

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council - Executive Committee Meeting**

October 3, 2017

Sloan, Iowa

**Meeting Notes - Final**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, at the WinnaVegas Hotel at 6:05 PM CDT.

Attendees:

Tribes & Tribal Organizations (10)

- Neil Abbott, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Glenna Lee, Navajo Nation EPA
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Hilery Spray, Winnebago Tribe

EPA (5)

- Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OECA
- Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP
- Nick Hurwit, U.S. EPA, Region 10
- Emily Ryan, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP

Other (2)

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC Consultant

Welcome New Executive Committee Members

Welcome to the 2018-2019 TPPC Executive Committee members.

Chairperson: Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs

Vice Chairperson: Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Region 1: Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs

Region 2: Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

Region 4: Cherise Maples, Seminole Tribe of Florida

Region 5: Dustin Roy, White Earth Reservation

Region 6: Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

Region 7: Hilery Spray, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Region 8: Willie Keenan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Region 9: Neil Abbott, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Region 10: Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

At-Large: Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community

At-Large: Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

At-Large: Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation

At-Large: Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

## Discussion on Next Steps for TPPC Priorities for FY2018

1. IPM in Housing – maybe draft a white paper. Important to mention successes so that other agencies or entities would want to partner with TPPC for outreach and education. HUD, HIS, Office of Children’s health (EPA). EPA Center for IPM.

Some potential collaborators were mentioned. Mansel Nelson at the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. He is a strong advocate for IPM in housing. National Tribal Air Association. Ty Wilson in Denver (Region 6 pesticide program) can travel and do trainings. Stop Pest out of the Northeastern IPM Center can come and do trainings as well. National Lung Association has a grant for remediation. National Center for Health and Housing was also mentioned as were tribal colleges and universities. Can we find a partnership for non-HUD housing?

Getting the white paper is the first step so we have something to share with then as a platform for discussion. One of the other things they could mention in the paper is FEMA trailers. The first shipment had formaldehyde in the homes from the glues used in the construction. This would not necessarily be relevant to IPM. It may fall under environmental health.

Action item: Fred to do first draft (outline) of the issue paper and share with the TPPC by the November monthly call. Fred will draw on language from the strategic objectives letter. TPPC members to start thinking about the steps for implementation.

Irving Provost interjected an alternate topic at this time. Federal law states that EPA can enter into cooperative agreements with Tribes. He wants to amend FIFRA, CFR 40 Section 171.10. Tribes need to look at EPA implementing a new FIFRA giving delegation to Tribes. If more Tribes can get cooperative agreements then they can enforce their own pesticide codes. Changing the law is the best avenue and along with partner groups this can help tribes and bring FIFRA up to par. Oglala Sioux submitted to Fred his printed proposal. Suggested that it be mentioned that a FIFRA amendment be included under the strategic planning discussion.

Western Region Pesticide Meeting next May 2018 in Bismarck, ND. Is there a possibility that tribes can be part of the planning?

2. Pollinators

Need to massively solicit tribes and need presenters for monthly calls. TPPC cannot pay for presenters. Fred wanted to propose something to the states. They are grappling with metrics for their pollinator protection plans. The Utah Bee Lab provided training to tribes at their cost and showed tribes how to sample, how to ID, where to send samples. When you do a sampling you kill 500 native bees and this takes them out of the population. This is less desirable and they are looking at finding traps that don’t result in fatalities. The TPPC Pollinator Protection Workgroup needs to decide its next steps, including the end goal. The original goal was the plan template but now that’s done.

3. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report

The purpose of this report is to create a comprehensive report of what’s going on in Indian Country and parallels a document by the National Tribal Air Association. It’s important to have a reference of status to share with other tribal leaders, agencies and others to share with their delegations.

Action item: By November 2017 Bob Gruenig to share with members a draft of the report (sections completed to date) that would eventually go up on the TPPC website.

#### 4. Risk assessments

Fred suggests TPPC forms a workgroup to work with NTTC so we can leverage some of their help and we don't need to do all the heavy lifting.

Action item: TPPC to reach out to Diane Barton with NTC by October for a collaborative effort between TPPC and NTTC and before October 17 to discuss.

#### 5. EPA Strategic Plan

Has not yet been published. OCSPP has not yet seen it and it's been held closely but she was told that the Administration took a big red marker to it. There are 2 tribal consultations on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

The plan is currently at the White House level. The President will continue the Council for Native American Affairs. In the past the Council was made up of federal agency folks but he wants to open it up to tribal leaders. President wants to do an annual dinner for indigenous population leaders.

Next steps:

- a) After Consultations, be ready to draft some written comments. Usually a 30-day turnaround time. Is this something TPPC wants to do or engage Bob Gruenig to assist? Bob said he's available to assist. The consultation notice will be available in the next week. TPPC can discuss this topic on its October monthly Executive Committee call. Fred suggests we have a template letter for tribes to submit comments. Bob to assist with this template letter. Africa thinks it's important that each tribes' comments be captured individually.
- b) Be thinking about drafting a definition of cooperative federalism. Amanda said that this will be discussed further at next week's tribal forums in DC.
- c) Staying on top of what's going on with the EPA budget.

#### 6. Other (Pesticides in Water Quality)

Not a conferred priority. But the next steps to look into this are to have a conversation with Ken Norton, and work on scoping out central areas of collaboration. Need to get Alaska on board with this. Amanda will help send to Alaskan contacts. Hope is that Alaska rejoins the TPPC. Make recruiting a priority. For next year consider attending the Tribal Lands Forum (display table) could be done. Or align a TPPC meeting to coincide with this. August 2018 in Spokane next year.

#### 7. Membership

Can funds be used create brochures for the purposes of TPPC recruitment? UCLA has an Indian Program and they sometimes offer free printing to Tribes. Bob recalls this topic several years ago and things falling through the crack. Bob drafted a document for an outreach workgroup. Can't recall why committee lost energy. Fred said at the time they did a lot of outreach and attending other national forums. Bob will look for this and pull it out. CSKT has been encouraging folks to take the IPM trainings and materials so they can know what to do in the event of an investigation. The EC used to meet at the Western Region Pesticide Meeting and Fred wonders if we are losing some of state/tribal collaboration. Not sure if the budget will support this but maybe there is some half-way point where the TPPC.

Barriers to recruitment: Authorization letter. ITEP Tribal Lands Forum and others mentioned above. For the next fall meeting in Indian Country consider adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> day to the Full Council meeting.

### Approval of TPPC's FY18 Budget

The Coordinator provide the proposed budget and detailed budget narrative as part of the meeting packet. Pending no reduction in funding for FY18, this will serve as the basis for the TPPC's expenditures for the next project year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM CDT.