

**TPPC Executive Committee Meeting**  
January 13, 2016  
Hosted by Ak-Chin Indian Community ~ Maricopa, Arizona  
Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM at the Ak-Chin Harrah's Hotel.

**Attendees:**

Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs  
Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians  
Glenna Lee, Navajo Nation  
Hilery Spray, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Tony McCandless, Gila River  
Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation  
Jody LaFriniere, White Earth  
Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated tribes  
Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation  
Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe  
Willie Keenan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe  
Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association  
Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP  
Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP  
Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OECA  
Colleen Keltz, U.S. EPA, OPP  
Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA, Region 10

**Agenda**

1. Leveraging funding from other sources
2. Establishing TPPC priorities for FY2016
3. Updating TPPC resources

There were several proposed agenda items at the start of the meeting yet the items above were the ones addressed.

<b>Ways to Leverage Funding from Other Sources</b>
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Recognizing that TPPC resources are limited and earmarked for solely for TPPC workplan TPPC, the Executive Committee (EC) brainstormed on ways to leverage resources from other sources which might be used to help TPPC to broaden its impact and member participation in other arenas. These include leveraging funds for TPPC member travel to other national meetings of significance, resources/tools a tribe would be willing to share with another, etc.

Suggestions included: Western IPM Center – it was reported by one member that they were looking for ways to expand and are open to working with tribes. What are potential obstacles? Western IPM Center has expressed interest so we should pursue. If this is not possible then we can look to Susan Ratcliff for assistance.

The CSKT reflected on lice control and how to help put together something for other tribes to use. Give tools they can use to offset this would be empowering. CSKT was able to break through family barriers and affect positive outcomes.

Susan Ratcliff Northeastern IPM Center – bed bugs. Her group had formerly offered funding to other tribes for special needs. Tribes may not need to respond to an RFP for funding through Susan’s group. Suggestion for Susan to talk to Matt Bauer to see how this could be done in western region. Susan able to fund travel to various symposiums and activities that would serve interests to address pesticides in Indian Country.

Jasmine offers to update the survey on bed bugs pending timing (November-March is best.)

Hilery worked with NCIS for pesticide container recycling. Encouraged others to reach out to other entities for assistance such as this.

Amanda Hauff mentioned EPA’s Skills Marketplace vehicle. We need set requirements and skills. People respond, offer 20% of their time, work for a year.

Western IPM Center may have money for travel. Susan Ratcliff may be better to work with directly. Amanda Hauff could help administer as well and reach out to other coordinators as well. Perhaps do a pilot.

An issue for CSKT is that applicators are using not rinsing.

Intertribal Agricultural Council offered help on the pollinator protection plan. It’s reported that they offer resources to other tribes and their funding is through USDA. Jasmine attended another meeting that USDA money might still be able to assist.

Idea of TPPC developing its own 501(c)(3).

Region 10 has an interagency agreement with Holly Thompson. Important to have resources of people to do the work once it’s been identified to be done. Concern is that we will develop a huge list of action items for work to be done and won’t be able to find support to do it. Contact for Intertribal Ag Council is Lea Zeiss. Sonam Gill from Region 9 has offered to help with pollinator protection plan template.

**Action items:**

- Reach out to Intertribal Ag Council, Susan Ratcliff, and others like Western IPM Center for funding.
- Suzanne to reach out to Matt Bauer in the next month to see if TPPC members can request funds for travel; see what is possible.
- Amanda to look within her office for the Skills Workplace assessment to share with Full Council by next week. Amanda to share outline with all.

**Establishing TPPC Priorities for FY2016**

The following were proposed as the top 4 priorities for the TPPC in 2016, although they were not ranked:

- #1 Status of Pesticides Report
- #2 Bed bugs
- #3 IPM in public housing
- #4 Pollinators

Action item: Nina to ask Bob Gruenig for most recent version of Status of Pesticide Report; she will share with members.

Lorry Frigerio EPA/OPP has the lead on bed bug work with EPA and will be a regular contact on conference calls and has had dialogue with other federal agencies. She has a background in IPM and has been a part of EPA's sustainability efforts.

Suggestion by Amanda Hauff that instead of a survey on bed bug issues, maybe there's a phone call with tribes with a enforcement cooperative agreement and that can be put into justification. It may be easier to have a facilitated input session via phone, drafted, then sent back out to people to get feedback. Invite EPA project officers to this call. This is actually timely as Gabriela is assisting with EPA's project officer training and the chapter on tribal considerations.

