

IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 2nd , 2008
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in attendance:	Tribe Represented	Region Represented
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Rachel Joseph,	Lone Pine Reservation	East Central

IHS staff in attendance:

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Director, California Area IHS
Dr. David Sprenger,	Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Mr. Rick Wermers	Facilities Manager

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Tuesday December 2nd, 2008, at the Feather River Tribal Health, Inc., in Oroville, California. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was open to and attended by additional tribal and program leaders, Indian Health Service (IHS) staff, and guests.

Ms. Kerrigan, California Area Director, IHS, welcomed everyone, facilitated group introductions, and reviewed the planned agenda (see attached).

Budget Formulation - There was a short discussion on the California Area budget priorities and agreement that the priorities should not change. A recommendation was made to add a cost of living adjustment to the previous submission and send out.

Reauthorization of PL 94-437 - Ms. Rachel Joseph provided a summary of the current status of the re-authorization efforts of the *Indian Health Care Improvement Act*. An effort was made to attach it to the stimulus bill but failed. The workgroup anticipated working with the new administration in the next legislative session. The good reason for hope in the next Congress for tribes to access their legislators with 437 pending was to insure that other Indian issues don't get cut.

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) - Ms. Rachel Joseph the primary tribal representative from the California Area provided information from the BHAC meeting. There was \$14

million for 2008 and 2009 to address and provide recommendations for distribution. An urban set aside for approximately \$1 million was anticipated. An Area distribution must be decided and what specifically will be done with the funding. A brief discussion ensued regarding program data, a consideration was discussed about distribution to only those programs with data to provide incentive to improve data.

Planning for the next Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting - Ms.

Kerrigan asked for suggestions and recommendations for the March 2009 Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting. Discussion included the following recommendations: YRTC update, presentation by Mr. McSwain on unifying eligibility for Contract Health Care and reorganizing the IHS system, How the Budget is Formulated and how to have input, GPRA best practices including "pay for performance", Board of Director training, longer regional caucuses, new Region IX people, invitation to members of the Senate Indian Affairs, California legislative representatives, and maybe field hearings at the Annual Tribal Leader meeting.

Youth Regional Treatment Center - Mr. Richard Wermers P.E., Director of Health Facilities Engineering, provided a status report and historical perspective of the YRTC efforts in the California Area Office. They provided description and location of a parcel of land to be viewed later in the day by the CATAC as a potential YRTC. The CATAC viewed this parcel in the afternoon. It is definitely a potential site which now requires "due diligence" as part of the evaluation process. The YRTC presentation is available for download:

http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/California/UploadedFiles/AgendaMinutes/CATAC_12.2008_YRTCUpdate.pdf

Federal Appropriation Advisory Committee - Mr. Peter Masten reported on the FAAB meeting held October 28-29, 2008 in the Navajo Area. There is a huge difference in the funding that goes to federal facilities versus to tribal facilities. The presentation is available for download:

http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/California/UploadedFiles/AgendaMinutes/TC_FAAB_Meeting_10.28.2008.pdf

Emerging Issues - The next California Area Tribal Advisory Committee meeting is planned for January 28th in Santa Ynez.