



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Pacific Southwest, Region 9



*Serving Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and 148 Tribes*

Tribal Section, Land Division  
May 2015

75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105  
800-EPA-WEST • [www.epa.gov/region9/tribal](http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal)

## U.S. EPA PACIFIC SOUTHWEST TRIBAL SECTION NEWSLETTER

### NEWS!

**Regional Administrator Visits Wilton Rancheria:** Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld met with the Wilton Rancheria in Sacramento County on April 9. One of Region 9's newest tribes, Wilton is in the process of establishing government and environmental operations, and converting lands into trust.

**RTOC Election Results:** The results are in for RTOC Tribal Caucus elections. The representatives will each serve for a term of two years (October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2017). The list of newly elected representatives is posted at <http://go.usa.gov/3KW5T> and as follows:

#### ARIZONA

##### Northern Arizona

Lionel Puhuyesva, The Hopi Tribe  
Alex Cabillo, Hualapai Tribe

##### Navajo Nation

Vacant

##### Central Arizona

Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian  
Community  
Steven Escobar, Chemehuevi

##### Southern Arizona

Ondrea Barber, Gila River Indian Community  
Lorinda Sam, Ak-Chin Indian Community

#### NEVADA

##### At-Large Representatives

Clifford Banuelos, Elko Band Council  
Annette George, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe  
Bonnie Smith, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe  
Marla Stanton, Wells Band Council  
Susan Jamerson, Yomba Shoshone Tribe

#### CALIFORNIA

##### Northern California

Carlotta Whitecrane, Karuk Tribe  
Crystal Robinson, Quartz Valley Tribe  
Micah Gibson, Yurok Tribe

##### Eastern California

Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe

##### Central California

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians,  
Stewarts Point Rancheria  
  
Meyo Marrufo, Guidiville Rancheria of California  
  
Paula Britton, Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake

##### Southern California

Rob Roy, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians of  
California  
Kelly Ferguson, Santa Ynez  
Melody Sees, Santa Ysabel

For more information on the RTOC, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3KWnP>.

**EPA Region 9 Library – A Great Resource:** One of the gems of EPA Region 9 is the Environmental Information Center/Library. Located in a sunny spot on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of 75 Hawthorne St. in San Francisco, the library has stacks chock-full of books, magazines and other research material. The collection is extensive, predating the founding of EPA in 1970. Services include reference, business background research and interlibrary loans.

Let's say you're a tribal environmental director trying to dig up a journal article on a thorny toxicological issue or an obscure treatise on an even more obscure environmental topic. Uh-oh! You discover that each publication is available only by subscription.

No worries! A librarian can get access to the document and email it to you. Or, if you're on the lookout for a book, you can ask your local library to send a request to the EPA library, and the book, if available, can be sent to your library.

Digitizing the collection is a priority, according to Head Librarian Kerry Shoji. Key digital research resources are the National Service Center for Environmental Publications, <http://go.usa.gov/3WBvk>, and the EPA National Library Catalog, <http://go.usa.gov/3WBdx>, which has shared databases that include historical information from the R9 library.

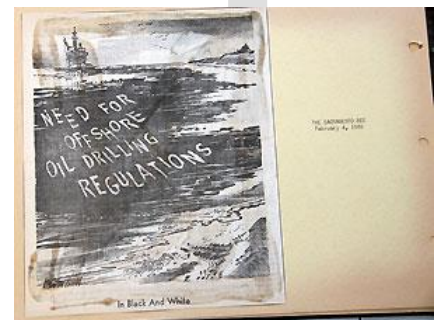
A large part of the library's original collection came from the regional offices of its predecessor agencies, such as the Federal Water Quality Administration, and the collection has a rich lode of primary-source environmental information. Examples are the following:

- Draft and final county general plans
- Wastewater treatment planning documents
- Flood maps
- Narrative reports of environmental issues
- Peripheral Canal, Bay Delta and California State Water Plan documents

The library is open to the public. Hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1: 00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: (415) 947-4406.



