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I am working at home but happy to call in.

Thank you,
Jenna

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I'd like to consolidate our thinking. I can make myself available later today at 3:30pm or 4:00. I have a couple concerns that I can share in a brief discussion.

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Mat,

You bet. In terms of our response, I think we should point out that EPA is providing **technical assistance** to Warm Springs – I know that Ricardi was there in person a few weeks ago, and other members of the Tribal DI team have been there as well.

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Rick – Thank you. This is helpful.

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Mat et al,

Attached is the list of funding options (EPA, EPA/Oregon, Oregon) that I presented in person at the June funding summit. The likeliest **new** source of EPA funding for Warm Springs, the WIIN Section 2104 Small/Disadvantaged Communities grant program, is not yet open for business. I'm not aware that they've applied for any of the other EPA or Oregon grant/loan funding options yet.

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Karen, Johnny and Rick,

To the specific question posed by Oregon Public Broadcasting related to funding specifically: in response to the Tribe's May 2019 emergency declaration, here's what I understand to be true, from the EPA side of things. Please correct my understanding if I'm off the mark:

Through the Tribe's emergency declaration made in May 2019, the Tribe has made specific funding requests to HUD and others. I'm not aware of any specific funding requests to EPA in the past two months. For the long-term infrastructure

improvements needed, EPA anticipates that through the Indian Health Service's Sanitation Deficiency System, the Tribe will be identifying their priorities for infrastructure funding. EPA Drinking Water Infrastructure Tribal Set-Aside funds are prioritized via the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System list.

Thank you,
Mat

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Can someone fact check this statement for me...not familiar with the financing end of this....

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Mark,
Thanks again for this. I do not see any dollar amounts anywhere, so I am left to assume the financial assistance via EPA-specific programs since the disaster declaration = $0.

BIA said its emergency funding provided during the recent disaster declaration exceeds $400k. but that "**The trust relationship is shared by all federal agencies, not just the BIA..." and that "BIA does not typically provide tribes with technical assistance with their water systems, this technical assistance is typically provided by the Indian Health Service or the Environmental Protection Agency."**

IHS detailed various technical assistance and funding requests. It pointed to a $447K HUD grant, which was actually released to the tribes in 2018. Unclear if new HUD funding has been made available for pressure valve repair beginning today.

Members of the congressional delegation have told me the tribe has not made any specific asks of them.

FEMA has not gotten any requests for assistance, and referred me to the BIA.

The Governor's office said CTWS will be "allocated $7.8M for water and wastewater in HB 5030 (Section 30) in lottery bonding authority.

Just running this by, in case you hear differently. This is a complicated puzzle of everyone pointing at someone else, as far as I can tell.

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Emily: Thank you for the good discussion this afternoon.....Please contact me if more questions arise. Also: based on today's conversation and just to be clear, the Safe Drinking Water Act's rules and requirements are not suspended or waived as a result of a boil-water notice. MM

Q: What technical and financial assistance is being provided by EPA in the past 60 days?

- EPA issued SDWA Orders and jointly organized a "funding summit" to coordinate federal funding from various agencies. Multiple agencies, organizations and representatives have stepped forward to work collaboratively to identify funding and other resources for the tribe. Over 60 people convened for the June 12 summit, and multiple action-oriented subcommittees were formed. A follow up summit is scheduled to occur in August.

- As part of the SDWA orders, EPA is speaking weekly with the tribal utilities staff and monthly site visits with tribal leadership to improve communication and coordinate priority actions under the order.

- Separately, the Indian Health Service has also provided on-site training and technical assistance, linked with an interagency agreement from EPA.

- The June "funding summit" has also resulted in a HUD "imminent threat" grant to assist with immediate needs (line breaks) associated with the current boil water notice.

- Distribution system construction expected to be completed by contractors in early August. Confirmation sampling then expected to be delivered to EPA in mid-August. Boil water notice could potentially be lifted by mid to late August. Alternate water and boil water notice will remain in place until then. Warm Springs will be using HUD grants to recoup their costs for this work.

- Warm Springs utilities have been focused on stabilizing the distribution system. Accordingly, they have yet to meet certain SDWA requirements including additional planning to maintain an alternate water supply and other technical and contracting processes. Tribe has taken steps towards advancing this work.

- Soon after system stabilization, Warm Springs will need to focus on what's called the "120-day engineering assessment." Warm Springs has funding for this assessment, and

EPA understands it will be performed by PDG, same firm that did the distribution system stabilization work.

- EPA will be on site again for the monthly Tribal Council briefing on August 12. At that point, EPA will also do a walk through to see status of distribution system work and review progress under the orders generally.

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