

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
8/30/17
Call Notes – Final
Call information: 1-866-299-3188; code: 415-947-4242#

Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Glenna Lee, Navajo Nation
Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
James Williams, Muscogee Creek
Neil Abbott, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Ralph Morris, Gila River Indian Community
Lorinda Antone, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
Kevin Greenleaf, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Organizations

Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Emily Ryan, U.S. EPA, OPP
Zoe Emdur, U.S. EPA, OPP
Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OC
Nick Hurwit, U.S. EPA, Region 10
Lance Wormell, U.S. EPA, OPP
Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP

Other

Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 12 member tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Cindy, Emily, Carol, Nick, Amanda, et. al.)

- a) Cindy: The external comment period has closed for the NPM Grant Guidance. EPA received a couple of tribal comments and these were included. No changes will be made and it will be finalized at the end of this month. The Strategic Plan is being worked on and there is not a new schedule as to when there would be a Tribal Consultations.
- b) Amanda: The NTTC met 2 weeks ago to discuss priorities. Fred will share details on next month's call. EPA is still looking at the Regulatory Reform effort but there are no updates on this.
- c) Emily: Nick, Barbara and Emily have the bed bug outreach package ready to go. They discovered that there is one document that had not been fully reviewed by EPA (the laundromat one) so it

cannot be included at this time. Once letter has been signed then it can go out to distribution channels.

Action item: Fred to sign the cover letter right away so they can get it out ASAP.

- d) Carol: The Tribal PIRT is planned for September 2018, hosted by Fort Peck and Martina Wilson. She has been working on some of the enforcement issues pending from the TPPC 2011 Enforcement Issues Paper. One of the issues has been to improve communications that go out to the public. Specific concern is when they take enforcement actions, the word doesn't get out to the tribal communications where this is taking place. EPA needs more input on this on a future call as they are not exactly sure of specifics.

The September will focus on OECA's analysis of the 2011 Enforcement Issues Paper.

Action item: Carol will report back on:

- o EPA's capability to advise and assist tribal inspectors who are called to testify about their inspections.
- o Do inspections conducted under tribal pesticide code "count" toward work plan commitments?
- o EPA's concern when inspections do not identify violations, and whether those inspections "count."

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne)

Efforts from this past month include:

- a) Website edits: calendar, pollinator protection workgroup & resource updates.
- b) Updated TPPC action item documents.
- c) Drafted TPPC election procedure to administer this fall.

4. TPPC Fall Meeting Update (Suzanne)

- a) Planning for TPPC Fall 2017 meeting. Dates are October 3-4, 2017 with the EC meeting the eve of October 3. Thank you to the Winnebago Tribe for hosting.
- b) Registration closes Sept. 18 and all attendees must pre-register to attend. 23 attendees (15 tribes, 4 EPA, 2 admin, 2 speakers). All airline tickets have been booked. Kristy is working on ground transportation arrangements and will be in touch with travelers by next week. The hotel is offering a free RT shuttle to airport – limited to 3 trips each way. Kristy and the hotel are refining the times based on flight schedules. We will use a few rental cars for the FT (12 people.)
- c) Field trip will focus on pollinator protection efforts in Winnebago. Will return to the hotel by 10:30 AM so folks can catch their shuttles to the airport.
- d) We reviewed the agenda and identified spokespeople to cover the FY17 TPPC priority overviews. Thanks to Jasmine Brown who will do the 10-minute Hot Topic feature.

Action item: Suzanne to update the draft agenda and post to the TPPC website by next week.

Action item: after September 22 and Nina Hapner's return, have her identify a Vice Chairperson to attend the October meeting in her place.

Action item: Cindy Wire to send out by 8/31 a call for questions and high-level updates.

5. TPPC Election Process Discussion (Suzanne)

The group discussed the proposed election process and concurred on the dates and actions.

Summary:

- September 1 – TPPC Coordinator sends out solicitations via email for the positions of: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, At-Large (4 positions), Regional representatives.
- September 1-11 – TPPC Coordinator accepts nominations via email.