*Head Librarian Kerry Shoji and Library Director Deborra Cohen planning for the new, redesigned Region 9 library in December 2014.*



*The Region 9 library will keep this scrapbook of news clippings about Santa Barbara's huge 1969 oil spill.*



## GOVERNMENT GRANTS

◆ **Pollution Prevention Grants** (\$3.97 million): EPA is funding technical assistance and/or training for businesses. These grants encourage businesses to adopt strategies and solutions that can significantly reduce or eliminate pollution at the source. For further information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3WB6w>.

**DEADLINE:** Thursday, May 14, 2015. Submit an application online at [grants.gov](http://grants.gov), <http://go.usa.gov/3WBMG>. The funding opportunity number is EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-002.

**CONTACT:** Jessica Counts-Arnold, [counts-arnold.jessica@epa.gov](mailto:counts-arnold.jessica@epa.gov) or (415) 972-3288.

◆ **FY15-FY16 Wetland Program Development Grants** (\$3,151,750): EPA is requesting proposals from eligible applicants to build or refine state/tribal/local government wetland programs. Wetland programs should include at least one of the following elements: monitoring and assessment, wetland regulation, voluntary restoration and protection, and/or establishing water quality standards for wetlands. Implementation of wetland protection programs is not eligible for funding. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3WBSF>.

**DEADLINE:** Friday, May 15, 2015. Apply online at [grants.gov](http://grants.gov), <http://go.usa.gov/3WRz2>. The funding opportunity number is EPA-REG9-WPDG-15-16.

**CONTACT:** Leana Rosetti, [rosetti.leana@epa.gov](mailto:rosetti.leana@epa.gov) or (415) 972-3070.



## WEBINARS

**Wednesdays = WaterSense:** A free monthly webinar series is on underway, promoting water efficiency in HUD programs and projects, as well as in communities conserving water. The series is hosted by EPA's WaterSense program and informs public, low-income, and multi-family housing managers about saving water, energy and money in these times of mandatory water restrictions in California. For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/LEuOw>. See below for dates of May and June webinars. Dates in July through September will be announced in future newsletters.

- **Communicating the Need for Water Efficiency**

WaterSense program's campaigns and associated promotional materials will be reviewed, and water efficiency work in affordable housing in San Francisco's Chinatown and the importance of education and outreach efforts will be discussed.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Time.

**REGISTER:** <http://ow.ly/LExBH>.

- **WaterSense and Leadership in Energy and Design (LEED) Housing Programs**  
A WaterSense-labeled home is water efficient, with features that allow the home to use 20% less water than typical homes. The discussion will focus on reviewing the criteria for New Homes' specification and how they apply to new single-family and multi-family homes. Information will be provided on LEED for Homes' water efficiency programs and requirements for LEED-certified residential units.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 11: 00 a.m. to 12 noon Pacific Time.

**REGISTER:** <http://ow.ly/LExWw>.



## TRAININGS & MEETINGS

**Tribal Energy Program Review:** Tribes are increasingly turning their attention to energy efficiency and renewable energy. The Tribal Energy Program review provides a forum for tribes to meet and share information. The conference includes an overview of the program, as well as presentations on weatherization and renewable energy technologies. For further information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3rvq5>.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Monday, May 4, 2015, to Thursday, May 7, 2015, Denver, CO.

**COST:** Free.

**REGISTER:** Register on site: [Renaissance Denver Hotel](#), 3801 Quebec St., Denver, CO, (303) 399-7500.

**CONTACT:** contact [tribal@ee.doe.gov](mailto:tribal@ee.doe.gov).

**Tribal Planning Sessions:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Intertribal Agricultural Council are hosting workshops and feedback sessions. Tribal representatives will have the chance to discuss natural resource concerns with agency representatives. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide updates on programs and on the new farm bill, as well as answer questions.

### **WHERE & WHEN:**

- Friday, May 8, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rincon Tribal Hall, 1 West Tribal Road, Valley Center, CA.
- Friday, May 15, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., USDA state headquarters, 430 G S., Davis, CA.
- Friday, May 22, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Win River Casino, 2100 Redding Rancheria Road, Redding, CA.

**CONTACT:** Contact Keir K. Johnson, [keir@indianaglink.com](mailto:keir@indianaglink.com) or (916) 995-3209 to register and for more information.

