



WINTER 2026 MEETING – REGION 9



TRIBAL CAUCUS (Tribal representatives only)

In-Person Attendees:

Room A-B-D-E; Avi Resort & Casino, 10000 Aha Macav Pkwy, Laughlin, NV 89029

Virtual Attendees: Registered attendees should have received a WEBEX link; otherwise email gamet.abegail@epa.gov.

Time (Pacific)	Tuesday, February 3 rd
8:00- 9:00 AM	SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Opening Prayer
9:10 – 9:30 AM	Review of Agenda/Introductions – Roman Orona, R9 Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community
9:30 – 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Tribal Co-Chairs Opening Remarks•Discussion of Future RTOC Locations and Dates•Other Housekeeping
10:00 – 10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 – 12:00 PM	Important Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">•RTOC Reps•NTC Reps•Workgroup Leads (please see sign-up sheets)
12:00 – 1:30 PM	BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)
1:30 – 3:30 PM	Tribal Caucus Priorities
3:30 – 3:45 PM	BREAK
3:45 – 4:15 PM	Caucus Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What topics should RTOC focus on in 2026? Follow-up from Fall RTOC discussion.• What do we hope to achieve? What are our asks for EPA?• Next steps
4:15 – 5:00 PM	Review Response to Fall RTOC Action Items, Identify Any New Action Items for EPA
5:00 PM	ADJOURN

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.



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FULL PLENARY RTOC

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Time (Pacific)	Wednesday, February 4 th
8:00- 9:00 AM	SIGN ONS/ARRIVALS
9:00 – 9:05 AM	Opening Prayer
9:05 – 9:30 AM	Welcome/Review of Agenda/Roll Call – RTOC Co-Chairs
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks – Roman Orona, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community
TBD	Remarks – Mike Martucci, Acting EPA Region 9 Regional Administrator
10:00 – 10:10 AM	BREAK (10 mins)
10:10 – 11:40 AM	Quality Assurance Update – TBD, US EPA Headquarters
11:40 – 12:00 PM	Tribal Representation on E4 Writing Group ASQ/ANSI - Roman Orona, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community; & Audrey Johnson, US EPA Region 9 Quality Assurance
12:00 – 12:10 PM	Announcements
12:10 – 1:30 PM	BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Tribal Solid Waste Code Enforcement Discussion – John Katz, Travis Robinett, and Rick Sakow US EPA Region 9 Zero Waste and Enforcement
2:00 – 2:30 PM	R9 Tribal Newsletter Review – EPA Region 9 Tribal Sections
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Presentation on Caucus Priorities & Action Items
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks – Mike Martucci, Acting EPA Region 9 Regional Administrator & Roman Orona, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Ak-Chin Indian Community
4:00 PM	ADJOURN
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Networking (Optional)
7:00 PM	Cultural Exchange Event (Optional) An opportunity to share songs, dance, or anything else you'd like, open to all.



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OPEN DISCUSSION & BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Time (Pacific)	Thursday, February 5 th		
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Tour Meet in Room A-B-D-E Presentation 8:00-8:30 AM available virtually, followed by in-person tour 8:30-10:00 AM Virtual Attendees: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 202-991-0477, Conference ID: 860 653 020#		
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Open Discussion between EPA and Tribes - Determining Next Steps, & Presentation on Caucus Priorities & Action Items – Region 9 Location – Room A-B-D-E Virtual Attendees: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 202-991-0477, Conference ID: 860 653 020#		
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	BREAK (LUNCH ON OWN)		
Breakout Sessions	Room C - Breakout Sessions Virtual Attendees: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 202-991-0477 Conference ID: 973 110 59#	Room A-B-D-E - Breakout Sessions Virtual Attendees: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 202-991-0477 Conference ID: 860 653 020#	Room F - Breakout Sessions Virtual Attendees: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 202-991-0477 Conference ID: 670 903 952#
12:30 – 1:20 PM	Nevada Tribal Outreach and Information Lead: Cliff Banuelos	CA Tribal Consultation Guidelines Update - AB 52 and SB 18 Lead: Patricia Kennedy	Overview of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's Tribal Engagement Practices Lead: Len Drago
1:30 – 2:20 PM	General Assistance Program (GAP) Office Hours Lead: Michael Cloyd	Tribal Civics Lead: Shasta Gaughen	Border Workgroup – Border 2035 Review Leads: Syndi Smallwood & Marisol Anaya
2:30 – 3:20 PM	Importance of Submitting Tribal Comment Lead: Jill Sherman-Warne	The Concept of Conservation in Indian Country Panel Lead: Syndi Smallwood	ITCA Pesticides – Resources Presentation Lead: Africa Dorame-Avalos