afternoon of June 24th. Suggestions were shared regarding the R9 Best Practices Guide.
6	Pechanga had concerns about consultation. Laura suggested organizing an individual meeting between Pechanga and Scott Mason.	Plenary RTOC	Laura Ebbert	In progress	Consultation	AIEO and Pechanga are coordinating a date with Tribal Council for this meeting.
7	How many Tribes requested consultation? Not the number of projects. Posted on TCOTS website. Pull 5 records from TCOTS for tribes that requested consultation (re: Nina). One week response from JB.	request from Tribal Caucus (Nina Hapner)	Jeremy Bauer	Complete	Consultation	From our Tribal Consultation database we pulled the following project information from the past three years (dating back to January 2017). Also emailed Nina on 5/15 which Tribes requested which topics. Number: 5 Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tuba City dump •Establishing a Water Quality Monitoring Program under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act •EPA's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) •Navajo Nation's Supplemental Eligibility Application for Clean Water Act Sections 303 & 401 •ADEQ Clean Water Act 404 Program Assumption
8	Mervin to follow up with Northern Cali Tribes for Nomination (RTOC Rep)	request from Tribal Caucus	Mervin Wright Jr	In progress	NTC	Request for nominations for NO CA RTOC rep was sent. So far none received.
9	Resources on dumping of spoiled wine	Meyo Marrufo	Angela Sandoval, Jason Brush	Complete	Misc	Meyo Marrufo, Jason Brush, and Angela Sandoval spoke on 6/4. The outcome of the phone call was to move this as an item for the CA workgroup. Hope that the State can speak on this issue as the jurisdiction for this issue would mostly be with the State unless there was a special circumstance. This is considered a NPDES/Clean Water Act issue.
10	Air Program will have one to two sessions at Spring RTOC - This is in response to October 21, 2019 RTOC item #24 Consultation and Rulemaking, Regulatory Air Monitoring		Kate Harper	Complete	Air	These sessions will take place during the Summer RTOC.

11	Request that R9 provide a tribal quarterly newsletter or bulletin with information on success stories, regional tribal issues, rulemaking, training, etc This is in response to October 21, 2019 RTOC item #3.	Lisa Gover	Jeanette Sasek, Willard Chin (RIPSC)	Complete	GAP	The first issue was released in July: https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/pacific-southwest-tribal-section-newsletters
12	Request for quarterly updates on EPA involvement with the White House Council on Native American Affairs.	Nina Hapner	Laura Ebbert	Complete	Misc	AIEO will provide an update during the Summer RTOC.
13	The graphs are great to give a visual of the funding allocations but receiving the actual dollar amounts is also important to do a better analysis. Could we get those numbers as well with the graphs?	Alan Bacock	Raven Austin	Complete	Budget	Shared with Alan Bacock and on our RTOC web site as an addendum to the Budget presentation: https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/region-9-rtoc-meeting-spring-2020
14	Three questions that need follow-up from Amanda Pease: Do you still need a .gov email to sign up for NRC notifications? Does the Coast Guard have an online listing of existing tribes that have agreements in place? What are your recommendations when local law enforcement cuts down marijuana plants but wont remove due to illegal pesticides?	Rob Roy; Wilfred Nabahe; Andrea Candelaria	Amanda Pease	Complete	Emergency Response	Emailed responses to Rob Roy, Wilfred Nabahe, and Andrea Candelaria. "State and Local agencies should use either a .gov or .mil email domain. State and Local agencies using email domains such as .com, .net, .us, .org, .edu, etc. are not considered secure email domains for receiving un-redacted NRC incident reports and if used you will only receive "public reports", which contain no personally identifiable information. To find out how to create a .gov domain, please visit https://home.dotgov.gov/ . " "Attached is a list of all the tribes that receive notifications from the National Response Center (NRC) as provided by the United States Coast Guard. " "EPA is working on a guidance document on our approach to marijuana sites. We expect to share it before the next RTOC."
15	Funding for pesticide programs- Nina had question about why funding is static	Nina Hapner	Patti TenBrook	Complete	Pesticides	Emailed the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). OPP said they will provide a response by mid-June. Received a response and sent it to Nina on 6/24/20.
16	319 budget table- does it include competitive grants; Jason Brush - thought it did but will follow-up	Melody Sees	Jason Brush	Complete	Water	Confirmed that the table included competitive grants; Melody See was notified.
17	How is EPA going to assist tribes with waste water testing and monitoring for COVID?	John Parada	Emmanuelle Rapicavoli	Complete	Water	Emmanuelle Rapicavoli and Jason Brush had a follow-up call with Nina Hapner, and Emmanuelle is taking follow-up from here (discussing with IHS). Juliann also sent an email to John Parada to make sure he did not need any more information on COVID in wastewater
18	Compile links shared in chatbox	Melody Sees	Juliann Schroeder	Complete	RTOC	Yes available here: https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/region-9-rtoc-meeting-spring-2020
19	Upload PPT slides on web site	Request from RTOC	Juliann Schroeder	Complete	RTOC	Yes available here: https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pacific-sw/region-9-rtoc-meeting-spring-2020