



## WINTER 2025 MEETING – REGION 8 & 9



### TRIBAL CAUCUS (Tribal representatives only)

#### In-Person Attendees:

Dauphine Room, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89103

**Virtual Attendees:** Registered attendees should have received Zoom meeting links; otherwise email [jwalker@nwbshoshone.com](mailto:jwalker@nwbshoshone.com)

| Time (Pacific)     | Tuesday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 8:00- 9:00 AM      | <b>SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:00 – 9:10 AM     | <b>Opening Prayer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:10 – 9:30 AM     | <b>Review of Agenda/Introductions</b> – Roman Orona, R9 Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Jason Walker, R8 Tribal Co-Chair, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation                                                                    |
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM    | <b>Tribal Co-Chairs Opening Remarks</b><br><b>Discussion of Future RTOC Locations and Dates</b><br><b>Other Housekeeping</b>                                                                                                                        |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM   | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:15 – 12:00 PM   | <b>Important Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTOC Reps</li> <li>• NTC Reps</li> <li>• Workgroup Leads</li> </ul>                                                                                                               |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | <b>BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1:30 – 2:30 PM     | <b>RTOC Non-Profit Discussion (Consortia Region 8 and 10)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2:30 – 3:30 PM     | <b>RTOC National Voice Discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3:30 – 3:45 PM     | <b>BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3:45 – 4:15 PM     | <b>Caucus Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What topics should RTOC focus on in 2025? Follow-up from Fall RTOC discussion.</li> <li>• What do we hope to achieve? What are our asks for EPA?</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul> |
| 4:15 – 5:00 PM     | <b>Review Response to Fall RTOC Action Items, Identify Any New Action Items for EPA</b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5:00 PM            | <b>ADJOURN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

*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 opinions expressed during the Caucus are those of the speaker.*



## WINTER 2025 MEETING – REGION 8 & 9 FULL PLENARY RTOC

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| Time (Pacific)     | Wednesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |
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| 8:30- 9:00 AM      | SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                  |
| 9:00 – 9:10 AM     | <b>Welcome</b> – Chairwoman Hope Silvas, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah<br><b>Drum Group</b> – Jayson Nakai and Everson Nakai                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                  |
| 9:10 – 9:20 AM     | <b>Review of Agenda/Roll Call</b> – RTOC Co-Chairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                  |
| 9:20 – 9:45 AM     | <b>Opening Remarks</b> – Roman Orona, RTOC R9 Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community; Jason Walker, R8 Tribal Co-Chair, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation; Cheree Peterson, EPA R9 Acting Regional Administrator, & Mark Smith, EPA R8 Acting Regional Administrator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM    | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |
| 10:00 – 12:00 PM   | <b>Regional Tribal Programs Round Table</b> – Roman Orona, R9 Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Jason Walker, R8 Tribal Co-Chair, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                  |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |
| 1:30 – 3:00 PM     | <b>Updates from the Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) and American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)</b> – Victoria Tran, OITA Deputy Assistant Administrator, Lisa Berrios, Acting AIEO Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                  |
| 3:00 – 3:30 PM     | <b>Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tribal EPA Region 9 Conference Updates – Roel Tafolla, Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe</li> <li>Region 8 Announcements – Kimberly Varilek, EPA Region 8</li> <li>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region’s Migratory Bird Program – Heather Beeler, USFWS</li> <li>Region 9 Water/Wastewater Workgroup Session – John Flores, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and Madeleine Tango, EPA Region 9</li> <li>2025 Clean Water Act Workshop in Fallon, NV – Richard Black, Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe</li> </ul> |                                                                  |
| 3:30 – 3:45 PM     | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |
| 3:45 – 4:45 PM     | <b>Presentation on Caucus Priorities &amp; Action Items</b> – Region 8 & Region 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                  |
|                    | Region 8 Virtual Attendees<br><a href="#">Join Zoom Meeting</a><br>+1 346 248 7799; Meeting ID: 840 3827 9266; Passcode: 488768                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Region 9 Virtual Attendees<br><a href="#">Join WebEx Meeting</a> |



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| 4:45 – 5:00 PM | <b>Closing Remarks</b> – Roman Orona, RTOC R9 Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community; Jason Walker, R8 Tribal Co-Chair, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation; Cheree Peterson, EPA R9 Acting Regional Administrator, & Mark Smith, EPA R8 Acting Regional Administrator |
| 5:00 PM        | <b>ADJOURN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



## WINTER 2025 MEETING – REGION 8 & 9 OPEN DISCUSSION & BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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| Time (Pacific)           | Thursday, February 20th                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 8:30 – 9:00 AM           | SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:00 – 11:00 AM          | <b>Open Discussion between EPA and Tribes - Determining Next Steps</b><br><br><b>Location</b> – Dauphine Room<br><b>Virtual Attendees:</b> <a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a><br>+1 202-991-0477, Conference ID: 193 233 062# |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:00 – 11:15 AM         | 15 min break                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Breakout Sessions</b> | <b>St. Charles Room A Breakout Sessions</b><br><br><b>Virtual Attendees:</b><br><a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a><br>+1 202-991-0477<br>Conference ID: 119 078 169#                                                          | <b>St. Charles Room B Breakout Sessions</b><br><br><b>Virtual Attendees:</b><br><a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a><br>+1 202-991-0477<br>Conference ID: 881 584 27# | <b>Dauphine Room Breakout Sessions</b><br><br><b>Virtual Attendees:</b><br><a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a><br>+1 202-991-0477<br>Conference ID: 706 850 90# |
| 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM      | <b>Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center - ITEP</b><br><b>Lead:</b> Christopher Lee                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Overview by the CA Dept of Pesticide Regulation Tribal Liaison and Q&amp;A</b><br><b>Leads:</b> Celia Pazos, Peter Earley, and Africa Dorame-Avalos                        | <b>Region 9 Water/Wastewater Workgroup Session</b><br><b>Leads:</b> John Flores and Madeleine Tango                                                                      |
| 12:15 – 1:45 PM          | Lunch Break (lunch on own)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1:45 – 2:45 PM           | <b>Native American Environmental Protection Coalition</b><br><b>Lead:</b> Jill Sherman Warne                                                                                                                                            | <b>IRes Center: Building Trust Based Relationships to Co-design Environmental Solutions in Indian Country</b><br><b>Lead:</b> Daniel Sestiaga                                 | <b>CA Issues Workgroup</b><br><b>Lead:</b> Sarah Ryan                                                                                                                    |
| 2:45 – 3:45 PM           | Room available for networking                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Room available for networking                                                                                                                                                 | Room available for networking                                                                                                                                            |