

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
2/21/18
Call Notes – Final
Call information: 1-866-299-3188; code: 415-947-4242#

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Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Neil Abbott, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Lorinda Antone, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Kevin Greenleaf, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
- Dustin Roy, White Earth Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Amity Furr, Eight Northern Tribes
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Willie Keenan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Organizations

- Africa Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

Reported in advance as absent:

- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

EPA

- Emily Ryan, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Lance Wormell, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Carol Galloway, U.S. OC
- Nick Hurwit, U.S. EPA, Region 10

Other

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred) (00:00 - 00:10)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 14 member tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Lance, Cindy, Emily, Carol, Nick, Amanda, et. al.) (00:10 - 00:35)

Lance Wormell wanted to make sure everyone was aware of a letter from Oscar Morales, EPA/OCSPP, addressed to Susan Catron (UCDE) and Fred Corey to address safety concerns expressed at recent TPPC meetings. Fred has planned a call with tribes for next Monday, Feb 26 to discuss. The call is intended for

tribes and tribal organizations only, so they talk about the letter and decide if the TPPC would like to respond to EPA about the letter.

Action item: Fred will share the letter and call announcement with the full membership.

Jasmine Brown said that the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are planning to prepare comments and feedback on Monday.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:35 - 00:45)

a) Administrative

- Finalized monthly TPPC Executive meeting call notes for January
- Working on additional resources to be added to the pollinator protection area
- Sent updates to Fred for the TPPC mailing list (additions and deletions)
- Updated calendar items

b) Fall meeting location planning – we are looking for a host for the fall 2018 meeting in Indian Country. ITCA and Gila River have graciously offered to host in the Phoenix area. Last call for others to express interest and to let UCDE know by 2/28 so we can begin to secure a location. Tentative date is second week in October is a possibility even given Columbus Day. Region 6 pre-SFIREG. EPA Region 9 tribal conference is also in October. Lorinda said that the 2018 RTOC meeting will be the last week of October. Jasmine thought that the Region 8 tribal meeting is one of the first 2 weeks of October as well. So we will need to confirm and avoid these dates. Tony McCandless expressed they are more of a backup if other tribes have not hosted. Same with ITCA, whose meeting space is free. If multiple offers are submitted then UCDE will conduct a cost/feasibility analysis and report back to the Executive Committee with their findings. The decision date is the April monthly meeting (April 18, 2018.)

4. Pollinator Protection Workgroup Update (Mary, Jasmine, Les, et. al.) (00:45 – 00:55)

Jasmine reported that the Xerces Society did a webinar with pollinator habitat assessment. The webinar was not recorded but the speaker will provide the PPT to put on the website. The workgroup hopes to push out a native pollinator plan from the workgroup as opposed to one drafted by individual tribes.

5. March Meeting Agenda Review (Suzanne) (00:55 – 01:25)

The registration and lodging blocks are now closed. We are still tweaking these sections: session with senior leadership, the day 1 special caucus, and need for a tribal hot topic; identifying speakers and facilitators.

On 2/14-2/15 we convened planning calls for the March 7 session. Jasmine is drafting a PPT following the outline in the attached draft agenda. Fred said that the TPPC presentation to senior EPA leadership will highlight examples of how important pesticide programs are to protect tribal resources; and unique exposures that assistance practitioners face (pesticide exposures that CIBA face in gathering).

Jasmine brown will draft the TPPC presentation and needs a PPT from CIBA to help complete this. She already has one from the Yurok Tribe to draw from. She plans to include examples of tribal program success enforcement or compliance or whatever TPPC members want to send, TPPC's accomplishments,

Action items:

- Fred: to ask Diania for CIBA's PPT.
- Jasmine will try and send out a draft of the TPPC PPT by 2/28.

Bob Gruenig reported on the Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report. Most of it should be wrapped up the end of this fiscal year. We may have a final breakout session in the fall. The breakouts planned for March are WPS, C&T and Pesticides in Water.

Action item: Bob will send out some links and documents next week for TPPC members to sue to prepare for the March meeting.

One member asked if the teleconference system will be available. Lance and Cindy reported that the quality of the conference line is not up to par at this time and is being upgraded. So it won't be available for March. If that changes, Suzanne will share the call-in information.

6. TPPC Action Item Discussion (Suzanne) (01:25 – 01:50)

Suzanne provided a comprehensive list of the action items along with a list of proposed tiers based on TPPC's FY18 priorities. The list seems to grow and not get smaller and folks are having a hard time completing the items assigned to them. It's really more of a to-do list than one that focuses people's efforts. How would the TPPC like to use this list moving ahead?

The group addressed the High tier and pulled up any items from other tiers which should appear there. The consensus is the high tier shall be the current focus and the rest of the items are "tabled indefinitely."

Action item: Suzanne will share the revised action item information for the March call. Note: this list was tabled during the March TPPC meeting so was not shared.)

7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:50 – 02:00)

Action item: Suzanne to assist in developing a tribal caucus agenda for 3/7 and will draft with Fred and Jasmine on a call planned for 2/27.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 2-4 p.m. EST)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Spring 2018 Meeting: March 5-7, 2018, Alexandria, VA
- TPPC Spring 2018 Meeting: March 7-9, 2018, Arlington, VA
- SFIREG Joint POM and EQI Working Committee Meeting: April 9-10, Crystal City, VA
- ASPCRO Mid-Year Board Meeting: April 16-17, 2018, Franklin, TN