**To:** Ebbert, Laura[Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov]
**From:** Cynthia Oceguera
**Sent:** Tue 10/4/2016 6:15:25 PM
**Subject:** Fwd: Anaconda Copper Mine Superfund Support CAG V00T39701

Good Morning Laura,

When I was hired to do the IG Audit work and the GAP Program/Superfund work we were in a very distressed place. I have given so much credit to Veronica Swann for her assistance, but to be honest for the past few months their have been barriers which imped my ability to work with her.

What I have learned throughout this process the missed communications within our departments are difficult enough, and I have no doubts that it happens in the federal arena. I have worked with federal programs forty years and do not recall anything quite as challenging as this work.

I enjoy doing the work for our tribe and the environmental issues that exist must be dealt with planning and collaboration of federal personnel. Our internet issues and the lack of assistance is probably due to overloaded federal personnel at EPA. My concern is solely for Walker River and what we do to move our programs forward.

Today I will be doing a letter for Vice Chairwoman, Amber Torres who has expectations to have answers immediately today for response from EPA.

I apologize but also appreciate your assistance.

Best!
Cynthia O.

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From: <cynthiao@wrpt.us>
Date: Tue, Oct 4, 2016 at 10:32 AM
Subject: RE: Anaconda Copper Mine Superfund Support CAG V00T39701
To: "Seter, David" <Seter.David@epa.gov>, freebella123@yahoo.com
Cc: cynthiaoceguera8@gmail.com

Hello David,

I really appreciate your quick response and I hope this will help maintain my salary for the work scope. I will provide this information to the Vice Chairwoman.

Your continued support for the Walker River Reservation activities is very much appreciated.

Best,

Cynthia O.


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**From:** Seter, David [mailto:Seter.David@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 10:15 AM
**To:** cynthiao@wrpt.us
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Dante; Swann, Veronica
**Subject:** Anaconda Copper Mine Superfund Support CAG V00T39701

Dear Cynthia,

Greetings.

I'm writing to confirm our discussion earlier today that the EPA Region 9 Superfund Program intends to extend the Superfund Support Agency CAG (EPA Assistance Agreement Number V00T39701) under which the Walker River Paiute Tribe is providing input to the Superfund

investigation and cleanup process for the Anaconda Copper Mine Site. The Tribe is eligible for this support due to the potential for the Site to negatively impact Tribal resources. Along with extending the CAG, EPA anticipates adding funds to cover new activities under the CAG.

Adding new activities, as we have discussed, such as environmental sampling to evaluate mine impacts, and to separate out impacts from other possible contaminant sources, will require an amendment to the existing Scope of Work under the Superfund Support Agency CAG.

I would like to request that you begin working on drafting a new Scope of Work as soon as possible so that we can meet our goal of extending the Superfund Support CAG and adding funds by the end of the calendar year. Since EPA plans to extend the Superfund Support Agency CAG, your work to develop an amended Scope of Work is covered under the Program Administration category of the CAG. As noted in the attached copy of the previous award document dated February 5, 2016, personnel costs for Walker River Paiute Tribe staff to work on issues related to the Anaconda Copper Mine Site are eligible for reimbursement under the CAG.

I note that our financial management system indicates that as of September 2, 2016, there remained a balance of approximately $12,000 under the Superfund Support Agency CAG. If the Tribe has made additional drawdowns since September 2, the total amount of funds available may be slightly less, nevertheless, it appears there are sufficient funds to cover your work on developing a new Scope of Work. My only request is that you continue to monitor charges to the Superfund Support Agency CAG to ensure that you continue to work within the existing budget.

Dante Rodriguez and I are available to provide feedback and guidance to you on SOW development, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you for your technical support on the Anaconda Copper Mine Site, and the EPA Region 9 Superfund Program looks forward to continuing to work with the Walker River Paiute Tribe on this project.

Best Regards,

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