

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call**

12/18/19

Call Notes – Final

Call in number: 202-991-0477, Pass Code 6135015#

Roll call:

Tribes

- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Frank Venegas, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Gerald Wagner, National Tribal Caucus
- Diana Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

Tribal Organizations

- Amity Furr, Eight Northern Pueblos

EPA

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

Other

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis CPE
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC

Reported in advance as absent:

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Africa Dorame-Avalos, ITCA

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

Fred Corey was not able to join the call so Nina Hapner agreed to facilitate the call in his place. Emily Ryan facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for the 11 tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Emily, Amanda, Peter, et. al.) (00:05 - 00:15)

Emily reported that EPA is working on the draft plan for the C&T in Indian Country. EPA is working hard to get the Tribal Consultations in place and is keeping track of input and responding to questions. They are waiting for the draft plan to be approved internally and will send a notice of consultations after that in January 2020. Tribes will have the opportunity to submit comments through both the public docket and tribal consultation docket (in TCOTS), and the comment periods for both dockets will likely extend past the March 4, 2020 deadline for the submission of drafts. Emily will invite someone from the CWPB on the January 2020 call to go into greater detail. Tribal Consultations will be scheduled once the internal plan is approved and in place. Everyone will be consulted and will have a chance to provide input.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:15 - 00:30)

- a) Administrative
 - Received requests for travel funding to attend the AAPCO meeting from 3 TPPC members.
- b) Received a request from Devika Ghai and the Pesticide Action Network of North America. They published "*In Case of Drift*" toolkits I shared with the TPPC back in 2017. They have a new and improved version in case you're interested.
- c) Fall 2019 meeting
 - Website updates complete with the exception of 1 document which will be posted by this Friday.
- d) Spring 2020 meeting
 - Announcement went out 11/20/19 and a reminder about the 12/15 travel funding deadline went out 12/11/19.
 - Received only 11 requests for travel funding this time. 6 of those are EC members. Will extend the deadline to this Friday 12/20.
 - Note the change in hotel to the Courtyard Arlington Crystal City (behind the Renaissance.) Same walking distance to OPP from the Residence Inn where we've stayed in the past.
 - Deadlines:
 - Dec 13, 2020: Deadline for receipt of travel funding requests via registration portal (extend to 12/20)
 - Dec 20, 2020: UCDE to notify travelers if funding request can be accommodated (Extend to next week)
 - Jan 6, 2020: UCDE sends instructions to funded travelers on how to book travel
 - Jan 20, 2020: Deadline to book airfare (funded travelers only)
 - Feb 11, 2020: Deadline to reserve hotel room in block (all attendees)
 - Feb 17, 2020: Deadline to register to attend (all)
- e) Tribal PIRT – Suzanne distributed the draft agenda for the April 2020 meeting and James Jackson asked the TPPC for additional guidance on training sessions that they would like to incorporate. Muscogee Creek will be sharing the draft agenda with the EPA PIRT Steering Committee on January 14, 2020.

Note: PERC will support the training with WPS resources including a handout on the WPS inspector resources library. 30-40 people to attend.

Will add pesticides and conservation issues. Suggested: wildfires and pesticide issues.

4. Planning for the Spring 2020 Meeting (Suzanne) (00:30 – 01:00)

On 12/9 I sent out a prelim list of topics for the March meeting. I received one addition: Status of the FIFRA Section 24 (c) 2019, the revised draft by AAPCO/SFIREG/POM.

TPPC 2019-2020 Priorities (amended October 2019)

- A. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report
- B. Tribal risk assessments
- C. Direct implementation in Indian Country

Items already planned for the March 2020 agenda

- Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report breakout (4 hours)

- Reports & feedback (Chairman, Coordinator, EPA, regional sub-lead, etc.)
- Tribal caucus (1 hour)
- SFIREG update
- Tribal hot topics
- Speaker from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History

Topics to consider

- Update on the Worker Protection Standard and Application Exclusion Zone revision. *Medium*
- Re-engage with EPA/HED risk assessment speaker, follow-up to 2017-2019 sessions. *Medium to High. Look to see what was presented the first time compared to now.*
- Presentations with tribal case studies (with topics related to priorities). *Medium*
- Partner group presentation (*please suggest one*) and how TPPC may collaborate with them. AEIO representation and Scott Mason? *High*
- Tribal health professionals who can speak about chemical exposures at their hospitals. *Wait for October 2020 and IHS on that area*
- Other topics relevant to TPPC's current priorities (e.g., risk assessment, direct implementation aspects of the Status Report). *Medium*
- Status of the FIFRA Section 24(c) 2019, the revised draft by AAPCO/SFIREG/POM...status. *Go back to the submitter. Medium*

5. Certification Rule Concerns (Jim)

Discussed earlier on the agenda.

6. Western Region Pesticide Meeting Tribal Session (Africa) (01:40-01:50)

Africa asks if anyone is attending the above meeting and would to know if TPPC would like to be part of a tribal breakout group on April 23 from 8-12. Tony said the feedback shared with him about the tribal session at the last WRPM held in North Dakota was it was not well coordinated and the tribes felt it was not a good use of their time. He suggested that if tribes were going to break out that they set an agenda and do their planning in advance.

7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:45 – 02:00)

None noted.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 2-4 p.m. EST)

9. Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report (Bob) (01:20 – 02:00)

Bob said he didn't receive any feedback on the priorities and is moving forward with what he has. He has not yet received tribal stories to help support the Report. Nina said that tribal stories still needed. Diania will reach out to the basketweavers for their stories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pesticide Stewardship Alliance Annual Conference, Feb 4-6, 2020, San Antonio, TX
- 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