***TAMS Steering Committee Call***

**July 13, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M. PDT**

Attending: Wilda Anagal, Kent Bartholomew, Andy Bessler, Joe Cebe, Pat Childers, Farshid Farsi, Aunjanee Gautreaux, David Gay, April Hathcoat, Mehrdad Khatibi, Craig Kreman, Monika Lacka, Chris Lee, Laura McKelvey, Kris Ray, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon, Shaina White, Ed Wilds

**Opening Business**

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

The agenda was approved.

The March 2016 in-person meeting minutes were approved as written.

**TAMS Center Happenings**

Melinda will be hosting a mini course in Region 7 next week to support the tribes with data management, analysis and interpretation. On-line preparations are being done prior to the course. The Fundamentals of Air Monitoring course is scheduled for September 13-15 at the TAMS Center. There has been some discussion on the possibility of a Fundamentals of Air Monitoring course for the Alaska tribes. Melinda reported 38 participants signed up for the QA Fundamentals course and 5 of the 38 participants completed the course. On-line information is available and helpful to prepare for the course. Glenn may schedule a PA with St. Croix Chippewa sometime this month regarding ozone equipment. Angelique continues to provide EI support to various tribes. TAMS received several requests for equipment loans, most relating to IAQ. TAMS staff provided assistance and feedback to one of the villages in Alaska on oil and gas activities going on near the village. Some studies and interviews have been done by the industry already. Perhaps there is room for the village to do some studies on their own. TAMS may be able to assist. Follow up discussions will take place tomorrow.

**VW Decision and Potential Funding for Tribes** – *Pat Childers and Andy Bessler*

Consent decree out for comment, comments due by August 5th. About 50 million dollars of the mitigation fund will be directed towards Tribe with the goal of reducing NOx emissions, specifically for mobile sources to reduce NOx emissions over the next several years. Three webinars are scheduled in August, and there is a 60 day consultation comment period. 3 pager on the consent decree as it relates to the tribes has been created by NTAA. EPA’s involvement in the execution of this consent decree will be limited as we now understand.

NTAA coming up with a game plan for proposing a trustee. The three pager will be updated with information on how to become eligible to apply for the funds. Pat cautioned that the consent decree is in a draft form and creating any definitive suggestions may be too preliminary. NTAA will create a workgroup on this matter. Will create a list of criteria for potential tribal trustees that may be able to execute such large amount of funds. If you have ideas for who should participate on the call let Andy know. NTAA will plan a webinar with the tribes to go over the VW settlement.

NTAA and TAMS will probably take part in technical training to prepare the tribes for receipt of these funds. Tribes identified an issue: consultation request requires registration of the higher officials at the Tribes. Explore how TAMS can get involved in preparing the Tribes to apply for these funds, tribes may need help with conducting inventories of the eligible technologies

**Tribal Air Quality Monitor Study** – *Laura McKelvey and Arthur Zuco*

Air Monitor Study that shows air monitors located on or near tribal areas. OAQPS aimed to identify where monitors around the country are by various types of networks and monitors. Database needs work. Issues have been identified. Questions that come up:

* How do we want to update the database and keep it live?
* How do we make it continuously useful?
* Laura is understaffed might not be able to fix the glitches
* ITEP stated that if they are the recipient of the NTAA grant they might take this effort on. Maybe AIAQTP grant could help with that as well.
* Next time we do needs assessment, we need to ask if tribes feed their data into AQS and if they don’t if they can provide information on their monitors to feed into the general picture. Need more specific information: latitude, longitude, manufacturer and the year of monitor coming on board to determine its durability and functionality.
* NTAA will reach out to Arthur about possibly combining the NTAA’s database and the EPA’s database into a more comprehensive system.
* Do an evaluation of the existing resources and make sure that things are being updated as new monitors are funded or monitors are taken offline. TACs might play a role in assisting.
* Add to action item; follow-up and discuss at in-person meeting.

**Sensor Technology** – *Craig Kreman*

Operations Guide – need operations and strategy guide; Craig to send to SC members for review.

Pilot Project Update – initially, there was an issue with collection of moisture in the sensor; overall the equipment seemed to be operating well, smooth continuous monitoring. Air monitor sensors are between $500 and $600 plus calibration costs.

**Other Business**

a. TAMS SC Nominations – TAMS sent out a call for nomination

b. Needs Assessment Review by SC and Ex-Officios (EPA is reviewing it as well, need feedback

before August 15th)

c. Equipment Spare Parts Listserv - Requests came in to be part of the listserv, questions came in on

how to ask questions through the system.

i. Feedback on utilization - Instructions on how to use the listserv would be helpful.

d. Gravimetric Lab Service Update - Farshid provided to a list of contracting laboratories available to

tribes.

***Next Conference Call –*** Wednesday, August 17

Submitted by:

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