



Tribal Exchange Network News



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Important Dates:

April 5, 2017

E-Enterprise Leadership Council Spring Meeting & E-Enterprise Engagement Event - Washington, DC

May 1-4, 2017

National Tribal Forum on Air Quality - Tucson, AZ

May 16-18, 2017

Exchange Network National Meeting - Philadelphia, PA

August 14-17, 2017

Tribal Lands & Environment Forum - Mohegan Sun, CT

For More Information:

[Tribes & the Exchange Network](#)

A resource for tribes interested in information and assistance on Exchange Network topics.

[Exchange Network](#)

The Exchange Network's main website with information on technical resources, data partners, and governance.

2017 Tribal Exchange Network Conference a Success

Once again, tribes, EPA, and other environmental protection professionals gathered for the annual Tribal Exchange Network Conference, held February 28-March 2, 2017 in Alpine, California. Attended by 80 individuals, including representatives from more than 30 different tribes and tribal organizations, the conference boasted 25 different presentations and interactive sessions, and five optional post-conference workshops.

Highlights of this year's event, as identified by conference attendees included: Increased involvement and participation by EPA representatives, the interactive sessions and networking opportunities, and the fun and informative poster session & contest. Presentations, conference agenda, and photos are available at www.tribalexchangenetwork.org.

Planning for the 2018 event will begin in earnest this summer. If any tribal representatives are interested in presenting at or assisting with planning for the conference, please contact Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu.

"I thought the most positive aspect of the conference was getting to hear about the different projects. I brought back some great ideas that we would like to use."

- Conference Attendee

E-Enterprise Leadership Council Welcomes New Tribal Representatives

The E-Enterprise Leadership Council (EELC) oversees the management and implementation of the E-Enterprise for the Environment initiative, and provides strategic direction for the E-Enterprise and Exchange Network governance activities. The EELC began the process of officially incorporating tribal representatives to its ranks in 2015, but in late 2016, formalized the process of nominating and selecting tribal representatives through the Regional Tribal Operations Committees. As of March 2017, 9 of 10 tribal seats have been filled, making the number of tribal representatives on the EELC nearly on par with state and federal numbers. Tribal representatives on the EELC are listed below. For more information on E-Enterprise and the EELC, please visit www.e-enterprisefortheenvironment.net.

EELC Tribal Representatives:

Region 1: Casey Thornbrugh, Ph.D., Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Region 2: Bryan Printup, Tuscarora Nation

Region 4: Jerry Cain, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Region 5: Levi Brown, Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council

Region 6: Micco Emarthla, Seneca-Cayuga Nation

Region 7: Alisha Bartling, Santee Sioux Nation

Region 8: Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet Tribe

Region 9: Lisa Gover, Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Region 10: Billy Maines, Curyung Tribal Council

EN2017 National Meeting is Just around the Corner!

The Exchange Network National Meeting (EN2017) will be held May 16-18, 2017 in Philadelphia, PA. The theme for EN2017 is Innovation and Partnership, and many of the planned presentations and sessions will speak to these ideas in connection with Exchange Network and E-Enterprise.

[E-Enterprise](#)

The E-Enterprise for the Environment initiative website has information on current projects and activities, and governance membership lists.

[EPA's EN Grants](#)

EN grant solicitation information, grant award history, and key EPA contacts.

[Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals](#)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' website contains information on training and other services provided, including national conferences, tribal partnership efforts, and more

Registration is free and open to all who are interested. Meeting agenda, online registration, and other details can be found on the EN2017 website: www.exchangenetwork.net/meetings/. Please note, tribal scholarships to attend this event are no longer available.

Tribal Governance Group Members Recognized for Outstanding Contributions

At the EELC Fall Meeting, Frank Harjo (Muscogee (Creek) Nation) and Bruce Jones (Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission) were selected to receive awards recognizing them for their outstanding contributions to E-Enterprise and Exchange Network. Tom Burack, State of New Hampshire and Stan Meiburg, US EPA, bestowed the awards to Frank and Bruce with the following commentary:

"Bruce Jones has long been looked to as a leader for tribes in the Exchange Network arena. He regularly serves as a mentor to other tribes, guiding and teaching them principles of data management and exchange. Despite a brief hiatus in early 2016, Bruce has remained involved in both the TGG and the EE Tribal Roadmap project, and has taken on a new role as a tribal representative to the Management Board.

Frank Harjo has demonstrated an enormous level of commitment to the EN/EE initiatives over the past year, stepping up to serve as a tribal representative on various teams, committees, and workgroups, above and beyond his role on the Management Board and as chair of the TGG. Frank helped serve on the hiring committee for the EN Coordinator hired in 2015; he served on the Shared Services IPT; and has participated in the EELC as an interim representative to the group. He has also volunteered to serve as the tribal co-chair for the EN2017 meeting, and has made multiple presentations to tribal and general audiences on Exchange Network and E-Enterprise."



In addition to the recognition by the EELC, the Tribal Governance Group members recognized the dedication of Mr. Robert Holden, National Congress of American Indians, for his long-standing support and advocacy of tribal interests in the Exchange Network.

Congratulations Frank, Bruce, and Robert!

Bit and Bytes

<<>> ***New/Updated Data Exchanges available!*** Visit www.exchangenetwork.net to find information on new and updated data exchanges for Beach Notification, RCRAInfo, and more!

<<>> ***A Vision for Citizen Science at EPA.*** The National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) published its report in December 2016 outlining recommendations for EPA to embrace citizen science and capacity building initiatives. View the report [HERE](#).

<<>> ***New to AQS (or need a refresher)?*** Check out ITEP's ***AQS Fast-Track*** videos—14 short video tutorials designed to get you entering data into AQS fast! Find them online [HERE](#).

<<>> ***Confused about QA/QC?*** ITEP's new online training site boasts a free course on Quality Assurance fundamentals, with straight-forward lessons relevant to a wide variety of environmental monitoring and data collection activities. Check out this FREE course [HERE](#).

<<>> ***In need of assistance with an EN project?*** We can help! Visit our website, download the [EN Mentorship Request Form](#), and submit the completed form to [ITEP](#).

<<>> ***Have expertise to share? Become a mentor to other tribes!*** Contact [ITEP](#), or submit the short online form [HERE](#) to sign up to be a mentor; we'll profile you on our website so tribes in

need of relevant guidance or assistance know where to turn.

*******Tribal**Consultation**Opportunities*******

<<> *Sign up for TCOTS emails: Stay up-to-date on current and upcoming EPA consultation opportunities for tribal governments. Sign up for the Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) email list by sending a request to: Join-epa_tcots@lists.epa.gov. You can also view current initiatives on the [TCOTS website](#).*

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Other questions or thoughts?

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