

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
10/21/15
Final Call Notes

Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Larry Scrapper – Cherokee Nation
Willie Keenan – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CKST)
Jasmine Brown – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe
Camillo Perez – Cocopah Tribe
Vivian Stevens – Yavapai Apache Nation
Irving Provost – Oglala Sioux Tribe
Claudia Crutcher – Shoshone Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
Jim Mossett – Mandan, Hadatsa, and Arikara Nation
Hilery Spray – Winnebago Tribe, Omaha Nation
Ralph Morris – Gila River Indian Community

Tribal Organizations

Africa Dorame-Avalos – Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

EPA

Cindy Wire, Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP)
Carol Galloway, Office of Compliance Assurance (OC)
Lorry Frigerio, OPP
Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA Region 10
Allen Demorest, U.S. EPA Region 9
Mike Goodis, OPP

Other

Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chair, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 13 member tribes.

2. New TPPC Tribal Coordinator Welcome and Introductions (Suzanne Forsyth)

Fred provided an introduction for the new TPPC Coordinator, Suzanne Forsyth with UC Davis Extension (UCDE). He stated that many of the TPPC members on the call would have likely met her through their participation in a PREP (Pesticide Regulatory Education Program) course over the years. Suzanne added that her educational background is in environmental toxicology and public/environmental health. Early in her career she served as a pesticide registration chemist in California and then designed and conducted water quality monitoring studies in WA State. Most recently she served as the program manager for PREP for 19 of its 25 year history with UCDE. She administered approx. 85 multi-day residential training programs which served the states, tribes, and university extensions. She and her colleague, Kristy LeClair, will serve the TPPC by: enhance their networking opportunities both internally and externally with Tribal/state/federal partners; help coordinate the analysis of federal programs,

policies, EPA pesticide rules and others which may affect tribes; and assist the TPPC by raising their tribal pesticide program implementation issues to EPA. The UCDE team includes Suzanne at 30% time, Kristy LeClair (public education specialist, who will serve at 20%) and Bob Gruenig. Bob will have limited hours to conduct policy analysis. He served a pivotal role with the TPPC and UCDE is delighted to have him continue this important work. UCDE looks forward to the opportunity to serve the TPPC and is very grateful for this honor.

One TPPC member requested various information related to the Coordinator and UCDE team. These include: a chart showing UCDE's organization, a description of how the Coordinator will work with the TPPC, job descriptions for staff, scope of work, roles and responsibilities within the workplan, and a copy of the grant application sent to EPA. Fred stated that project's RFP (Request for Proposals) outlined what was expected of the Coordinator. Cindy Wire, the EPA Project Officer, explained that EPA is not permitted to share the contents of the grant application.

Action item: Cindy will confer with Fred and Nina on what follow-up information and report back on the November Executive Committee call 11/9/15.

3. EPA Updates (Cindy, Carol, Gabriela)

a) Cindy Wire, OPP

- Federal Certification & Training Rule – EPA received a request to extend comments on the proposed Rule changes for another 60 days. EPA anticipates another request will soon be submitted for a 120-day extension. The 60 day extension may be more likely to be accommodated. Cindy attended regional director's meeting last week. One hot topic was the concern over pesticides and marijuana. As a result, EPA is going to form a national workgroup and invite other federal agencies including the BIA and IHS to participate. Regions, states and tribes will also be asked to participate. This issue is gaining more attention and Cindy will share more information as she learns of it.
- Dan Helfgott recently went on detail with EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics and he is expected to be on this assignment for 2-4 months. In his absence, the interim branch chief for the Governmental and International Services Branch (GISB) will be Patty Parrott, FEAD's Deputy Director.

b) Carol Galloway, OC

- EPA has set up a number of webinars to demonstrate the WPS dashboard. One has been scheduled for tribes, to be held 10/27 at 1 PM Eastern. Everyone is welcome to join the other 3, currently scheduled for 10/23, 10/26, 10/29. EPA is looking for feedback on the dashboard. The timeline is quite slim so they can launch before the end of October. They would appreciate feedback from all. All four webinars will be the same – a demo showing how to navigate the dashboard, the types of data included and answering questions. The phone number for all of the WPS Dashboard webinars: Call in 1-866-918-0772, code 512-467-0913#. The link for the webinar is: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r93j86mfmyv/>.