**Drinking Water: Keeping It Safe:** This year's Tribal Drinking Water Conference addresses "Taking Care of Business: Protecting Tribal Drinking Water" and how to ensure safe, reliable drinking water. The four-session core curriculum explores regulations, water conservation, operation and maintenance, underground injection control, and how they are connected. Conference sponsors are the Rural Community Assistance Corporation and EPA Region 9, in partnership with the InterTribal Council of Arizona. For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/Lm2Gb>.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Monday, May 18, 2015, to Thursday, May 21, 2015, Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento, CA.

**COST:** Free.

**REGISTER:** Visit <http://ow.ly/Lm3KW>.

**CONTACT:** For course questions, Angela Hengel, [ahengel@rcac.org](mailto:ahengel@rcac.org) or (760) 809-1275; Dave Harvey, [dharvey@rcac.org](mailto:dharvey@rcac.org) or 760/492-2542. For registration questions, Mark or Kim, [registration@rcac.org](mailto:registration@rcac.org) or (916) 447-9832, ext. 1429.

**Climate Change on the Curriculum:** A "Climate Change Adaptation Planning" course is being offered in June by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. The three-day course is an introduction to planning for climate change and highlights the work of several tribes. The course is tailored to tribal environmental and natural resources professionals who expect to be involved in climate change adaptation planning. Topics include climate change in the Great Basin, the process of developing climate change adaptation plans, climate change impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies, and tools and resources for the planning process.

**REGISTER:** There is no registration fee. Registration is limited to approximately 22 participants. For applications and more information about the course agenda, contact Susan Wotkyns at [susan.wotkyns@nau.edu](mailto:susan.wotkyns@nau.edu) or (928) 523-1488.

**WHEN & WHERE:** Tuesday, June 16 to June 18, 2015, Bishop, CA.



## ODDS & ENDS

**Calling on All Commentators:** The federal government is seeking comments on the proposed revisions to HUD's Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy. The request was published on April 8, 2015, in the Federal Register. The tribal consultation policy is meant to enhance communication and coordination between HUD and federally recognized Indian tribes. It is also intended to outline guiding principles and procedures used by HUD employees working with federally recognized tribes. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3WKa3>.

**DEADLINE:** June 8, 2015. Submit comments online via the Federal Rulemaking Portal, <http://go.usa.gov/3WKaA>.

**CONTACT:** Rodger Boyd, (202) 401-7914.

**Steering Committee Seeks New Members:** The National Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program is accepting applications from people interested in joining its steering committee. This committee has 10 tribal professionals who work in the areas of solid waste, brownfields, USTs, Superfund and emergency response. Committee members serve as an official Tribal Partnership Group, providing two-way communication with EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, as well as other federal agencies and tribal entities, communicating the needs and priorities of tribes. Applicants should work for a federally recognized tribe or Alaskan Native Village. Up to five people will be chosen.

**DEADLINE:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Submit an application, resume and references to Todd Barnell by email at [todd.barnell@nau.edu](mailto:todd.barnell@nau.edu) or by fax at (928) 523-1266.

**CONTACT:** Contact Todd Barnell at (928) 523-3840 for an application and fact sheet.

**Consultation on Cybersecurity Grant Condition:** EPA has begun consultation and coordination with Tribes on a proposed Tribal grant condition for cybersecurity. Developing this grant condition is part of an overall EPA strategy to strengthen cybersecurity awareness and to protect information technology systems. The text of the draft policy is at <http://go.usa.gov/3KK7d>. EPA's Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes, [www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm), governs this procedure. EPA will also host two national conference calls to answer questions and to provide opportunities for discussion and feedback on the following dates:

- May 7, 2015, 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, (866) 299-3188, access code, (202) 564-5392
- May 19, 2015, 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, (866) 299-3188, access code: 202-564-5392

**WHEN:** April 20, 2015 to June 20, 2015. Submit written comments to EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS), <http://tcots.epa.gov>, by email, [holliday.kysha@epa.gov](mailto:holliday.kysha@epa.gov) or by mail, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Grants and Debarment, 3901R, Attn: Kysha Holliday, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460.

**CONTACT:** Kysha Holliday, Office of Grants and Debarment, [holliday.kysha@epa.gov](mailto:holliday.kysha@epa.gov) or (202) 564-1639.