

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
10/19/16
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Les Benedict, St Regis Mohawk Tribe
Larry Scrapper Cherokee Nation
Irv Provost, Oglala Sioux tribe
Steve Spencer, Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Kevin Greenleaf, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Cherise Maples, Seminole Tribe of Florida

Tribal Organizations

Africa Avalos, ITCA

EPA

Gabriela Carvalho, EPA Region 10
Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP
Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OECA
Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP
Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP

Other

Kristy LeClair, University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chair, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 10 member tribal and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Cindy, Lorry, Carol, et. al.)

- a. Cindy: Draft FY18-21 Cooperative Agreement Guidance is under review internally in EPA. Will be sending it out to tribes, states, and territories on November 9 for review. Comments due on November 30. The document will be finalized by February 2017 in time for negotiations for FY17. There are changes, but the document is not significantly different than the current guidance.

Fred: To tribes on the call, is this a document that TPPC should be take on as a document for Council review and comment? Fred received an affirmative response. Fred suggested that Bob Gruenig might be able to compile comments on behalf of TPPC. Cindy offered to schedule a dedicated call one week after the document goes out to review.

Action item: TPPC will submit comments to Cindy Wire/EPA on the cooperative agreement guidance by November 30. Cindy will schedule a call late during the week of November 14. Bob Gruenig will compile comments from TPPC. Also, Fred will be invited to the EPA National Program Manager's meeting in December and speak on behalf of TPPC and share comments.

- b. Gabriela: Bed Bug Issue Paper Conference call coming up. October 25 at 2 pm Eastern with EPA, HUD, IHS, USDA, and volunteers from the TPPC. Review information that has been collected to respond to recommendations made in the TPPC bed bug issue paper and plan next steps. Africa: volunteers are the only

TPPC volunteers include: Joe Herrera, Willie Keenan, Jeremy Philips, Hilery Spray, Vivian Stevens, Danny Chatter, Martina Wilson, Tony McCandless, Jennifer Skarada, and Bob Gruenig. Anyone else interested in attending the call should contact Gabriela Carvalho at (206) 553-6698 or Carvalho.Gabriela@epa.gov.

- c. Gabriela: TPPC Pollinator Protection Workgroup conference call coming up. October 26 at 1 pm eastern. First call of the workgroup. Information about the call is posted on the TPPC webpage: <http://tppcwebsite.org/pollinators/>

Action item: Gabriela to Ask Mary Clock-Rust if we can add her contact info to the TPPC pollinator protection webpage

- d. Lorry: Two new training sessions have been scheduled for private applicators looking to obtain a federal certification to apply Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country. Training information is up on the website and registration is required for the November 15-16, 2016 and February 15-16, 2017 <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/training-private-applicators-under-epa-plan>

Irving Provost commented that TPPC can facilitate networking among tribes that have certification programs and EPA. Irv suggested that tribes could network with each other and EPA to make sure everyone is on the same page regarding any issues tribal programs experience. Irv stated that EPA gives funding to states for certification programs and funding for training programs in some states is funneled through extension programs. He commented that this process should be more efficient. Irv offered to share an MOU document he developed with EPA and two states to address jurisdictional issues.

- e. Amanda: Amanda offered to help coordinate with NTATC and NTTC to see if those two councils could hold their meetings in March in DC to align with TPPC's March meeting. The councils could meet during some specific agenda sessions or during a dinner meeting.

Fred stated there is a constraint that week due to combining the meeting with AAPCO. Fred asked the council what they think. Nina asked if we can dedicate a portion of the agenda to accommodate it. Fred serves on the National Tribal Toxics Council and the two councils could meet on common issues such as risk assessment. Les added that a working meeting with the other groups would be fine if the topic had a specific focus. Eric cautioned that the TPPC has a lot to discuss and expressed concern about diluting TPPC business or the risk assessment discussion. Nina agreed that we have a lot to discuss. Need to be thoughtful about how merging the meetings.

Action item: Consensus on integrating the other tribal councils into TPPC's March meeting either in the agenda or in a dinner event. Fred, Nina and Suzanne will look at options and propose them to the Executive Committee when planning the March agenda.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Kristy)

- a. January and June presentations can be found on the TPPC website.
- b. UCDE thanks Miguel and the Pauma Tribe for hosting the recent meeting in Pauma Valley, CA. His team was delightful to work with and the Pauma Casino catering team did a spectacular job

with their services. On the July monthly call, the consensus of the TPPC Executive Committee was that UCDE only order coffee service in the morning as a means to save nearly \$1,700 over the two days. Pauma graciously provided pastries in the morning as a supplement to the catered beverages. 25 attendees; 16 tribes and tribal organizations; 4 EPA; 4 speakers; 1 administrator (UCDE). The draft notes for both the Full Council and executive Committee were shared yesterday. Thanks in advance for any edits by 11/2. Meeting evaluations will be shared and can be discussed on the November monthly call.

- c. TPPC Spring 2017 meeting after AAPCO on March 8-10. Overlap 1 day (Mar 8). Full Council meeting shall be Wed-Thurs, March 8-9; Exec Committee shall meet half day Friday, March 10, travel in afternoon. Tribes are encouraged to attend AAPCO as a means to enhance their networking with state lead agencies, EPA, and registrants. Cindy Wire has secured the meeting space at OPP. Many topics have been proposed for the March meeting and Suzanne recommends agenda planning before the November call. The host hotel will be the Residence Inn Arlington Capital View, 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, VA. More info on the meeting in mid-November.
- d. Changes to Executive Committee – Larry Scrapper replaces Ryan Callison as the Region 6 representative to the Executive Committee. Dustin Roy is the new hire for White Earth in Region 5 and would potentially be the new Region 5 representative. Suzanne is still trying to secure his appointment letter.
- e. Website updates – January and June meeting content is now posted and the October content will be finished by 11/2. There are recent changes to the formatting of the Recourses landing page. Each area now has its own landing page (e.g., Pollinators, bed Bugs, Worker Protection, etc.) The TPPC Bed Bug workgroup calls are now posted in addition to agendas. Photos will be added to this page soon.

4. Proposed Changes to TPPC Policies and Procedures (see attachment) (Nina)

- a. Nina made changes after June meeting and sent them to Suzanne. Does not plan to address suggestions for rewording without alternate language. Nina discussed alternative language for the voting process.

TPPC members should send additional suggested changes to Nina, Fred and Suzanne. The version attached to the agenda for 10/19 is the latest version.

Action item: Nina will accept the suggested changes to date this Friday, and will then send the updated version to Suzanne to distribute to the group. Nina will include deadlines.

5. Action Item Follow-up (see attachment) (Nina)

6. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All)

7. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EST)