***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**October 18, 2017 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Pat Childers, Toni Colon, Farshid Farsi, April Hathcoat, Nicole Johnson, Monika Lacka, Chris Lee, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Avi Lapp, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon, Shaina White, Ed Wilds

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The August call notes were approved as written.

**TAMS Center Activity Updates**

Chris reported the next courses scheduled at the TAMS Center are: Treatment as a State, November 14-16 and Fundamentals of Air Monitoring – December 4-6.

Glenn is working on scheduling the following PAs: 1) Hualapai - troubleshoot PQ200 at the TAMS Center; 2) Pyramid Lake - assist with BAM1020 and ozone equipment; 3) Leech Lake; 4) Lower Sioux - assist with equipment. He is scheduled for a PA at the Hoopa Tribe next week. Melinda has been working on the following: QA Fundamentals Online; redeveloping QAPP instruction, reviewing and taking the course and troubleshoot, etc.; 3 modules are ready. Angelique continues to provide EI support to various tribes.

TREX Update - Chris reported that there were two calls with the tribes to discuss the development of the proposal and funding. The deadline to submit the proposal is November 17. A call is scheduled for tomorrow and Walker River will be invited to participate on the call. Topics for discussion: develop of new proposal with new software; how to proceed with funding, $34/yr/20tribes; Pat to look for stag funds.

Gravimetric Lab Update – Farshid reported that TAMS received a request for PM2.5 monitors from Ernie Grooms, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Catawba and Coushatta tribes have been notified that their service will be ending in April 2018.

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment Discussion** –

There are no updates to report since last month. Shaina will work on draft document next week; she added a few graphs under each focus area and will display Region’s and focus area.

**Monitoring Work Group Update –**

James reported that the document is back online; review revisions and add tribal stories.

**TAMS Equipment Inventory Update–**

Shaina will plan a call with Alfonso next week to review and update inventory online. The website is now online and is ready for review, edits, comments, etc.

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement Update* – Trust effective date is October 2, 2017; tribes have until close of business January 2, 2018 to submit to the court.; checklist and other information is available on website; ITEP Technical Advisory – weekly calls with trustees, meeting scheduled for November 1; set up technical assistance with tribes and send plan for review and feedback; online media resources for tribes to use; process of what trustee wants; webinar for tribes; intralink platform.

*Fall Meeting Action Items Update* –

1. TAMS relocation of NPAP audit equipment; sent email to Region 9 (Larry Biland, Mike Papp, James Payne, Greg Noah); developed plan; find out from tribes how many are doing regulatory audits; interest in certified audits; send out information on TAMS listserve; plan meeting, training courses, etc.
2. Disposal of old BAM1020s: type of monitor; Monika to ask TACs for information; where location; determine options; Frank to provide information.
3. Co-location of equipment - James Payne will provide information regarding equipment belonging to tribes; SC to request from EPA, language for guidance document; official response from grants office per Pat Childers; refer to appropriate documents; Shaina to send draft to Pat for clarification.

*NTAA Report –*

*NTC Debrief –* 1984 policy reviewed; similar to last year; gap guidance rollback; solid waste and water issues; very little update on climate change; prioritize new equipment to be replaced; there is interest to start monitoring project; broad discussions with Sarah.

*Discussion during NTAA meeting focused on*:

- preparing for message to Pruitt

- partnership groups

- ensure better communication with NTC

- NTC coordinate in-person meeting at Tribal Lands Forum (TLF)

- brainstorm NTC

- gap guidance, 90’s framework

- Pebble Mine (AK) prevention

- prioritize superfund

- VW settlement

- air quality issues not being brought up by EPA

- importance of consultation

- EPA’s strategic plan was submitted to EP today

- designated NTAA liaison – SC member to fill in for Craig

- monitoring equipment with states; set up call with monitoring committee; SC agreed to move forward with call; Andy to work with Shaina.

***Next Conference Call*** – Thursday, November 15, 2017

Submitted by: Darlene Santos