



# Tribal Exchange Network News



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[Tribes & the Exchange Network](#)

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

[EPA's EN Grants](#)

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

## Information abounds at the 2016 Tribal EN Conference

The 2016 Tribal Exchange Network Conference (Tribal-EN) was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 9-10. This year's Conference attracted 75 attendees from over 40 tribal organizations, as well as representatives from EPA, state and other organizations. Several pre-conference training sessions were offered, and staff from the Pueblo of Sandia offered an informative and educational tour of their wetland restoration efforts along the Rio Grande. The agenda was kicked off by a Keynote Address given by Ann Dunkin, Chief Information Officer for the EPA's Office of Environmental Information. The Tribal-EN Poster Session offered a unique opportunity for attendees to interact and learn more about tribal projects in an informal atmosphere.

*"I gained so many perspectives that sparked new ideas that my Tribe can pursue."*

*- 2016 Attendee*

Repeating trends from last year's conference, a significant portion of attendees at the Tribal-EN had little or no prior experience with Exchange Network, yet many felt inspired to undertake new EN-related projects in their future work. Many of the presentations delivered during the Conference provided insight into a variety of tribal projects, as well as new developments in the EN and E-Enterprise. The full conference agenda, as well as presentations delivered during the event, are available on our website: [www.tribalexchangenetwork.org](http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org)



*Sandia Pueblo Restoration Project Group Tour. Feb. 2016*

Planning for the 2017 Tribal-EN will be underway soon! If you have suggestions for topics, sessions, or speakers, or wish to serve as a tribal host site for the event, please contact us!

## Tribal Mentorship Workshop for TrEX a Success

In March, ITEP held a mentoring workshop for tribal users involved in the TrEX (Tribal Exchange Network), a collaborative effort led by the Walker River Paiute Tribe to aid tribes in exchanging continuous air and water quality data. Since its inception in the early 2000s, the TrEX project has attracted dozens of tribes, yet staff turnover and other issues present continual challenges. This workshop provided a forum for tribal users to identify persistent problems and discuss potential solutions, as well as to share insights, tips and other helpful information with each other. ITEP is currently seeking

similar small-group training and mentorship project ideas for tribes working on Exchange Network activities. For more information, contact [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu).

## Tribal Consultation on E-Enterprise Leadership Council Draft Charter

The E-Enterprise for the Environment governance draft charter establishes the E-Enterprise Leadership Council and other governance bodies. EPA is seeking increased tribal participation throughout E-Enterprise governance, in particular on the Leadership Council, and is seeking comments on the draft charter language as it pertains to tribes. Comments can be sent directly to [Battin.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Battin.Andrew@epa.gov); **all comments must be received by April 14, 2016**. Official consultation notice and accompanying information can be found on the TCOTS website here: <http://tcots.epa.gov/>.

Two webinars were held as part of this consultation effort on March 30 and 31; recordings of these webinars will be made available shortly and can be found on the [Tribes & The Exchange Network](#) website.

## Bits and Bytes

***E-Enterprise Seeks Tribal Representatives for Project Teams!*** Several E-Enterprise project planning and implementation teams are seeking tribal input and participation. Tribal staff interested in volunteering should contact Andrew Battin at EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer at [Battin.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Battin.Andrew@epa.gov).

***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](mailto:Join-epa_tcots@lists.epa.gov). You can also view current initiatives on the TCOTS website: <http://tcots.epa.gov/>.***

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*Have events, announcements, ideas or stories to share?*

*Interested in a particular topic you want to hear more about?*

*Other questions or thoughts?*

***Please contact us!***