- September 12-15 – TPPC Coordinator contacts all nominees via email and confirms their acceptance of the nomination.
- Week of September 18 – Ballots are prepared and emailed to all eligible TPPC members along with instructions. Instructions will follow the most recently adopted *TPPC Policies & Procedures* document.
- Week of September 25 – Coordinator emails reminders for TPPC member tribes to return ballots via email if they will not be in attendance at the October meeting. All email ballots are due to the Coordinator no later than 12 noon Pacific Time, Friday, September 29. The Coordinator will print the emailed ballots and bring to the TPPC meeting to be tallied.
- October 3 – Elections will be held after lunch on the first day of the Full Council Meeting. Printed ballots will be given to tribes who have not yet voted via email. The ballots will be counted by the Coordinator and EPA Project Officer.

The list of eligible members was shared with the TPPC via email on August 10. The process and messages will be shared with everyone on the TPPC list serve as a matter of transparency.

6. Pollinator Protection Workgroup Update (Jasmine, Mary, et. al.)

Representatives from this workgroup were not present to we did receive an update.

7. ITCA Updates

Africa Avalos reported that registrations are filling up for their September workshops. They can fund up to 45 people for each and reimburse them for lodging, airfare, and meals.

- IPM for Tribal Communities - ITCA in collaboration with University of AZ and others. Sept 21-22, 2017 at Wildhorse. UCDE sent out announcement, registration form, and agenda.
- ITCA is working with HUD in the southwest region as to their IPM effort. Topics include rodent behavior, mosquitos, bed bugs, cockroaches, risk communication techniques for the public regarding public health vectors, pesticide exposures in children, indoor air quality, and more.
- Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training - Structural and Public Health focus. September 26-28, 2017, Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino, Chandler, AZ (hosted by ITCA). Section 24 (c), handling techniques, equipment calibrations, application rates, role of the QAPP. Tour included. Agenda to follow in the next few weeks. Tribal inspectors from across the U.S. are welcome.
- Africa would like to ask for input at the next meeting as to how ITCA can best meet inspector training needs.

8. TPPC Representatives to PREP/PIRT Committees (All)

There are tribal representatives on the PIRT Steering Committee (Africa Avalos, Jasmine Brown, and Hilery Spray), who reflect tribal needs as part of the PIRT course selection process.

Similar to PIRT, a tribal representative sits on the PREP Steering Committee, the body which decides which courses will be offered each year.

Africa asked that EPA consider funding for tribal representatives to attend more PREPs in 2018. Lance Wormell confirmed that EPA is requesting funding for tribes so their participation can be more robust. Africa offered to serve on the PREP Steering Committee calls to help guide tribal interests. She will also report out on future TPPC monthly calls. The group thanked Africa for her service in reflecting tribal training for both of these efforts.

9. Proposal to Identify Time Slots for Conference Call Agenda Items (Fred)

A request was sent to Fred asking that on future monthly conference calls that we assign a time allocation for each agenda item. There was unanimous support for time limits and concurrence that this

would be a positive move to help make sure we can address all of the agenda items each month. There would still be some flexibility to extend topic times a bit if there was a fruitful discussion which needed a bit more time. Fred will assign time slots on the next monthly call and the group can provide feedback as to how this is working.

10. Action Item Follow-up (see attachment)

The group reviewed the tiered approach and thought this was reflective of the current highest priorities (which align with the TPPC's 2017 priorities.) The consensus was to revisit this after the October meeting, as those overarching priorities might change then.

11. Rozol Labelling Issue Follow-up (see attachment) (All)

We did not address this as the person who asked to discuss not was not on the call today.

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

None mentioned.

13. Next TPPC Conference Call Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 2-4 p.m. EDT

As this date conflicts with the ITCA trainings which could impact as many as 5-6 people attending these monthly call, the group agreed to find another date earlier that week for the September call.

Action item: Fred to send out a poll to members to see if they could attend September 18 or 19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SFIREG Joint Working Committee Meeting, September 18-19, 2017, Arlington, VA
- National IPM for Tribal Communities, Sept 6-7, 2017 (tentatively), Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino, Chandler, AZ (hosted by ITCA)
- Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training- Structural and Public Health focus. September 26-28, 2017, Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino, Chandler, AZ (hosted by ITCA)
- TPPC Fall 2017 Meeting: October 3-4, 2017, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (Sloan, IA)
- Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Spring 2018 Meeting: March 5-7, 2018, Alexandria, VA
- TPPC Spring 2018 Meeting: March 7-9, 2018, Arlington, VA