

Regions 6 and 8 Tribal Operations Committee Meeting

November 14-16, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton
1000 Woodward Place NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Tuesday, November 14th	
9:00am – 2:00pm – Tribal Caucus **Tribal Nations Only**	Regions 6 and 8 Tribal Nations
2:00 – 2:15pm	BREAK
Meeting Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTg3MzE2OWEtYmMwZC00ZmI0LWFhNDYtZDcyZWRINzVINmZl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c1261b48-2ccd-42a0-b93f-3be134b38ddb%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22229c28a8-8f6c-4de9-ad2f-6b834cff3c8e%22%7d	
2:15 – 3:00pm – Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)	Mehrdad Khatibi , Director <i>Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Office of Native American Initiatives Northern Arizona University</i>
3:00 – 3:30pm – National Tribal Caucus (NTC) Updates/Discussions	<u>NTC Executive Committee</u> Gerald Wagner (R8), Chair <i>Blackfeet Tribe</i> Scott Clow (R8), Vice Chair <i>Ute Mountain Ute Tribe</i> Meyo Marrufo (R9), Secretary <i>Guidiville Rancheria Tribe</i> <u>Region 6 NTC Representatives</u> Pinu'u Stout <i>Pueblo of San Felipe</i> Tabitha Langston <i>Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma</i> <u>Region 8 NTC Representatives</u> Ivan Crow Eagle <i>Rosebud Sioux Tribe</i> Jason Walker -(Alt. R8) <i>Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation</i>

<p>3:30 – 4:45pm – TPG Report Outs</p> <p>National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)</p> <p>National Tribal Water Council (NTWC)</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>Syndi Smallwood, NTAA Tribal Chair <i>Jamul Indian Village of California</i></p> <p>Ken Norton, NTWC Tribal Chair <i>Hoop Valley Tribe</i></p>
<p>4:45 – 5:00pm – Wrap Up</p>	

Wednesday, November 15th

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<p>9:00am – 10:30am</p> <p>Color Guard</p> <p>Flag & Veterans’ Song</p> <p>Invocation</p> <p>Opening Remarks, welcome</p> <p>EPA Headquarters Remarks</p> <p>EPA Regions 6 & 8 Leadership Remarks</p> <p>Tribal Leadership Remarks</p> <p>Q & A Session (if time allows)</p>	<p>University of New Mexico Army ROTC</p> <p>Tom Teegarden</p> <p>Lt Governor Eugene Jiron, Pueblo of Isleta</p> <p><u>Region 6 RTOC</u> Tabitha Langston, Tribal Co-Chair <i>Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma</i></p> <p><u>Region 8 RTOC</u> Jason Walker, RTOC Chair <i>Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation</i></p> <p>Rafael DeLeon, OITA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator</p> <p>Kenneth Martin, AIEO (invited)</p> <p>Dr. Earthea Nance, EPA Region 6 Administrator</p> <p>KC Becker, EPA Region 8 Administrator</p> <p>Tribal Leadership, Region 6 & 8 Tribes</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>10:30 – 11:00am</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:30am – Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)</p>	<p>Danny Gogal, EPA OEJECR</p> <p>Dr. Patricia Sullivan, New Mexico State University</p> <p>Brett Weber, National Indian Health Board</p>
<p>11:30 – 12:00pm – Clean Water Act Section 106 Allocation Process</p>	<p>Sam Reynolds, EPA Region 6</p> <p>Ben Carlson, EPA Region 8</p> <p>Tina Laidlaw, EPA Region 8</p>

12:00 – 1:30pm – Lunch	Lunch on your own
1:30 – 2:30pm – Environmental Protection Network	Lisa Berrios , EPA AIEO Davina Resto , EPN Mitchelle Mukeli , EPN
2:30 – 3:00pm – ETEPS Combined Work Plans and ETEPs Updating ETEPs	Lisa Berrios , EPA AIEO Abigail Cruz , EPA AIEO Randy Gee , EPA Region 6 Ira Hight , EPA Region 6 Jason Deardorff , EPA Region 8
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3:30 – 4:15pm – Tribal Waste Management Needs Assessment Engagement Session	Caroline Klos , EPA OLEM
4:15 – 4:45pm – Region 8 Tribal Infrastructure Task Force	Colleen Adams , EPA Region 8 Carolyn Bryan , EPA Region 8 Matt Castelli , EPA Region 8
4:45 – 5:00pm Closing Remarks EPA Headquarters Remarks EPA Regions 6 & 8 Leadership Remarks Tribal Leadership Remarks	<u>Region 6 RTOC</u> Tabitha Langston , Tribal Co-Chair <i>Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma</i> <u>Region 8 RTOC</u> Jason Walker , RTOC Chair <i>Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation</i> Rafael DeLeon , OITA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Kenneth Martin , AIEO (invited) Dr. Earthea Nance , EPA Region 6 Administrator KC Becker , EPA Region 8 Administrator Tribal Leadership , Region 6 & 8 Tribes
Closing Prayer	Lt Governor Eugene Jiron , Pueblo of Isleta
6:00 – 8:00pm	Informal Group Dinner – location TBD (at your own expense)

Thursday, November 16th

8:30am – 5:00pm – Field Trip(s)

Option 1: **Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge**

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/g/YYj2i2X9X1>

Option 2: **Jackpile Mine & Sky City Cultural Center**

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/g/vyYzF5S15y>

Option 3: **Sandia National Labs & Kirtland Air Force Base**

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/g/rUQaBEiBhd>

Option 4: **Pueblo of Sandia, Sandia Lakes Bosque Restoration**

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/g/RvzUEQVZ1n>