



# WINTER 2023 MEETING – REGION 9 TRIBAL CAUCUS (Tribal representatives only)



**In-Person Attendees:**  
Ballroom

**Virtual Attendees:**

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*Note: The Tribal Caucus Agenda items are solely selected by the tribal participants without any input from EPA. EPA neither sanctions nor endorses any individuals or organizations speaking during the Caucus. Furthermore, the*

Time (Pacific/Mountain)	Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>
8:45- 9:00 AM	<b>SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS</b>
9:00 – 9:10 AM	<b>Convocation Opening</b>
9:10 – 9:20 AM	<b>Welcome/Roll Call</b>
9:20 – 10:15 AM	<b>Environmental Managers Report</b> Nevada, Arizona, and California RTOC Delegates
10:15– 10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30– 11:15 AM	<b>Environmental Managers Report</b> Nevada, Arizona, and California RTOC Delegates – Continued
11:15– 12:00 PM	<b>Charter Revision Discussion</b>
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<b>BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)</b>
1:30 – 2:00 PM	<b>Discussion on GAP Updates</b>
2:00 – 2:30 PM	<b>Review Action Item Responses from EPA from Fall RTOC–</b> Lorinda Antone
2:30 – 2:40 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:40 – 3:15 PM	<b>RTOC Workgroup Reports – Workgroup Leads</b>
3:15 – 3:45 PM	<b>NTOC Report/Updates – NTOC Representatives</b>
3:45 – 4:15 PM	<b>National Workgroup Reports</b>
4:15 – 4:30 PM	<b>Tribal Success Story – TBD</b>
4:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>New Issues for EPA – Lorinda Antone</b>
5:00 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>

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# WINTER 2023 MEETING – REGION 9 FULL PLENARY RTOC



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<b>Time (Pacific/Mountain)</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
7:50 - 8:00 AM	<b>SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS</b>		
8:00 – 8:05 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Roll Call- RTOC Co-Chairs</b>		
8:05 – 8:15 AM	<b>Convocation Opening</b>		
8:15 – 8:30 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – Martha Guzman, EPA Region 9 Administrator		
8:30 – 8:45 AM	<b>Opening Remarks - Mervin Wright Jr., RTOC Tribal Co-Chair</b>		
8:45 – 10:40 AM	<b>Strategic Planning Activity (part 1) –</b> Participants will be broken into three groups to expand on priorities, key issues, additional questions by state.		
	<b>Arizona Room</b>	<b>California Room</b>	<b>Nevada Room</b>
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10:40 – 10:50 AM	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:50 – 12:00 PM	<b>Strategic Planning Activity (part 2) –</b> Participants will come together to share on the priorities and key issues that were expanded upon in the different groups.		
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<b>BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)</b>		
1:30 – 2:00 PM	<b>Placeholder-</b> Strategic Planning Activity part 3 (Next steps)		
2:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>Air and Radiation, Department of Energy &amp; California Energy Commission –</b> Presentation by Martha Guzman, U.S. EPA Region 9 Administrator, Matthew Dannenberg, DOE Tribal Liaison, and Katrina Leni-Konig, CEC Deputy Public Advisor and Tribal Liaison		
3:00 - 3:15 PM	<b>Water Division updates –</b> Kristin Gullatt, U.S. EPA Region 9		
3:15 – 3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:30 - 3:40 PM	<b>EPA’s Response to Action Items from Fall RTOC –</b> Marisol Anaya, U.S. EPA Region 9		
3:40 - 4:15 PM	<b>Tribal Caucus Report and Response–</b> Mervin Wright Jr., RTOC Tribal Co-Chair & Laura Ebbert, RTOC EPA Co-Chair		
4:15 - 4:45 PM	<b>Review New Issues/Action Items from Fall RTOC –</b> Lorinda Antone, RTOC Facilitator		
4:45 – 5:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks –</b> Laura Ebbert, RTOC EPA Co-Chair & Mervin Wright Jr., RTOC Tribal Co-Chair		
5:00 PM	<b>Announce Next RTOC Meeting/ADJOURN</b>		



# WINTER 2023 MEETING – REGION 9 BREAKOUT SESSIONS



**Virtual Attendees:** log in link(s) below

<b>Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>Time (Pacific/Mountain)</b>	<b>A Room Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>B Room Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Ballroom Breakout Sessions</b>
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<b>8:30-9:30AM</b>	<b>Charter Workgroup Election Process</b>  <u>Lead:</u> Clifford Banuelos	<b>Grants Branch How to Submit a Successful EPA Grants Application</b>  <u>Leads:</u> Angela Mendiola, Alexandrea Perez, and Katya Obrez	<b>Unprecedented funding opportunities via IRA, CSB, &amp; DERA</b>  <u>Lead:</u> Esperanza Perez, Edward Holman and Pat Childers
<b>15 min break</b>			
<b>9:45-10:45AM</b>	<b>Effectively Working with Tribal Governments</b> Review, brainstorming from previous sessions and continue contributing to list of how R9 can effectively work with R9 Tribal Gov'ts  <u>Facilitator:</u> Destinee Cooper	<b>Morongo Water Quality Standards</b>  <u>Leads:</u> Kim Miller	<b>GAP Workgroup</b>  <u>Leads:</u> Kerri Vera and Ruben Mojica-Hernandez
<b>15 min break</b>			
<b>11:00-12:00PM</b>	<b>Book Library</b> Open space for the exchange of books and resources for helping new staff at tribes to expand their knowledge base  <u>Lead:</u> Roman Orona	<b>Funding Prioritization for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Emerging Contaminants and Lead Service Line Replacements</b> Please review the <a href="#">Informational Webinar</a> (link) and other materials for background prior to the session which will be an open discussion format  <u>Lead:</u> Nancy Sockabasin and Karly Ho	<b>Consultation Workgroup</b>  <u>Leads:</u> Kelcey Strickler and Ruben Mojica Hernandez
<b>90 min break (lunch on own)</b>			

<p><b>1:30-2:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>Arizona Workgroup</b></p> <p><u>Lead:</u> Brenda Pusher-Begay</p>	<p><b>WOTUS and 401 Certification</b> EPA R9 Wetlands Office will give an update on the Waters of the US Rulemaking</p> <p><u>Lead:</u> TBD</p>	<p><b>California Workgroup Part 1</b> Tribal Water Data Initiatives (Waterboards OIMA and Civic Spark)</p> <p><u>Lead:</u> Sarah Ryan</p>
<p><b>15 min break</b></p>			
<p><b>2:45 – 3:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Air Workgroup</b></p> <p><u>Lead:</u> Dana Morey and Kate Harper</p>	<p><b>Pyramid Lake Water Quality</b> Habitat Restoration and Emerging Contaminants</p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Mervin Wright and Aaron Bill</p>	<p><b>California Workgroup Part 2 &amp; Office on Environmental Health Hazard Assessment</b> Exposure on Pesticide Illness in Tribal Communities presentation</p> <p><u>Lead:</u> Sarah Ryan and Nina Hapner</p>
<p><b>15 min break</b></p>			
<p><b>4:00 – 5:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Budget Workgroup</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Syndi Smallwood and Lisa Gover</p>	<p><b>Environmental Justice</b></p> <p><u>Lead:</u> Michael Cloyd</p>	<p><b>California Workgroup Part 3</b> Climate Assessment Tribal Research Program (OPR)//Tribal Beneficial Uses (CIEA)</p> <p><u>Lead:</u> Sarah Ryan</p>