

**RTOC Action Items from Fall RTOC and earlier**

Identifier	Action Items	Tribal Contact	Lead	Response
1	Will EPA work with Tribes and consortia at hosting GAP, CWA, and other EPA approved training? We think it would be more cost-efficient and practical, if a Tribe or consortia hosted training, rather than travelling to expensive San Francisco. The conference sessions are helpful as awareness level training, but they don't do a thorough job at training new tribal staff. (Action Item from Summer 2021 RTOC)	Cliff Banuelos, ITCN	Cliff Banuelos & Ruben Mojica Hernandez	Ruben Mojica Hernandez and Clifford Banuelos met on 8/26/21 to discuss GAP trainings. During this discussion Ruben and Clifford reviewed the current training opportunities that exist like the RTOC, Conference, GAP webinar, etc. Clifford highlighted some extra support in trainings that tribes would benefit from, specifically highlight trainings on GAP grants for new environmental directors. To conclude, Ruben committed to looking into the possibility of doing a GAP 101 webinar for new environmental directors and will develop an outline or plan for the training. Clifford provided some resources to help develop this plan, which Ruben will review. Ruben will work w Clifford for input to assess the need and possibility of the training. He is currently assessing needs this fiscal year for a FY23 training.
2	What is the current national and R9 appropriation for tribal programs? MPG funding? CARRIED OVER FROM SPRING MEETING #2	Teresa Romero / Rob Roy	Laura Ebbert	EPA- will share when the Congressional budget for FY22 when available. We are still on a continuing resolution until February 18, 2022.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The recent move by CARB to move to more serious non-attainment highlights the need for more tribes to have regulatory air monitoring as there is a lack of regulatory data for rural areas</li> <li>•We need more discussion about why EPA will not move more tribes to regulatory air monitoring.</li> </ul>	Teresa Romero / Rob Roy	Air Workgroup	Ongoing discussions at the Air Workgroup meeting
4	<p>Kashia Tribe had to implement their Drought Contingency Plan due to low levels of potable water. Although Kashia resolved their issue, there is concern that there are some Tribes who do not have those resources. The request is for EPA to develop resources for Tribes which include information from EPA, States, Indian Health Service, etc. (Example provided was Kashia having to haul potable water for the Community).</p> <p>That discussion brought up these items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o When new drinking water or wastewater systems are installed (or replaced), O&amp;M needs and requirements become additional issues. (Drinking Water WG)</li> <li>o Future repair costs need to be understood at the start of the projects (Drinking Water WG)</li> <li>o The differences in the IHS and EPA project scoring systems create unmet need issues that could have been mitigated before disaster strikes (fire/flood/etc.). (Drinking Water WG)</li> </ul>	Caucus	Andrew Sallach, Emmanuelle Rapicavoli, Samuel Elizondo	See attached response; Could also be a discussion item within the Drinking Water Workgroup