**Action item: OECA & Gabriela Carvalho to schedule call with Project Officers and tribal inspectors to review the time factor guidance and discuss realities for how long it takes to conduct inspections in Indian country.**

One EC member suggested that the TPPC website would be a good way to pool resources from all of the tribes. Outreach/IPM has 10 pages of links. Gila River has found that sole reliance on pesticides has been ineffective in bed bug control, and that pesticides should only be used as part of a bed bug IPM program. So if resources can be grouped which are tribe-friendly versus tribes going to states. Some of the EPA resources are not necessarily tribe friendly and are too technical (e.g., Xerxes.)

Discussion turned to housing in Indian Country and that it should be a huge national priority for EPA. TPPC suggests that we are missing a huge proportion of families by not addressing housing issues. TPPC was gaining traction and interest in this topic with EPA but it was perhaps sidelined a bit due to pollinator protection under Obama priorities.

In looking for ways to raise funds, one member reported that Facebook has a GoFundMe tool to raise donations. Is there a mechanism for TPPC to take donations? Answer was no, not directly to the award. Another suggestion for communities to seek assistance if they are strapped: some Alaskan tribes are very inventive for heat treatment of furniture. Why couldn't a tribe build a GoFund me page to create a heat treatment apparatus or other innovative intervention? Many bed bug strains (6 of 12 studied at VA Tech) are shown to be resistant.

Registrants may be another source of funds. CropLife America as well.

Members discussed the question "Would accepting funding from a registrant compromise the perception of TPPC or perhaps otherwise obligate them to private interests?" There was not a clear consensus but was the basis for proactive dialogue.

One member asked, in with the intent to define the context for the discussion on resources, what exactly are tribes looking to fund? There is a lot of outreach available if we pool resources. An example is Hanta virus kits which are already put together. There's not a kit for bed bugs and a lot of work for a homeowner to do to get rid of them. Why not a bed bug kit? CSKT does a ton of outreach on bed bugs for control. Families need to choose between feeding their families versus purchasing products, which are ineffective.

How is this going to work? In the Border Area, Community members are trained to in the area where information is being gathered. If we could train people in the community who care, build this program and look for funding, knowing it worked in border zones for pesticide exposures, sans government as face, maybe have HUD fund part of this other sources for social advocacy. Maybe Amanda could assist with this. Can track behavior change. Pot of money that an advocate can help a family obtain after they've had education. Alaskan villages may have a pilot under this regard and we can look to them for

lessons learned. Tribes could possibly work with registrants to serve as a pilot for field testing new products.

Action item: get a status report on activities in Alaska. Gabriela states that the work just began in November so there may not be much to report on in the near future.

Another question was asked as to how does TPPC handle the fact that it represents only a small proportion of tribes nationally? The TPPC must emphasize importance of continued tribal consultation and that they do not speak for all 527 federally recognized tribes. The need exists to help adjust the misperception that TPPC represents all tribes with a lot of burden and the need to be more effective. Attendees at Western Region Tribal members who are not TPPC members note that they have a voice at Western Region meeting and they are present.

#### Updating TPPC Resources

What updates are needed for the P&P (the most recent version is March 2015)? We need to better define the official membership distinctive from the mailing list. The Coordinator is working on obtaining authorization letters. There is a large number of tribes who want to be in the loop. There is a lot of confusion of the two lists and they are no longer discrete. This could possibly be resolved if the web is used to share resources and people aren't asking to be included on the loop. The P&P doesn't say if letterhead is needed for validity of an authorization letter. Suggestion that full council meetings are open to all (they are). Encourage more attendance by other local parties. Sending it out through OPP updates since not as many people read the Federal Register (and it costs \$2K).

Action items: address P&P edits by April. Nina to add suggested language for changes by March and send out to TPPC vial email. Get input on it verbally or written and approve at next in-person meeting. Nina's input will focus on election, representation letters, and where the public announcements will be made. Africa and Glenna to submit changes about membership, election, decision-making. Timeline is to send out by March conference call and get feedback.

Tony McCandless shared a bed bug card made by EPA, with a creative spin put on them by Gila River. Action item: Tony to email this card to the group.

Adjournment: 7:56 PM