

Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

8:30am to 4:30pm

Opening Prayer

Introductions/Roll Call

Tribal Representatives

Northern Arizona

Fort Mojave, Havasupai, Hopi, Hualapai, Kaibab, Navajo, San Juan,
Yavapai Apache

Tribal Representatives

Central Arizona

Chemehuevi, Fort McDowell, Salt River, San Carlos, Tonto Apache,
White Mountain, Yavapai-Prescott

Tribal Representatives

Southern Arizona

Ak-Chin, Cocopah, Colorado River, Gila River, Pascua Yaqui,
Quechan, Tohono O'odham

Tribal Representatives

Northern California

Alturas, Berry Creek, Big Lagoon, Blue Lake, Cedarville, Colusa, Elk Valley, Enterprise, Fort Bidwell, Greenville, Grindstone, Hoopa, Karuk, Mechoopda, Mooretown, Paskenta, Pit River, Quartz Valley, Redding, Resighini, Rohnerville, Round Valley, Smith River, Susanville, Table Bluff (Wiyot), Trinidad, Yurok

Tribal Representatives

Central California

Auburn, Big Sandy, Big Valley, Buena Vista, Cahto, California Valley
Miwok, Chicken Ranch, Cloverdale, Cold Springs, Cortina, Coyote
Valley, Dry Creek, Elem, Graton, Guidiville, Habematolel Pomo of
Upper Lake, Hopland, Ione, Jackson, Lower Lake, Lytton,
Manchester, Middletown, North Fork, Picayune, Pinoleville, Potter
Valley, Redwood Valley, Robinson, Santa Rosa Rancheria, Scotts
Valley, Sherwood Valley, Shingle Springs, Stewarts Point, Table
Mountain, Tejon, Tule River, Tuolumne, Wilton, Yocha Dehe

Tribal Representatives

Southern California

Agua Caliente, Augustine, Barona, Cabazon, Cahuilla, Campo, Cuyapaipe, Inaja, Jamul, La Jolla, La Posta, Los Coyotes, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, Morongo, Pala, Pauma, Pechanga, Ramona, Rincon, San Manuel, San Pascual, Santa Rosa Reservation, Santa Ynez, Santa Ysabel, Soboba, Sycuan, Torres Martinez, Twenty Nine Palms, Viejas

Tribal Representatives

Eastern California

Utu Benton, Big Pine, Bishop, Bridgeport, Fort Independence,
Lone Pine, Timbisha

Tribal Representatives

Nevada

Battle Mountain, Duckwater, Elko Band, Ely Shoshone, Fallon, Fort McDermitt, Goshute, Las Vegas, Lovelock, Moapa, Pyramid Lake, Reno Sparks, Duck Valley Reservation, South Fork, Summit Lake, Te Moak, Walker River, Washoe, Wells, Winnemucca, Yerrington, Yomba

EPA Caucus

- Air Division
- Enforcement Division
- Environmental Management Division
- Land Division
- Superfund Division
- Water Division