Action item: Suzanne will share the above webinar information with the TPPC via email by 10/23/15.

c) Gabriela Carvalho, Region 10

- Gabriela offered a reminder about the pollinator course in Spokane Nov 17-19. The meeting will cover pollinator protection, native pollinators, habitat, what tribes can do at homes to protect pollinators, and other topics. Gabriela will be learning from tribes in the room and what EPA can do to support the tribes moving forward and how to extend what they learned to help all the rest of the tribes who could not attend. Training website is here: <https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=20154452E&OID=160>

Action item: Suzanne will share the above webinar information with the TPPC via email by 10/30/15.

4. Federal Certification Plan Workgroup Activities Update (Cindy, Lorry)

Lorry Frigerio will be taking this over and she will be meeting with Nicole Zinn as part of the transition.

5. Managed Pollinator Protection Plan (MP3) Symposium Discussion (Michael L. Goodis, Associate Director, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division)

Michael Goodis shared that EPA is seeking to offer a symposium with state, beekeeping organizations, and tribes to have a meeting and discussion on pollinator protection plans. The symposium will cover what should be included in a plan, lessons learned from states who have already developed a plan, and others. The goal is to help develop effective plans to assist with pollinator health. USDA is also a co-sponsor. Recent conversations have focused mainly on logistics (e.g., date, when, who should attend, etc.). The date still not determined but target timeline is early 2016. Mike welcomes a tribal perspective to be on their calls each Friday 2 PM eastern time.

Fred shared that there may be some input that comes out of the November Tribal Pollinator Meeting to help determine some of the topics/issues that tribes may like to discuss at the symposium. Michael would like to have input on the symposium even earlier than the November course to help guide the symposium's direction. There is an open invitation for tribes to serve on this symposium planning effort. Mike will share an ongoing meeting summary with TPPC so they can have a background on this and the kinds of things they are discussing. They have held 5 calls so far. Jim Mossett generously offered to serve on committee. North Dakota is one of the largest honey-producing states in the country. Jim will attend the November Pollinator meeting and offered to collect feedback to share. Africa Dorame-Avalos offered to assist with this effort. Fred thanked Jim for serving on this effort to reflect tribal interests. TPPC members wishing to share any thoughts or suggestions for the planning process or symposium topics, please forward them to Suzanne Forsyth (spforsyth@ucdavis.edu) who will then forward them to Michael Goodis and Jim Mossett.

Action item: Suzanne will secure from Michael Goodis the ongoing meeting summary for the 5 logistical calls held so far and share with the TPPC before 10/30/15.

Action item: TPPC members to send suggestions for the symposium planning process to Suzanne, who will then forward them to Michael Goodis and Jim Mossett. Members to share send suggestions by

Action item: Jim and Africa to share any feedback/outcomes from the Pollinator Course and share with the TPPC.

6. ITCA Updates (Africa Dorame-Avalos)

Africa reported on several efforts she is assisting with:

- a) Western Region Pesticide Meeting (WRPM) Planning Committee. The committee is planning the breakouts for Regions 8/9/10 and invites tribes with cooperative agreements to attend these. She will gauge ideas and interest in pre-tribal meeting. There is a possibility of co-locating a TPPC meeting with the WRPM. Available dates would be Monday or Friday. If TPPC held a meeting on Friday at the same location as WRPM then we would need a separate contract with the hotel as the Arizona Dept. of Ag (the WRPM host) only has a contract for meeting space through Thursday.
- b) PIRT Steering Committee. Africa also serves on this committee and will help capture tribal input to make the PIRT trainings relevant to tribes.
- c) ITCA in collaboration with the Ak-Chin Tribe will coordinate a tribal inspector WPS training Maricopa, in February 2016. They may have a session on pollinator protection if time permits. ITCA is collaborating with Ak-Chin members Lorinda Sam, Brenda Ball, and Neil Abbott.
- d) ITCA will work with Gila River Indian Community on an IPM in Schools workshop for tribes to be held in summer 2016.

