

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
08/20/2025
Call Notes – Final

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1. **Tribal Caucus**

2. **Welcome/Introductions**

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians facilitated roll call:

Tribes (10)

- Brad Humphrey, Gila River Indian Community
- Camilo Perez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Chris Ollie, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
- Curry Blankenship, Muscogee Nation
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation (??)
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Steve Anderson, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community
- Theodore Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tribal Organizations (1)

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA (2)

- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP
- Emma Cross, EPA/OECA

Other (1)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

3. EPA Updates

- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP spoke about two announcements she forwarded to the TPPC listserv. First, there is a webinar being offered September 16 on the mitigation measures to protect endangered species from pesticides. **If you are interested in this webinar, you need to register**

for it. Second, there is a new mobile tool called Pesticide App for Label Mitigation (PALM), which you can access at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pesticide-app-label-mitigations>.

- Linsey mentioned that she and Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals are working on the agenda for the fall meeting and there was some interest from upper management in attending. This could be a great opportunity to present higher level managers with TPPC priorities.
- Emma Cross, EPA/OECA is continuing to update the Worker's Protection Standard (WPS) Inspection Manual that was discussed at last month's meeting. There was a call that was sent out asking for any written feedback and Emma has not received any yet. If you have any feedback to share, please send it to Emma. There will also be a call for formal tribal consultation with this manual. Given that now is a busy time with growing season and TPPC members might not be able to comment, they will have the opportunity again when the call goes out to formal tribal consultation. The next work group session will be September 2nd so it would be ideal to get comments sent to Emma by September 1st. They are not on a tight deadline to issue this manual so if more time is needed, they can adjust the timeline. You can provide feedback by doing track changes in the document and leaving comments as you see fit. If it is a bigger picture issue, you can also send a summary. They are open to whatever format works for you to provide them feedback.
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians copied the feedback discussed at the last meeting and put it in the chat so everyone could see what was discussed. Nina asked EPA staff to be more cognizant of asking for comment during the busy growing season. In the future, when they solicit comments on something, it would be beneficial if they presented it to the TPPC with the top few issues they think are most important to TPPC. This can help TPPC members focus on what will impact them and what they should comment on in a more efficient way given everyone's demands.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

- Fall Meeting Update
 - Although the fall meeting is still tentative, a block of rooms has been set aside along with a conference room at headquarters at Ak-Chin. Mark is working with Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community about some presentations and a possible field trip during the meeting. There are a lot of people signed up both in person and virtual but at this point, no plane tickets will be purchased yet given the uncertainty around funding. Once they are given the go-ahead, they will move quickly to get flights booked. If you are interested in attending, please respond to the survey Mark sent out about registration.
- EC Election Reminder
 - The election is coming up for the Executive Council and as a reminder, the only folks who can vote in the election and serve are those who are authorized members. It is a 2-year term for the folks who serve. Mark will send out an email in a few weeks to nominate people for these positions, but the actual voting will take place in October. If

you are not an authorized member and you would like to vote or serve, you will need to get an authorization letter to Mark prior to voting.

5. TPPC Nomination for Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

- Nominations are now open for the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). This is a 6-year term with a deadline of August 21st. The group nominated Camilo Perez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community during the meeting. Curry Blankenship, Muscogee Nation was nominated to be the alternate. Linsey will send an email notifying Jeffrey Chang of the new representative and alternate.

6. Tribal Caucus Report-out

- Nina shared that if Victoria Tran came to speak, they would try to put together some questions beforehand so if anyone had anything they would like to ask her, send in questions.

7. Workgroup Report-out

No updates reported.

8. NTC Updates

No updates reported.

9. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association announced that CIBA just signed an MOU with Graton Rancheria to have their gathering up there in 2026. She would like to get some speakers at the gathering and asked Nina since it will be in her territory.
- There is a comment opportunity for Fluoxapiprolin and the close date is Sept 12th
(<https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0980/>)

10. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

*(Yellow highlighting in the notes above indicates action items)