***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**July 25, 2018 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Joe Cebe, Vallen Cook, Farshid Farsi, April Hathcoat, Nicole Johnson, Mehrdad Khatibi, Chris Lee, Camille Quickbear, Kris Ray, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved with revision to remove item 4 and replace with the regional

equipment survey update.

The March In-Person minutes and the May 3 and June 20 call notes were approved as written.

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

* Self-Paced Online Courses currently available:
* *Tribal Data Toolbox Version 3.1*
* *QA Fundamentals (QA 101)*
* *QA Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)*
* Melinda is working on developing an online course for the R Statistic Tools mini-course scheduled the week of October 23 in Fond du Lac, Minnesota; request received from Region 5; course is open nationwide
* Upcoming course offering - *Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits*, August 28-31 in Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico; request received from Region 6; course will focus on oil and gas facilities and is open nationwide
* Upcoming courses scheduled at the TAMS Center:
* *Clean Air Act and Permitting* - November 27-30, 2018
* *Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools* – February 12-15, 2019
* The *Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke* course will be offered again some time in February or March 2019; this is a webinar and classroom course; funding from OAQPS grant
* Melinda and Angelique continue to assist tribes remotely as requested; reviewing emissions inventory and data management for Toolbox
* Glenn Gehring is officially retired; his last day was June 22
* Update on two PA’s received last month:
* *Fort Sill Apache, OK* –April Hathcoat/Cherokee Nation has coordinated a plan for CN staff to provide assistance with the 2025i sampler; PA training is scheduled for the first week in August
* *Yerington Paiute Tribe, NV* – worked with Celine Bethel/Yerington and Emma Ruppell/Bishop Paiute to coordinate a plan for mentorship PA training; PA training is scheduled for July 31- August 1 and will take place in Bishop Paiute and Ft. Independence tribes in California; arrangements have been made for Celine to travel to Bishop; Emma will provide training to Celine and also Sarah Greene/Ft. Independence for the TEOM 1405 and meteorological equipments
* Received new PA request from Brian McCaughey, Hoopa Valley Tribe in California for assistance with the TEOM 1405 equipment; a mentorship PA training will also be planned and arranged with either Mike King/Navajo, Emma Ruppell/Bishop or Mary Fauci/Nez Perce; request pending, awaiting response from Brian
* TREX – no specific requests from tribes; Melinda continues to work with California and Nevada tribes to develop a proposal for a tool with save functions to perform independent QA reviews but focus more on an open source software to provide tribes with a mechanism to acquire, manage, and report tribal data; will need to set up conference call with tribes to identify how dataloggers are utilized, develop open code software, and continue on-going calls to strategize and complete proposal; next call is tomorrow
* Equipment loan website is now live and available on the ITEP website
* Notice and application for SC Nomination position was recently added to the TAMS website and distributed to all listserves and the NTAA weekly; TAMS received one application so far

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment Discussion** – All

* Request was made during last month’s call for Chris to send draft summary to SC members for review and comment; Chris and Farshid reported that no input was received
* It was mentioned that a SC member is needed to work on the draft with the TAMS Co-Directors
* Chris reported that he worked on a re-draft based on the change of how the data was represented; a grading criteria was added for comparison; final draft should be ready by the next in-person meeting in October

**Regional Equipment Survey Update** **–** Chris Lee

* Survey is intended to provide important information regarding aging equipment in Indian Country
* Graphs can show percentage of aging equipment being used over last ten years, the types of equipment, etc.
* Information can be used to promote quality of work being done by tribal professionals
* Utilize information as means to share with EPA Upper Management/Headquarters for additional funding for new equipment
* Submit a summary to OAR and OAQPS for suggestions and possibly advocate for additional funding
* Still no data received from Region 8 – Camille will assist with requesting information at upcoming regional calls; Farshid and Pat Childers will follow up with regional TACs on next call; suggestion was made to extract data from AQS or use previous data, or reach out to individual tribes; Frank will contact all tribes

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement Update* – Andy Bessler, Mehrdad Khatibi

* There is a delay to correct the allocation of settlement to tribes
* Comments closed July 23rd
* Technical assistant program language requires changes
* Amendment was adopted by the courts; comments are currently in review; if no other changes, a formal adoption of the proposed amendment will be made by the courts
* Trustee has five days to notify tribes from first round; tribes are required to resubmit projection application to ITEP
* Focus on providing technical assistance to second round of funding
* Notification to go out October 3rd
* Fact sheets, a summary of proposed changes to amendment, and instructions for the second round of the funding process will be available to tribes
* Continue outreach in upcoming conferences and trainings; outreach material will be available at TLEF
* Begin monthly calls with Alaska Native Villages – issues related to DERA

*AIAQTP Grant Update* – Farshid reported out an email from Pat Childers

* The grant was funded for another year and has one additional year of funding, then the grant will be re-competed; Pat is working on funding for the final year of the NTAA grant before re-competing that grant; welcomes input from SC members on what should be included or not included in either re-compete
* Mehrdad suggested for the next in-person meeting, a quick review of the AIAQTP grant for incoming SC members should be added to the agenda
* TAMS Co-Directors will be planning the next TAMS manager’s meeting for August to discuss and develop the agenda for the in-person meeting; review of the AIAQTP grant will be included in the agenda; send outlook invite

***Next Conference Call*** – Wednesday, August 15

***Next Face-to-Face Meeting*** – October 9-11, 2018 in Las Vegas

Submitted by:

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