***TAMS Steering Committee Call***

**January 20, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M. PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Joe Cebe, Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Farshid Farsi, David Gay, Scott Hamilton, Craig Kreman, Aunjanee Gautreaux, April Hathcoat, Mehrdad Khatibi, Tracie Merrill, Kris Ray, Darlene Santos, Lydia Scheer, Shaina White

**Opening Business**

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

The agenda was approved.

The December call notes were approved as written. The SC members requested more time to review the October In-Person Meeting notes.

The manager’s meeting call is scheduled for Wednesday. February 3rd.

**TAMS Center Happenings**

Farshid reported that Dan Ruehle has resigned due to health issues. Craig will draft a letter of appreciation from the SC members, to be framed and mailed to Dan. NOWCC has been informed and the equipment manager position will be advertised. A suggestion was made to send a proposal to EPA headquarters to back fill the position for long term stability. SC to discuss in further details.

The IAQ course was a success, with 17 participants. Instructors were Jed Harrison, Jerry Hause (Tribal Instructor), Mansel Nelson and Dan Ruehle. Comments received were good.

Farshid mentioned that the work order is in place for the arsenic speciation for Morongo. A call with Laura Trinca, Farshid and Andrea is scheduled for tomorrow.

The air toxic paper was reviewed and approved by NCRFO management, Andrea Stafford. The air toxic paper was added to the TAMS documents Dropbox folder for SC review and comments.

**Ozone Mapping Project**

It was suggested by Andy Bessler to include the ozone mapping project in the STAR report. A suggestion was made for Glenn to present at the NTF and provide information of areas where potential monitoring can occur. Farshid will follow up.

**Indoor Air Quality**

NTAA IAQ Workgroup Update –

* Encourage tribes and environmental programs to fill out needs assessment.
* Aunjanee mentioned needs assessment during TAC call and also sent notice out to TACs to focus on areas in need for IAQ.
* Baseline data is needed for tribes to approach; open until the end of February 28.
* HUD to assist with getting the word out.
* 21 tribes responded; received 125 comments that were good
* Breakdown of Regions received: 5-Alaska, 5-Region 5, Region 6, Region 9, Region 1 and ITC Michigan.
* Craig encouraged SC to share information.

Craig announced that a second webinar Listening Session Part II will be held tomorrow, January 21, 2016

(1 PM ET/11 AM PT). Presentations include: Community Outreach Video - Importance of Indoor Air by Tina Tinker; How Federal Agencies Assist Tribes and Consolidate Funds by Dave Rousen; IAQ Training in Alaska by Beth Jackson.

**NTF Planning and ORCA**

NTF Planning Update - Registration forms are now available. Lydia will be sending out broad announcement. Detailed information is available on website. Development of the agenda is still in progress. Sponsors and vendors are needed. Received applications from Lakes Environment and Don Wolf & Associates to serve as sponsors. Topics of discussion: TEISS helpdesk, presentations, posters, and speakers at ECO Café, climate change representation work group. Send suggestions and comments to Lydia.

TAMS SC/NTAA EC Session - It was suggested to set up a talk show to include a panel of approximately 7-10 representatives from TAMS SC, NTAA EC, EPA (1 from each Region) and Janet McCabe. The panel would be on stage with a moderator from Region 2 to lead the session and ask preplanned questions from the general audience and highlight current air issues and success from groups. SC to forward thoughts and ideas to Lydia. Mehrdad made a suggestion to identify the lead or organizer and form a work group. Ann Marie mentioned that she can head the group along with Pat Childers, Bill Thompson and others. Lydia to follow up with details.

Lydia reported that the ORCA database has basic functions and is not reliable. She is working with NAU & IT to address issues.

**Sensor Technology**

Thoughts from January 6 webinar – It was reported that the information from the webinar will help with TAMS to develop SOGs. The webinar is posted on the NTAA website. 25-30 people attended the webinar. Panelists: Ron Williams discussed the growing impact of citizen’s science and personal air monitors; Ben Benoit with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe discussed a pilot study at Leech Lake utilizing personal air monitors.

**Equipment Loan Program**

Current List of Equipment – No updates reported.

Air Toxics Guidance/Concept Paper – SC to review and provide comments.

**Spare Parts Program**

Farshid reported that he discussed excess equipment with Mark Shanis at OAQPS. This is a good start for the TAMS spare parts program. Farshid will follow up with updates.

**Other Business**

NTAA EC In-Person Meeting Summary – Craig thanks the SC for their quick response regarding the joint TAMS SC/NTAA EC letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. This letter is in response to new language in the FY16 Omnibus budget establishing a new line item in the budget for $21 million in additional funding to aid in states and tribal implementation programs. This funding will help tribes fulfill unmet needs and critical updates to monitors, trainings (Clean Power Plan, IAQ, etc.) and sensor technology screening evaluations. Craig reports that this letter coming from both tribal air committees will provide a powerful statement highlighting the critical needs for these additional funds in connection to tribal air quality.

***Next Conference Call*** *–* February 17, 2016

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