

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee

Monthly Conference Call

4/20/16

Call Notes – Final

1-866-299-3188 Code: 415-947-4242#

Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs

Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

Larry Scrapper – Cherokee Nation

Eric Gjevre – Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians

Irv Provost – Oglala Sioux

Hilery Spray – Winnebago Tribe, Omaha Nation

Glenna Lee – Navajo Nation

Tony McCandless – Gila River Indian Community

Jody LaFreniere – White Earth Nation

Miguel Hernandez – Native American Environmental Protection Coalition

Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Jim Mossett – Three Affiliated Tribes

Les Benedict – St Regis Mohawk Tribe – not able to make call

Diania Caudell – CIBA – not able to make call

Tribal Organizations

Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA, Region 10

Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP

Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OECA

Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP

Lance Wormell, U.S. EPA, OPP

Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP

Shirley Fan, U.S. EPA, OECA

Other

Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chair, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 13 member tribes and tribal organizations.

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

Cindy Wire introduced Lance Wormell as the new acting chief of the Government and International Services Branch. Colleen Keltz's detail ended and Lance is the new acting as they recruit the vacancy left by Dan Helfgott. Lance been with EPA since 2004 and has served in pesticides for 12 years. He was formerly a registration branch chief and worked to register new antimicrobial products. He worked on the re-evaluation of conventional/traditional products as well. Lance appreciates the chance to be a part

of this forum and to provide service to the TPPC. The other EPA tribal team members will help bring Lance up to speed on tribal activities and concerns.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne Forsyth)

a) Planning for June 2016 Meeting

- Twin Arrows Casino Hotel, Flagstaff, Tuesday-Wednesday, June 21-22, 2016. Meeting info shared via email and is now on TPPC website here: <http://tppcwebsite.org/meetings-1/>. Deadline, a draft agenda and travel info are all linked there.
- The EC meeting will be June 21 in the meeting space. Cannot bring in festive beverages or snacks but guests can purchase food in the hotel and bring it to the EC to dine during the meeting.
- Draft agenda planning underway. Suzanne will share draft agenda and ask for feedback via email and a planning call. Proposed topics were discussed and consensus reached on what to include on the first draft agenda.

b) Planning for October 2016 Meeting

- Poll sent out as to preference for October 2016 location (DC or Indian Country). 18 respondents, split feedback. Historically the TPPC would meet in DC in March so tribes could also attend AAPCO and help strengthen their tribal-state relationships. Proposal to hold the October 2016 meeting in Indian Country and March 2017 meeting after AAPCO (March 8-10). Consensus was reached to support this proposal.
- Miguel Hernandez and the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition offered to host the meeting Oct 3-4, 2016 in the San Diego area.

Action item: UCDE to follow up with Miguel on the meeting logistics.

c) Planning for Spring 2017 Meeting

- Consensus reached that TPPC will hold its Spring 2016 meeting after AAPCO on March 8-10. Overlap 1 day (Mar 8). Full Council meeting shall be Wed-Thurs, March 8-9; Exec Committee shall meet half day Friday, March 10, travel in afternoon.

Action item: UCDE to follow up with OPP on securing meeting space at One Potomac Yard.

d) TPPC Appointment Letters – Several more appointment letters were received and placed on DropBox. 23 total. At the January Executive Committee (EC) Meeting, the EC upheld the need for appointment letters to remain compliant with the *Policies & Procedures*. Email reminders went out in November, January and last week. The Coordinator must have a letter on file to confirm their TPPC membership and if they would like to be considered for travel funding. This will be a condition of travel funding in June 2016.

e) Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) Advisory Board position for Tribal Member PERC recommends that Tony McCandless serve as the tribal adviser in the creation and review of pesticide safety materials dealing with the WPS. Africa Dorame-Avalos would serve as an alternate. The appointment is about 1 year and it's anticipated that a new C&T-focused group of advisers will be recruited next year. TPPC consensus was to support this recommendation. Fred Corey thanked Tony and Africa for serving in this role and to be a tribal voice in this process.

f) TPPC Website is Active!

The updated TPPC website is active at www.TPPCwebsite.org. The *.net and *.com extensions redirect to this URL as well. Please visit the site and send feedback to Suzanne on what you would like to see there.

4. Action Item Review – Major Focus of Call (Fred, Nina, Suzanne) (see attachment)

Members engaged in a rigorous review of the action item list. Items 1- 12 were addressed and the balance still need to be re-visited. Completed action items will eventually come off but are shown at the bottom of the document for now.

Action item: Suzanne to update the list and share with the draft call notes.

5. PIRT Updates (Shirley Fan) (last 30 minutes of call)

During the April TPPC call, TPPC members agreed to start a Tribal PIRT Steering Committee. This Steering Committee would provide guidance to the host tribe during years that a Tribal PIRT takes place and to provide guidance on the agendas for the main PIRTs to ensure that tribal concerns are addressed. A Tribal PIRT Charter would be developed to provide guidance on the Tribal PIRT program. The processes by which the Steering Committee and Tribal PIRT run is open for discussion with the Tribal PIRT Steering Committee.

The Tribal PIRT Steering Committee can have tribal members with or without cooperative agreements from different geographical regions and different expertise. The Committee will be co-hosted by OECA's Carol Galloway and Shirley Fan. Carol and Shirley will set the agendas, provide the deliverables, and ask for feedback from Steering Committees during monthly calls. Carol and Shirley will serve as advisors to the group that help coordinate the decisions on what the members (non-EPA employees) want. Participation in the Steering Committee would require minimal work from members. Please e-mail [Carol Galloway](#) and [Shirley Fan](#) by Wednesday May 26 if you're interested in joining this Committee or if you have any questions.

Fred Corey stated a concern about hosting a PIRT course. Tribes without the cooperative agreements have not been able to host a PIRT and this is a challenge. Problematic that tribes with an agreement have to contract out to those who do not. The Steering Committee could look into this. Carol Galloway said an analysis was done a few years ago. They can dust this off to see if more flex can be offered.

Shirley would like to get a master listing of current tribal Health & Safety courses. Shirley asked for a list of training courses that the tribes have. Data needed: name of course, contact info, description of the course. Get a list to see if these can replace the EPA course or create a new one relevant to states and tribes. Tribes may send the list to her directly.

Action item: tribes with health & safety training courses to send the above data to Shirley Fan by May 26.

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

None listed.

7. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EDT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TPPC Spring Meeting: June 21-22, 2016, Navajo, (Flagstaff), AZ
- Tribal PIRT (Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training), hosted by Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe: August 16-18, 2016, Polson, MT