

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
02/19/2020
Call Notes – Final
Call in number: 202-991-0477, Pass Code 6135015#

Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Dustin Roy, White Earth Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Organizations

- Diana Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OPP

Other

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Continuing and Professional Education
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC

1. Welcome/Introductions (00:00 - 00:05)

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

2. EPA Updates (Emily, Amanda, Peter, et. al.) (00:05 - 00:20)

Emily Ryan, EPA/OPP – As a reminder EPA recently wrapped up targeted outreach on the C&T plan in Indian Country. A number of tribes had existing agreements in place. EPA sent tribal consultation letters regarding the upcoming dates. The first is Feb 26 from 12-2 PM eastern. April 6 is the second date. Letters went out to all the tribal leaders which included the draft plan, options, and clarifications. This info has also been loaded to a tribal consultation database and is available.

Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OPP – Rachel met last week with the TPPC risk assessment workgroup and had a conversation with Mike Metzger from EPA's Health Effects Division (HED). Mike was able to discuss a few things they can share with the group with respect to data (e.g., spray drift, and others). They lack certain info and will be looking to TPPC to help fill this in (meat consumption and pesticide usage.) HED staff will attend at the March TPPC meeting next month.

Nina would like to know from EPA what's coming up with respect to tribal program funding and the forecast for that. Emily said she and the EPA Tribal Team is still waiting to hear that. Hopefully we will know by the time of the March meeting.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:20 – 00:35)

a) Administrative

- Lucy Parker from the Southern Miwok Tribe has resigned from the TPPC Executive Committee UCDE. There was one other candidate on the ballot who was not selected this time but the P&P states this is how I need to address this: *In the event that an At-Large position becomes vacant, there will be an election among the alternates for this position to fill the vacated primary At-Large position in a timely manner. The process shall include a call for nominations for the position, a ballot issued to TPPC members on which they shall cast their vote for a specific candidate, and any other steps that the full Council shall deem appropriate. There will then be a subsequent election process to fill the vacated alternate position.*

Action item: Suzanne will wait until after the March 2020 meeting to put out a call for nominations followed by an election handled via email.

Jasmine said that Ryan Evans will likely be taking a promotion within the tribe and that he likely won't be able to continue on the TPPC. Suzanne will wait until he resigns in order to initiate the replacement process.

- UCDE received requests for travel funding to attend the AAPCO meeting from 4 TPPC members and all were approved by EPA. This is in addition to the TPPC Chairperson attendance. Emily will be reaching out to the 5 AAPCO attendees about what she hopes they will share at TPPC.
- Reminder about the process to use the portal on the website and be mindful of the advance notice needed for EPA to consider the requests. The portal appears on the TPPC website under Travel tab, bottom link.

b) Spring 2020 meeting

- We extended the deadline for travel funding requests and received a total of 16 requests, which were all approved. 10 of those are EC members so we have good representations. 16 paid TPPC members, 2 non-paid TPPC members, 3 EPA tribal team members plus faculty.
- The rooming block deadline closed Feb 11 and the deadline to register for the meeting was Feb 17.
- The airline ticketing process is complete and we have pre-paid hotel rooms at the Courtyard for hotel rooms for those who requested it and emailed them their rooming confirmations.
- A draft agenda is attached to this call reminder and will go to the web this week.

Other potential topics:

- Potential future budgetary concerns
- Fall meeting location
- Is anyone interested in applying for tribal grants, if so, could EPA could give an update on available grants?

4. Pollinator Brainstorming Session (Emily) (00:35 – 01:05)

Emily suggested we defer this topic until Amanda can join the call again and the group agreed.

Suggestion was made to compile tribal pollinator resources as there appears to be a resurgence of interest. Nina would like more info on the Aroostook project with native youth and pollinators. The Intertribal Ag Council and Xerxes were part of this effort.

5. Risk Assessment Workgroup Planning for March Meeting (Rachel) (01:05 – 01:15)

Rachel gave an update on this in the EPA updates section above.

6. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report (Bob) (01:15 – 1:30)

- 3 major things for the report.
- Overview of the report, pulling out major points for each of the sections.
- Other things like report formatting, distribution long-term step – ID of future priorities.
- Development of evaluation – how effective is the report and how effective is the distribution?

Bob had two calls in the last month to talk about the risk assessment sections and what should be included. All priority sections of the report have been drafted and shared and updated based on feedback from workgroup members. Updated EPA data included and his intent is to have a full package for the workgroup to review by this week. Hope is to have a full draft out to the TPPC in advance of the March meeting. (Well done, Bob and team!)

7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:30 – 02:00)

James Jackson reminded folks that there is a Tribal PIRT coming up and they would like to have some more tribal representatives attend.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 2-4 p.m. EST)

Fred suggested we talk about this at the March meeting but there's a chance we might cancel this call if there is not pressing business following the March in-person meeting. We can add this to the list of things to discuss at the Executive Committee meeting on March 13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 73rd Annual AAPCO Spring Meeting, March 8-11, 2020, Alexandria, VA
- TPPC Spring Meeting, March 11-13, 2020, Arlington, VA
- Tribal PIRT, April 27- May 1, 2020, Muscogee Creek, Tulsa, OK
- Western Region Pesticide Meeting, April 21-23, 2020, Bend, OR