***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**August 17, 2017 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Joe Cebe, Pat Childers, Farshid Farsi, April Hathcoat, Nicole Johnson, Craig Kreman, Monika Lacka, Chris Lee, Laura McKelvey, James Payne, Kris Ray, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon, Shaina White, Alfonso Yadao

**Opening Business**

 Roll Call was completed, and there was a quorum of voting members.

The agendawas approved.

The July call notes were approved as written.

**TAMS Center Activity Updates**

Chris reported the next courses scheduled at the TAMS Center are: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools for Tribal Professionals – Oct 24-27 and Fundamentals of Air Monitoring – Nov 28-30. However, the IAQ course may be postponed to Spring due to the concerns of a government shutdown.

Glenn is working on scheduling the following PAs: 1) Hualapai - troubleshoot PQ200; 2) Pyramid Lake - assist with BAM1020 and ozone equipment; 3) Lower Sioux - assist with equipment. Glenn announced that he will be retiring July 2018. Melinda is continuously working on the on-line material for QAPP. Angelique is working on upgrading AQS into Tribal Data Toolbox.

An email was received from Nelletta Aguilar, Walker River Paiute Tribe, indicating the grant for the TREX Network was not funded for the upcoming year. A meeting occurred with the TREX Network operators, Sutron Corporation and ITEP, and the EPA tribal support staff (Pat and Laura) to discuss the cost and to determine what is necessary to continue the network. The cost of $130/month per tribe per month was estimated. There are 16-17 tribes currently on the network. Laura and Pat are looking for available funding to cover this upcoming year of operation; a new NEIEN Grant solicitation will be available to cover next year for funding the Network; may consider the option for tribes to pay a subscription fee if there is no funding which will be difficult for tribes since these costs are not on their original work plan; Chris will send out additional information to all involved. A question was asked why the grant fell through. Laura explained the project did not score well for various reasons and that there were issues with the grant application.

Farshid reported that TAMS was contacted by ORIA/Region 9 (Katie Stewart) regarding the Navajo Nation Wood Stove Change out project and participated in a call last Thursday. The project has started, the following were discussed: look for short term funding; Navajo Nation staff already working with the project are: Mike King, Nolan Hoskie and Terron Chischilly; plan is for pre and post testing; utilize IAQ Diagnostic Tools; ORD requesting for available instruments from TAMS inventory; amount of funding request $70k, 5 yr -$300k.

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment Discussion** –

The workgroup met and discussed working on focus areas with Shaina. Prepare draft for SC to review for discussion at in-person meeting; update charts and insert graphs; final draft to include comments, edits, etc. to SC for review; send out by next week.

**Monitoring Work Group Update –**

James reported that sections are done, will finish last of Appendix H; final draft will be ready next week and will be sent out for review and comments/edits. It was agreed on the last call to have sections reviewed by all; include tribal stories after draft is formalized.

**TAMS/NTAA Joint Meeting Agenda –**

Wil and Craig will introduce groups. After hour activities were announced as follows: Tuesday – Dinner at Andy’s; Wednesday – Lowell Observatory Tour at 6:30pm; Thursday – Visit Elden Pueblo and hike on Mount Elden; forward NTAA Weekly Update to TAMS SC members.

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement Update* – waiting on insurance date; tribal trust and state trust are separated due to tax issues; ITEP was selected to handle the technical support and set up the tribal advisory council; in the process of developing a plan, work out details; may mirror AIAQTP plan; additional funding for technical support (AIAQTP); TAMS will be involved in regards to NOx emitting diesel sources; need diesel experts.

Monitoring Equipment List Update – Frank reported Region 5 data – input on worksheet; still no information for Region 8; develop chart and report; set-up call with Region 8 (Frank and Pat Childers)

***Please Note: There will not be a conference call in September due to the TAMS/NTAA Joint In-Person meeting scheduled for September 12-14, 2017 in Flagtaff, AZ.***

***Next Conference Call*** – Thursday, October 18, 2017

Submitted by: Darlene Santos