

Tribal Pesticide Program Council - Executive Committee Meeting

October 12, 2018

Chandler, Arizona

Meeting Notes - Final

The meeting was called to order by Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel at 8:00 AM.

Attendees:

Tribes (10)

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe
- Tonia Cleveland, Shoshone Paiute Tribes
- Annette George, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

Tribal Organizations (2)

- Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA (2)

- Jackie Mosby, U.S. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs
- Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP

Other (2)

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

A. Check-in on TPPC's FY2018 Priorities

- Status of each
 - What work is completed and what remains?
 - What should the list be for FY2019?
1. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report
 2. Risk assessments
 3. Direct implementation

Action item: Bob to lead an update on each monthly call with a list of things needing input for the Status Report.

Concurrence is to retain these on the list and not add any.

B. Proposal to restore the TPPC logo

The current TPC logo is poor resolution and lacks detail. It's impossible to see some of the elements of the original design. If we could have it restored by the end of 2018 then that's ideal. If ITCA isn't able to recreate it then we will need a backup plan. Consensus is that a tribal artist should be the one to work on it. Jasmine might be able to assist with a list of elements to make sure are included in the logo.

Fred asked if the TPPC could set aside money for the brochures and a banner. Right now there is a continuing resolution which expires December 8, 2018. Based on funding, we can keep some placeholders for items as soon as we know the base funding.

Fred asked if EPA could consider starting the RFA process early and Cindy concurred that EPA is already working on this to make sure it's seamless. Cindy Wire assured Fred that it's on their radar so there is no lapse in coverage.

Action items:

- UCDE to send ITCA the current logo. Africa to send the logo to her web artist to see the feasibility of the restoration and report by the November monthly call.
- Eric Gjevre to reach out to Lillian Wilmore to see if she still have a version of the original artwork.

C. TPPC draft policy on how to allocate \$20,000 in travel funding for members to request for pesticide-related trainings in FY 2019

Suzanne presented a proposed process for requests and approvals for travel money, which TPPC members (in good standing with authorization letters on file) may request for pesticide-related trainings in FY2019. Once UCDE has received its EPA award letter for FY2019 money, then they can begin the process with the TPPC.

Action items:

- Jasmine to send TPPC banners to Suzanne to distribute in case other entities would like to use it for outreach.
- Suzanne to lead an inquiry for printed needs of the bed bug packet and brochures and to set aside resources in the FY19 budget, pending resources.

Draft Proposal for TPPC Member Travel to Pesticide-Related Forums in FY2019

Suzanne presented a proposal to the EC for options to use the carryover funds.

Questions:

- Clarification of the regional project officer concurrence. TPPC members don't need to have a cooperative agreement in order to request to be considered.
- Whether the TELF would meet the threshold for consideration (EPA indicated that it was not)

EPA encouraged the group to consider the value of the RIR program and encouraged the group to look at what options would be the most benefit to the group.

Jasmine made a motion to adopt the proposal and we can tweak things over time, as needed. First-come-first-served. The group agreed. UCDE may adopt a Google-based form versus the paper form by the National Tribal Water Council shared as an example.

Suzanne proposed that the group add to the list to consider setting aside \$10K for the RIR program for TPPC members attend. Although a few of the EC stated they would not be able to commit to attend for a week. The group agreed.

Action item: UCDE to set aside an additional \$10K for RIR, decision making shall be the EPA PO and the Regional PO.

Action: include the RIR into the framework for the training funding decision.

Diania Caudell and CIBA – how could CIBA benefit from the RIR interaction? They don't ever get an invitation from Region 9. CIBA has to reach out to Region 9 to be included. Jackie reinforced how RIR would be an excellent opportunity for mutual understanding of items of concern.

Jasmine suggested maybe we want to spend \$10K for a tribal risk assessor that can better help with the RA portions of the TPPC issue paper.

D. Other items

Jasmine reflected that we identified that we needed to define a couple of processes:

1. Filling the at-large positions
2. Feedback on various items

NPG – one of the things that come to CSKT is that an increasing number of pesticides are used in the non-ag use pattern. Fred suggested that even with pollinators and consumer use of products has a disproportionate effect on pollinators.

Finding IPM trainings in Region 8 is a challenge. ITCA has offered national symposia in Region and it's open to other tribes as well. Housing, agricultural, structural - how to target pests without the use of pesticides. Africa is hoping that Stop Pests will be able to help with this as long as a certain number of Housing staff can attend. Stop Pests develops brochures for communities, and can tailor the materials for each community. Outreach is an important component. Jasmine reflected an interest in tribal-specific IPM training material. There are widespread challenges in getting Housing staff to attend trainings and if it's not supported by management then there's little likelihood that their staff will participate. Jasmine agrees that ITCA's IPM trainings will be very worthwhile in sending the CSKT people to. Jasmine suggested that entities look at the potential cost of NOT being trained: potential exposures to children, school closures as a result of misuse, and others. Africa to send to the ITCA trainings

E. Proposal for Future Forums

A quick glance of the forums remaining include:

FY2019

- March 2019

FY2020

- Fall 2019 – proposal to expand to 3.5 days; include 1 day risk communication training
- Spring 2020
- Summer 2020 – proposed add-on forum; entirely leadership training

There was general interest in expanding the fall 2019 meeting to 3.5 days (Tuesday through Friday noon) and adding 1.5 days of risk communication by NPIC. There was also interest in holding a third forum (3 days) in summer 2020 and include leadership training (leadership style, communication style).

Other special topics:

- Fred said that through The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of 1990, (which addresses the rights of lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations to Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony) tribal museums are sending artifacts back to tribes and there is concern that they may be laced with pesticides. Are tribes equipped to deal with these? The Washington National Records Center (WNRC) is located in the Suitland Federal Complex in Suitland, Maryland, approximately 7 miles east of the Capitol. It's an archive where items are stored and they can offer assistance in analyzing them.
- Jasmine said that tribes never had a voice in Dicamba decisions. She wants to see USDA at the table to inform tribes what's coming on line for GMOs and others. Eric Gjevre said that PPDC spent an entire half day on Dicamba. This is one item for RIR – tribes don't have a seat at the table to discuss this.

F. Ways to Improve Engagement

Bob and Suzanne reflected on the challenges they have when they don't receive ample feedback from TPPC members to carry out their tasks (e.g., revising sections of the Status of Pesticides in Indian Country report, polls about changing meeting dates, etc.) Jasmine reflected on how attendance at the PPP workgroup has waned. Jasmine feels that as soon as discussions ensued about the MP3 plan, people dropped off.

USDA is developing a native pollinator monitoring network and they are interested in working with tribes to develop SOPs or create a coordinated network. The goal is to get an idea of what's happening nationally. The next PPP call is on 10/31/18. They have a scientist who has collected bees nationwide. To do a native bee baseline assessment report, his lab charges \$10K. A lot of this work is available if tribes have the funding.

Fred reflected on how the lack of feedback and input has adverse effects on the TPPC. Fred asked that the Executive Committee be more forthcoming about feedback via email and monthly calls as this is their role as representatives of their regions. Fred concluded that the extensive engagement is a challenge and the TPPC will try harder.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.