

Spring RTOC “Border Workgroup”

April 29, 2021, from 8:30 – 9:30 am (PDT)



Agenda

Border Workgroup Co-chairs

- Camilo Perez, Pesticide Enforcement Officer, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Emily Pimentel, Mexico Border Branch, US Environmental Protection Agency

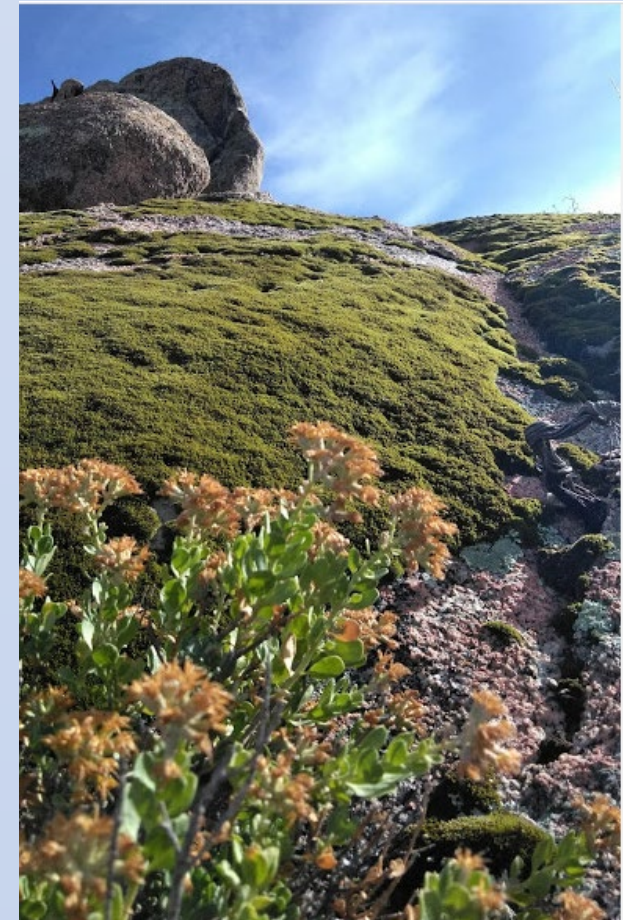
- US-Mexico Border Program Updates
- Funding Sources for Tribes
- Informational Meetings in May
- Upcoming Program Events
- Border Wall
- Open session for Q's & A's





Environmental Program Funding Sources for Tribes in Border Region

- US-Mexico Border Program: Solicitation, Summer 2021
- GAP funds: Border program capacity building
- Border Water Infrastructure (BWIF) funds: Exploring potential funding for “Tribal Infrastructure Funds”
- Other regulatory programs



US-Mexico Border Program

Informational Meetings in May

May 5 ----9:30 -10:30 am

May 13 --9:30 – 10:30 am

Dialogue and response to questions about:

- Draft Border Program Framework (August 2020 draft)
- Future solicitation (summer 2021)
- Engaging in program task forces and other activities
- EPA contacts for additional information



GOAL: AIR



GOAL: WATER



GOAL: WASTE



**GOAL: EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE**



Upcoming Border Program Events



NGO Forum: May 12 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm (PDT)



For registration contact pimentel.Emily@epa.gov

**Emergency Planning Preparedness & Response Workshop
Tribal Nations: May 20 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (PDT)**

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Emergency Planning Preparedness & Response Workshop for Tribal Nations

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/141864645975>

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USEPA Region IX sponsored Chemical and Natural Disaster
Emergency Planning Preparedness & Response Workshop for Tribal Nations.

Date And Time
Thu, May 20, 2021
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM PDT
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For registration contact jones.bill@epa.gov



Border Wall

- Moratorium on Border Wall
- Border Wall Funds and Waivers
- EPA coordination
- Community Feedback

[Border Wall Proclamation Jan 20th](#)



Andrade Site Visit – View of fence (0.9 mi) between Colorado River (east) and the canal (west) with view of Algodones border crossing and parking lot across the canal. (w/ Reps. From Quechan and Cocopah Tribes)

Open session for comments and Q's &A's

Discussion Ideas

- US-Mexico Program updates
- Funding sources
- Informational Meetings in May
- Upcoming program events
 - ✓ NGO/academia forum – May 12
 - ✓ Emergency response preparedness – May 20
- Border Wall

Ways to Engage

- Please use chat box, use hands “raise” button, or feel free to speak-up
- All ideas are welcome



Next Steps

- Keep Tribes informed on Border 2025 updates
- Facilitate dialogue thru informational meetings in May about the Program, needs, and resources

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