EPA Opening Remarks

Issues Review from Winter RTOC

NTOC Report and Updates

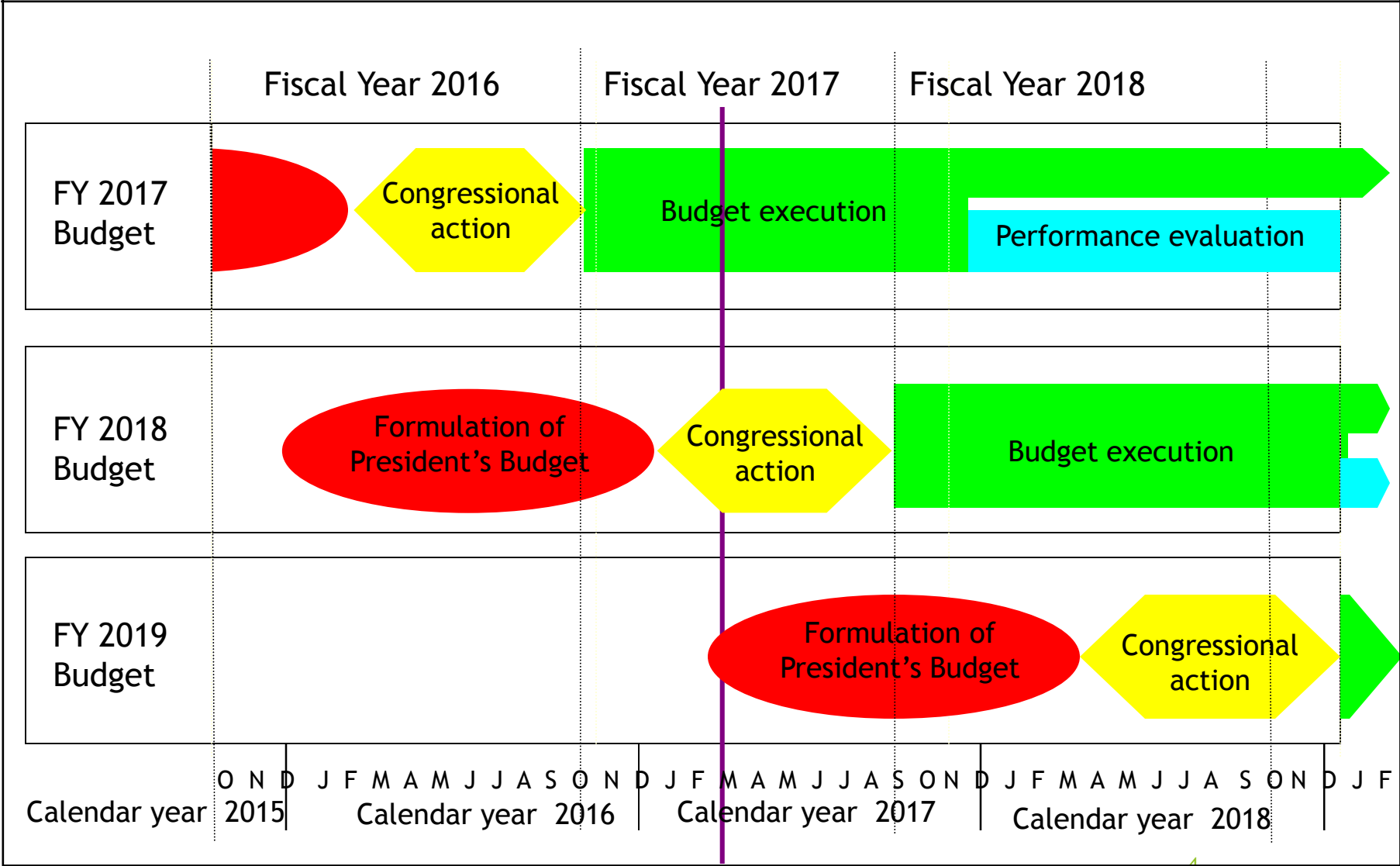
Break

Tribal Caucus Report

Tribal Budget Dialogue

EPA Funding Update, Q&A

Typical Ongoing Federal Budget Process



Today

Lunch

Small Systems Action Plan Update

REGION 9 FY17 SMALL PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM ACTION PLAN

Status Update

RTOC Spring Meeting

May 3, 2017



OBJECTIVES: REDUCE EXPOSURE TO TOXINS

▶ Arsenic


- ▶ Ensure compliance with standard
- ▶ Naturally occurring
- ▶ A problem in the west

▶ Lead

- ▶ Minimize Exposure
- ▶ Introduced in plumbing material
- ▶ Optimize corrosion control

Region 9 emphasis is on improving access to safe drinking water in schools and Tribal communities

WHAT IS IN THE ACTION PLAN?

- ▶ Improve capacity to comply by providing technical assistance
 - ▶ Provide infrastructure funding through Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside
 - ▶ Improve data collection with improved sample siting plans
– EPA-funded TA providers are assisting
 - ▶ Provide training on optimal corrosion control treatment
 - ▶ Use enforcement tools when appropriate
 - ▶ Lead in Schools Initiative
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CURRENT STATUS



▶ Arsenic

- ▶ 10 systems with MCL exceedance in 8/2016
- ▶ 1 system RTC
- ▶ 3 systems with Orders
- ▶ 6 systems under ENF review

▶ Lead

- ▶ 5 systems with action level exceedance (no MCL) in 8/2016
- ▶ 1 system below AL
- ▶ 1 system awaiting confirmation monitoring below AL
- ▶ 3 systems undergoing CCT, still above AL

LEAD IN SCHOOL DRINKING WATER INITIATIVE – STATUS UPDATE

- ▶ Reason/ need:
 - ▶ In children, low levels of Lead exposure have been linked to nervous system damage, learning disabilities, and growth and hearing impairments.
 - ▶ Sample sites for regulatory compliance are normally residences, not schools or other public buildings
- ▶ Currently:
 - ▶ Collecting information/lists of tribal schools, Head Start and daycare facilities
 - ▶ Finalizing sampling procedures and coordinating with IHS for sampling assistance
- ▶ Next Steps:
 - ▶ Communicate with schools
 - ▶ Begin sampling in Summer 2017

**Introduction and Words
from Felicia Wright of
American Indian
Environmental Office**

EPA Response to Action Items from Tribal Caucus

Break

Strengthening RTOC

Part II

Transition Discussion

Review New Issues/ Action Items

Closing Comments

**Announce Next RTOC
Meeting Location/
ADJOURN**