***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**February 21, 2018 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Joe Cebe, Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Justin Dumas, Ryan Eberle, Farshid Farsi, April Hathcoat, Mehrdad Khatibi, Monika Lacka, Avi Lapp, Chris Lee, Laura McKelvey, James Payne, Camille Quickbear, Kris Ray, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon, Shaina White, Arthur Zuco

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The December notes were approved as written. The SC members agreed that the September notes will be approved via email by next week.

**TAMS Center Activity Updates** – TAMS Co-Directors

* The IAQ Diagnostic Tools Course was held last week February 6-9, 2018 at the TAMS Center. Jed Harrison was the lead instructor and Ernie Grooms was the tribal instructor. The course was successful, 17 tribal professionals attended.
* The Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke course is scheduled for March 27-28 in Boise, Idaho. EPA instructors are James Payne and Mike McGowan; tribal instructor is Kris Ray; Chris Lee will be attending to assist with the course instruction.
* The last course for fiscal year 18 at the TAMS Center is GIS for Air Quality, April 17-19. Glenn is the lead instructor and James Payne is the EPA instructor. This will be Glenn’s last course, he will retire at the end of June.
* On-line courses, QA Fundamentals and QAPP 101 continue to be successful with positive results received Melinda is currently working on the next set of lessons and will release them when completed
* Angelique is working on the new version of Toolbox; assisting tribes with EI
* Glenn completed a PA support last week at the Morongo Tribe in CA and is scheduled this week for PA support at Catawba Nation in SC.
* Kent Bartholomew has been selected for the TAMS Equipment Manager position; start date is mid March
* All equipment for the NN Wood Stove Change out project has been sent out; project will start in a few weeks
* TREX Network – last call was in mid January; the tribes are still working on a proposal to redevelop software for the TREX Network; Sutron is concerned with no payment received

**GRIC eSIMS Presentation** – Justin Dumas and Bryan Penfold, by phone

* eSIMS is a web-based system that makes it easy to log, document, schedule, and track instrument maintenance, repairs, audits, and calibrations.
* The system maintains all instrument and site attribute information for your entire network.
* Key Benefits include:
* Password-protected system
* Robust chain of custody
* Improved data quality; greater consistency
* Quick, centralized access point for all staff; gather data more efficiently; accessible from multiple devices; store decades of knowledge from experienced staff (SOPs, manuals, tech notes)
* Attractive to upcoming, tech-savvy employees
* Designed and built for the end user
* Meeting the EPA Requirements
* Software as a Service
* Joe indicates that you can run AirNow sites internally; level of security with data; security protocols are similar to AirNow; cost is flexible
* Mehrdad suggests demo at NTF; provide information and send to Justin
* Ryan reports: How many tribes are doing regulatory monitoring?; Laura can pull data in AQS; get break out numbers or list and compare with Frank’s list; list tribes that are currently monitoring (total ambient 80+)
* Mehrdad asks if willing to do pilot with tribe for idea of pricing; set up trial periods; demo software; provide initial training

**EIS/AQS Code Presentation** – Arthur Zuco, EPA/OAQPS

* Achieve EIS and AQS Consistency (Current Field and Tribal Names)
* Proposed Naming Convention
* Add Additional Detail
* At issue: Sac & Fox Nation has 2 unique geographic identifiers and area/reservation names, and other areas have similar AIANNHNS (American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Area ANSI code) codes but with different BIA codes (ex. Wind River)
* Resolution: Inclusion of the AIANNHNS field and a concatenated BIA-AIANNHNS CODE to better help distinguish all tribal areas.
* Benefits: truly unique identifier code; reservation-level data detail; mapping and geographic lookups to census or EPA generated shapefiles
* Challenges: data entry personnel’s familiarity with AIANNHNS codes; updating existing data
* List All Tribes
* Update both EIS and AQS with a single table covering all tribal lands
* Laura mentions: tribes with two different locations, bands, names, etc. not showing up in GIS; caused confusion; make sure codes show correct distribution with names of tribes; Arthur to send slides; new version just came out; plan demo to TAMS

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment Discussion** – All

* Agree to develop last section of report
* Chris sent out email to set-up call early next week
* Proceed with final agreement
* Provide draft by Shaina
* Will send out again; place date before NTF per Pat C

**Monitoring Work Group Update** **–** James Payne

* Near completion; reformatting structure
* Received more stories
* Draft for review at TAMS SC in-person meeting
* Submit photos, stories, etc.

**TAMS SC In-Person Meeting Agenda** **–** All

* Draft agenda was sent out last week, February 14
* Send final comments/suggestions to Chris by end of the week
* Request TACs to ask specific questions; develop questions

**NTF Technical/All Breakout Sessions** - All

* Subcommittee discussed strategy
* Develop sessions with different themes: sensor tech, etc.
* Chris to send out on listserv
* Request from tribes to provide case study
* Need for SC to discuss other areas of discussion for breakout session
* Camille will be assisting Mansel with IAQ
* Kris, Shaina, James to assist with plenary session

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement* – Mehrdad Khatibi

* More tribes are interested
* Working with trustee and all tribes on first round of funding cycle
* Providing assistance to tribes with trust agreements; there’s a confusion with the submission process
* Total of 27 tribes
* Need to provide more information (missing information)
* Started reviewing by trustee
* Have until March 4 to provide confirmation of allocation and determine figures
* Planning call VW/NTAA workgroup 1pm Pacific (Andy, Craig, Mehrdad) to provide updates
* Outreach; Region 5 meeting in March, Mehrdad to attend

*NTF* –

* Star Report
* Dara looking for stories
* Good section for TAMS
* Needs assessment: aging monitors; training class schedule; highlight TAMS specifically; VM Award, etc.; represent properly in STAR report

***There will not be a Conference Call in March due to the in-person meeting scheduled for March 6-8, 2018 in Las Vegas.***

Submitted by:

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