Gabriela wants to make sure that the EPA regional project officers know about these trainings. Save the date will go out and logistics will be finalized in November. Attendance will be open to tribes with

cooperative agreements then open to other if \$\$\$. Travel, lodging and per diem available through ITCA. Announcement will be made at upcoming EPA conference in Reno.

Action item: Africa to send out a save-the-date in November for the WPS training to be held in February.

Fred thanked Africa for her willingness to step up and bring her voice to the planning process for the above efforts.

Willie Kennan reported that CSKT is planning their tribal PIRT for August 8-12, 2016.

7. Fall and Spring TPPC Meeting Planning Discussion (All)

The Fall TPPC Meeting will be January 13-14, 2016 in Maricopa, AZ. AK-Chin has generously agreed to host the meeting. The January Full TPPC meeting will have an election of Executive Committee (EC) officers to be held early in the Full Council meeting on Jan 13. The Full Council meeting shall adjourn at the end of the day on Jan. 14. A suggestion was made that the newly-elected EC hold a brief meeting on the eve of Jan 13 and before the Full Council meeting adjourns at the end of Jan 14. Plan is to get back on track with a fall meeting in October 2016.

The week at a glance:

- Tues 1/12: travel day
- Wed 1/13: Full Council meeting (EC will hold an abbreviated after-hours/early eve meeting at hotel)
- Thu 1/14: Full Council meeting, adjourns 5 PM
- Fri 1/15: travel day

Action item: Suzanne and Kristy to work with Harrah’s and Brenda Ball and other to continue to refine meeting logistics.

The Spring TPPC Meeting is being proposed as part of the WRPM to be held in Scottsdale May 17-19. The question is if there is enough available time in the week’s agenda to accommodate either/or a full/EC meeting. Africa reported that the only currently available slots for a TPPC meeting would be Monday or Thursday PM into Friday.

	Monday 5/16	Tuesday 5/17	Wednesday 5/18	Thursday 5/19	Friday 5/20
AM		WRPM	WRPM	Pre-SFIREG R8, R9, R10?	Full TPPC?
PM		WRPM	WRPM	Full TPPC?	EC TPPC?

Africa and ITCA generously offered the TPPC a free meeting venue if they would like to meet there on this week or another. The group is re-thinking a date and location for the meeting given that the WRPM will go longer than originally thought.

Action item: UCDE to cost out a venue in DC or AZ for May/June and report back to the group on the 11/9 monthly call.

8. PIRT Steering Committee Charter Comments (Fred)

A request for comments on the above was sent out to TPPC by Fred. Please send comments to Fred or Suzanne so they can be shared with Shirley Fan of EPA by 10/28.

Action item: TPPC to submit comments to Fred or Suzanne on or before 10/27.

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

None noted.

10. Next TPPC Conference Call (All)

Because the next regularly scheduled call would interfere with the Pollinator Course on November 18, the TPPC members agreed to move the next call to Monday, November 9, 2015 from 1-3 p.m. EDT.

Action item: Cindy Wire to send out a new calendar appointment for this call.

Tribal Caucus

The last 25 minutes of the call were set aside for a Tribal Caucus to discuss input for a meeting to be held 11/5/15 with OPP/AIEO/OCSP. All EPA and non-tribal attendees logged off the call at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tribal Pollinator Protection Course: November 17-19, 2015 in Spokane, WA
- State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Meeting: December 7-8, 2015 in Arlington, VA
- TPPC Fall Meeting: January 13-14, 2016 in Maricopa, AZ, hosted by the Ak-Chin Tribe
- Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Annual Meeting: March 6-9, 2016 in Alexandria, VA