

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
11/16/16
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Irv Provost, Oglala Sioux tribe
Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
Kevin Greenleaf, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
Frank Venegas, Cocopah
Lorinda Antone, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Willie Keenan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians

Tribal Organizations

Africa Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Gabriela Carvalho, EPA Region 10
Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP
Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OECA
Barbara Pualani, U.S. EPA, Region 2
Emily Ryan, U.S. EPA
Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP

Other

Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)
Bob Gruenig, TPPC Consultant

Reported in advance as absent:

Les Benedict – St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
Jasmine Courville-Brown – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chair, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 10 member tribal and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Cindy, Lorry, Carol, et. al.)

- a) Cindy: Draft FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance discussion. Cindy shared the draft document via email this week along with a calendar appointment inviting TPPC members to a discussion on 11/21. The document has already been reviewed by regional project officers and

their comments have been incorporated. It's a document geared for states and tribes which have cooperative agreements with EPA but anyone can comment on it. There is a call planned for 11/21 to talk about the key changes between this version and the previous cooperative agreement guidance. On this call we will talk about how to collect comments on behalf of TPPC and leverage Bob Gruenig's assistance in this effort. Bob will draft something based on comments heard on the call and any emailed to him and share the collective comments with TPPC for feedback. There will be a one week turnaround time, which was agreeable to everyone. Bob said he could accommodate this schedule and get comments out by 11/28.

- b) Lorry: Next steps for bed bug issue paper response. Newest development is that there was a call with TPPC volunteers and federal volunteers. Lorry reviewed some of the highlights from the call. An action item from that call was to develop an outreach plan and work with a couple of folks to come up with a plan which comes up with elements contained in the 4 large buckets (training, funding, etc.) There is a Global Bed Bug Summit at the end of November. Sue Ratcliffe with North Central IPM Center generously came up with funding for 4 TPPC members to attend. Nina Hapner, Africa Dorame-Avalos, Joe Herrera, and Jennifer Skarada from Alaska. Don Baumgartner from U.S. EPA, Region 5 will also attend.
- c) Emily Ryan, new to EPA and the Government and International Services Branch (GISB). EPA has 3 new folks who have joined GISB. Emily provided an update on the POINTS database. Not sure what timeframe is for migration, still waiting for them to transfer CPARD data. Tribes will be able to get accounts. Gabriela pointed out this was an action item for the October meeting for Willie and Jasmine. Emily will keep everyone posted on how to get a password.
- d) Carol Galloway – the revised WPS Inspection Manual is in final review and should be distributed soon.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne)

- a. Website updated with all 2016 meeting information (agenda, PDFs, and meeting notes will be next.) The Pollinator resources area is still undergoing major changes. It will host the Workgroup files and expand available resources for tribes. Thanks to Mary Clock-Rust for her help with content and making this more user-friendly.
- b. Highlights and Q/A from October meeting eval:
 - Evaluation response rate was 67% for October. We are aiming for 100%. We apply the feedback given and these are important. I welcome your ideas on how to get folks to turn in their evaluations at the end of the course.
 - Breakout/working sessions should continue.
 - Lots of topic ideas submitted!
 - Question about travel: all of the information is in the emails and on the web and we need people to open and read these. Any questions on travel should be directed to Kristy.
 - Request was made to provide dinner at evening EC meeting. Note: cooperative agreements are banned by OGC from providing an evening meal so folks will need to continue to purchase their dinner on their own.
- c. TPPC Spring 2017 meeting announcement went out Nov 8. Website is updated with all the information. The meeting will be held after AAPCO on March 8-10. Overlap 1 day (Mar 8). Full Council meeting is Wed-Thurs, March 8-9; Exec Committee meets morning of Friday, March 10, travel in afternoon. Tribes are encouraged to attend AAPCO as a means to enhance their networking with state lead agencies, EPA, and registrants. TPPC members will need to cover their own expenses to attend this meeting. Cindy Wire has secured the meeting space at OPP.

Deadlines:

- Nov 23, 2016: Deadline for TPPC travel funding requests (via registration portal)
- Nov 28, 2016: UCDE to notify travelers if funding request can be accommodated
- Dec 12, 2016: Deadline to book air travel (funded travelers only)
- Jan 16, 2017: Deadline to book host hotel at reduced rate (all attendees)

- Mar 1, 2017: Deadline to register to attend (all attendees)

Notes about March meeting:

- Refreshments at March 2017 meeting will be coffee/tea in the morning and following lunch.
- Host hotel serves a full breakfast and eve reception.
- Affordable eateries for lunch are within walking distance.
- Internet connection will not available due to secured federal network. Attendees need to use their 4G or other personal hotspot connection.
- Attendees must present a valid ID which satisfies the Real ID Act.
- Real ID Act: for entry into Federal Buildings, an ID compliant with the REAL ID Act is required. Your State issued driver's license is acceptable unless you are from the states of AZ, NY, MN, AK, ME, MA, WA, MT, OK, LA, or KY. "Enhanced" driver's licenses from MI, MN, NY, VT, or WA are accepted. More information on the REAL ID Act can be found at: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>

TPPC members who will request travel funding should not purchase any travel on their own until their funding request has been approved and UCDE has contacted them with directions for travel planning. If requested through the registration portal, UCDE can prepay lodging for funded travelers at the host hotel only.

Many topics have been proposed for the March meeting and Suzanne recommends agenda planning before the November call. The host hotel will be the Residence Inn Arlington Capital View, 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, VA. Next agenda-planning call set for 11/23 at 10 AM Pacific.

Action item: Suzanne to send an announcement and attachments for this call.

- d. March 2017 AAPCO Meeting. AAPCO will refine their agenda next week. Tribal session will be 45 minutes Monday or Tuesday. They are interested in hearing a success story, and not so much a status report of TPPC activities. The AAPCO Board really liked Nina's presentation two years ago where she highlighted Kashia's initiative and success in weed management. The tribal topic for 2017 could be something also of interest to the states, EPA, registrants, and Universities. Suggestion was to work in the messaging that tribes are hoping to network more and share resources with states. More info from AAPCO after they meet this week.

4. Pollinator Protection Workgroup Update (Jasmine, Gabriela, et. al.)

Fred offered a brief update for the Workgroup and asked if there were other volunteers to participate. Jim Mossett might be able to participate. The Workgroup will meet on the second Wednesday of every month. Not sure it will meet in March as it will conflict with TPPC meeting. On the first call there was a lot of discussion about format of the call, goals of the Workgroup.

Fred offered to contact AAPCO president (Bonnie Rabe) to see if a pollinator protection workgroup person could be part of the AAPCO if the topic will be included. Gabriela will mention this to Jasmine and Mary to see what would be appropriate.

5. Agenda Planning for March 2017 TPPC Meeting (see attachment)

The group began to review a lengthy list of suggested topics which had been collected for the past year for 2016-2017 meetings. In a handful of cases, the suggestions were linked to current TPPC priorities so the group could prioritize these over others and remain focused on what's critical. Suggestion was to do a quick survey about the standing sessions and rank suggested topics for March 2017 to help guide agenda planning for March. Suzanne will plan to use the October agenda as a template for tribes who need one for travel planning.

Action item: Suzanne to send out a poll about prioritization of topics with a fast turnaround time.

6. Action Item Follow-up (see attachment) (Nina)

The group reviewed the current action items and a lot of progress was made in updating current ones and removing completed ones.

7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All)

None noted.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EST)