***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**May 3, 2018 @ 11AM PDT**

Attending: Kent Bartolomew, Andy Bessler, Pat Childers, Joe Cebe, Farshid Farsi, David Gay, April Hathcoat, Nicole Johnson, Mehrdad Khatibi, Christopher Lee, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Kris Ray, Shaina White

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved with revision to move last item on the agenda.

The January and February notes were approved. SC members agreed more time was needed to review March In-Person notes.

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

* The last TAMS Course was the GIS for Air Quality, April 17-19. The course went well; 12 tribal professionals attended. Glenn Gehring was lead instructor. James Payne was course assistant. The course is structured with having participants complete guided exercises and then proceeding onto individual projects. TAMS has begun discussion of the next offering of the course and who may take the lead instructor role.
* Melinda and Angelique are providing online courses. The QA online courses being offered are Fundamentals of QA and QA 101. We now have QA 201. The online Tribal Data Toolbox course has been developed and there are currently 14 people taking this course.
* Update on other AIAQTP Courses being offered –
* IAQ and IAQ Diagnostic Tools for Alaska will be in April
* Management is scheduled in June; still looking for people to take this course
* Reviewing Permits will be in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM in August
* Intro to Air Quality will be in September
* Glenn will not be handling anymore in-person PA’s for the remainder of his time with the TAMS Center due to personal situation preventing his travel. Glenn is working on videos for the TAMS Center on various air monitoring topics. Melinda and Angelique continue to provide PA assistance to tribes.
* Working with helping tribes with strategizing on air quality program and air monitoring projects. Tribes requesting assistance are La Posta, Yerington Paiute, and Washoe.
* TAMS gravimetric laboratory service - Service to Catawba and Coushatta Tribes has ended. However, we have received a request for 5 additional months of service. Washoe requested two additional months of service.
* What is going to happen with Glenn’s position? Position description has been developed and is going through the NAU HR process to get posted.
* TREX Network update - Amanda Craig, from the Confederated Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians, requested help from TAMS on communicating with Sutron to get the tribe back into the TREX Network. Made contact with Sutron and was able to get tribe assisted.
* Melinda Ronca-Battista - TAMS has been working with some tribes on developing a proposal to build a tool that would help tribes. Pat Childers requested that Melinda provide an update to the TAMS SC on this project.

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment** – All

Shaina sent out the revised graph on the TAMS Needs Assessment. Rather than have multiple focus areas to report on, applied a grading factor and combined all of the information to have all of the focus areas compared equally. Chris will help Shaina write a revised report. Kris suggested to have a team help draft the report rather than the work falling onto one or two people. Camille asked whether any tribes from EPA Region 8 had provided input into the TAMS Needs Assessment yet. Chris and Farshid did not recall seeing any input from Region 8 tribes.

**NTF Technical/All Breakout Sessions** – All

* Tribal case studies by Quapaw Tribe and Pala Tribe.
* Steve Terry, USET, is providing presentation on T-FERST database.
* Melinda Ronca-Battista is collaborating with the state of Minnesota Air Quality Control Program.
* Also discussed the opening plenary session where the TAMS SC will be providing an introduction and a more detailed presentation on what the TAMS SC is doing.
* Joe Cebe indicated that he would help Shaina with being the second presenter for the TAMS SC on the morning plenary.
* Kris mentioned that the sensor training is occurring on Monday and it appears they have lots of people signed up.

**Online TAMS Equipment Inventory** – Shaina White, Kent Bartholomew

Shaina has been working with Kent on the website update from the start and is glad to have Kent back with the program to help finish the project. Some equipment will be removed and some equipment still requires additional data. Kent feels that they are only a week out from finishing the research and getting the data to Ty to put onto the website. Kent asked about where the manuals would go. It was suggested that perhaps it should get shared on the TAMS Datatools page.

**Other Business -**

**VW Settlement Updates** – Andy Bessler thanked the TAMS SC for assisting with the Status of Tribal Air Report. Also added information on the Virgil Masayesva Award.

DOJ submitted a status report and the stall of the trust payout. Trustee overallocation formula was not working as not enough was available to payout for the first year. Therefore, will be modifying the trust agreement. If can get DOJ and the Trustee to agree to the modifications, then will reach back out to the tribes to get their engagement on this modification. Joe Cebe asked about NTAA’s plan regarding the divvying up of the funds and was wondering if that plan for the funding was still in place. Mehrdad is uncertain about how much the DOJ and Trustee will take the suggestions offered by the NTAA. Technical assistance support has been focused on tribes wanting to get involved in the second round of submitting an application. DOJ and Trustee have told ITEP to hold off on developing the tribal advisory committee until the work on revising the agreement has been completed.

**Regional Equipment Survey** - Kris Ray indicated that the data has been sent to Frank Spurgeon and is making a request to use data for the WRAP work. Frank is not on the call so do not know about what is currently happening with the survey data.

***Next Conference Call*** – Wednesday, June 20

Submitted by:

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