**SWTHA Triannual Meeting Presentation Proposal**

Title: The Story Told Through Numbers: How a Tribal Survey, the IHBG Formula, and the 2020 Census Impact Tribal Data Sovereignty

Abstract:

The presenters will share a case study describing the Tohono O’odham Nation’s recent successful data collection effort, which assessed the type and condition of 100% of the housing units within the Nation’s reservation and off-reservation trust lands and conducted a household survey that achieved a 96% response rate. The Nation hired a local tribal survey manager (a former Councilwoman) and local field staff members in order to capitalize on their local knowledge and build tribal data collection capacity. The tribal survey manager will share decisions made and obstacles overcome concerning project funding, survey design, staff recruitment and management, leveraging tribal support and encouraging community participation to produce a robust and essential tribal data set. She will briefly discuss how the Nation plans to use its new data set for planning, program management and applying for grants.

The coordinator of the Nation’s survey (and tribal data consultant) will also provide a brief update on preparations for the 2020 Census in Indian Country, the adopted changes to the mechanics and data sources driving the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula, and the potential for creating a regional SWTHA data working group to facilitate knowledge sharing, capacity-building and tribal data sovereignty at the regional level.

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Kevin Klingbeil is the Managing Director of Big Water Consulting located in Seattle, Washington. Big Water works with tribes, nonprofits, academic departments and government agencies nationwide to enhance their capacity to collect, map, analyze, visualize and utilize data and assess community needs and opportunities. He is also a former Indian housing lawyer and Regional Manager of Quality Assurance for the Census Bureau’s Denver Region during the 2010 Census. Kevin served as a technical expert for the IHBG Negotiated Rulemaking Committee’s Data Study Group, and Big Water serves as a training and technical assistance (T&TA) provider for HUD and NAIHC.

Barbara Havier served as the Survey Manager for the 2018 Tohono O’odham Census Challenge and currently serves as a Representative (Chairperson) of the Ge Oidag (Big Field) Community in the Sells District of the Tohono O’odham Nation. Prior to her service on the Challenge project, Barbara also served on the Tohono O’odham Nation Legislative Council representing the Sells District.