

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee

Monthly Conference Call

6/8/16

Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Larry Scrapper – Cherokee Nation
Irv Provost – Oglala Sioux Tribe
Jim Mossett – Three Affiliated Tribes
Eric Gjevre – Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians
Hilery Spray – Winnebago Tribe, Omaha Nation
Willie Keenan – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Tony McCandless – Gila River Indian Community
Sunny Hill - Muscogee Creek Nation
Lorinda Antone – Ak-Chin
Nancy Ruiz – Yavapai Apache Nation
Michele Ayala – Yavapai Apache Nation
Vivian Stevens – Yavapai Apache Nation

Tribal Organizations

Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
Delia Rodriguez, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA, Region 10
Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP
Lance Wormell, U.S. EPA, OPP
Mardi Klevs, U.S. EPA, Region 5

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 16-17 member tribes and tribal organization representatives. This call was scheduled earlier in June to accommodate those attending the national pesticide meeting next week in addition to the TPPC in-person meeting the week after.

2. EPA Updates (Cindy Wire, Lorry Frigerio, Gabriela Carvalho, Lance Wormell)

Cindy - EPA is in the process of revisiting its national priorities for the next 2 years. Although this is something they do regularly, it's very important that tribes and states weigh in on this very soon. EPA will share documents and updates about this in the near future.

Lorry – The EPA Tribal Team is making good progress on the bed bug discussions. They held a call recently with HUD, USDA, Indian Health Service, and EPA. All are excited to provide some support and are exploring the option of a regional HUD person coming to TPPC meeting.

Gabriela – She is working with regional colleagues to prepare updates at the meeting in Flagstaff. Also working on coordinating a pollinator session. An action item from January is to work with Carol Galloway to convene a call with tribal program inspectors to talk inspection time factors (estimate for number of hours needed to make inspections under FIFRA program.) Concern that hour estimates are underestimated for tribes. Had a call to go through the time factors and what they should be and if there was agreement that hours were underestimated. More on this at June meeting.

Lance – Shared his regrets to not be able to attend the TPPC meeting. Had an existing commitment not able to move looks forward to joining an in-person meeting in the future.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne Forsyth)

a) June 2016 Meeting

- Last day to register is June 13. All attendees/speakers must register. 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.
- Kristy LeClair will be in touch with airport shuttles times as soon as hotel confirms.
- Current enrollments are 19 tribes, 4 EPA.
- Bob Gruenig will attend both days to assist with sessions as needed.

b) Planning for October 2016 Meeting

- Pauma Tribe and Miguel Hernandez will host in Temecula, CA. Dates are Oct 4-5, 2016.
- Kristy is researching logistics and rates and will report back soon.

c) Planning for Spring 2017 Meeting

- TPPC 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.
- Sent the dates to Dea Zimmerman who manages the FIFRA calendar. Amanda Hauff has secured meeting space for TPPC. Cindy cannot get meeting space at OPP until September.
- We should think about the kinds of things we want EPA staff to cover and then decide if it's optimal to hold meeting at OPP or at Amanda's Potomac Yard is a few blocks to the Metro.

d) TPPC Appointment Letters – Two more appointment letters were received and placed on DropBox. 27 total.

e) Vacancy on the EC for Region 5. Waiting for Jody's replacement to be hired to inquire as their interest in participating in TPPC.

Action item: Would hire by mid-June. Suzanne to call White Earth.

f) TPPC Website is Active!

A little under 200 views. Will have some early metrics at the June meeting. We continue to work on the meetings archive and resources; 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. TPPC Policies and Procedures Update (see attachment) (All)

Important that we get these issues resolved. Send an email asking people to review proposed revisions to the P&P and be prepared at June meeting to have a good discussion and take action on approving these. Questions around elections and who gets to vote.

Action item: Africa will add some notes and share with Suzanne who will send out to the TPPC membership tomorrow.

Other questions arose about the regional reps and At-Large reps. If you are nominated to both can only fill only one? What if the policy states that someone can only be allowed to run for one position? Are there unforeseen negative consequences to this scenario? Bob Gruenig will be on hand to help with this discussion at the June meeting and to speak to sections he authored in the last P&P major revision.

5. **Action Item Review** (Fred, Nina, Suzanne) (see attachment)

We got through what's currently numbered XX in the list and will pick up again in July.

6. **Pesticide Label Matching Application (Mardi Klevs) (3:15 PM EDT)**

Branch chief for FIFRA and TSCA. A while ago they came up with to create an app for a mobile device for optical recognition. Take image of label and compare to data in EPA database. Could determine if label was in compliance with the law. Mardi placed proposal in a contest and it was selected. Going well, prototype created to test if optical recognition could work. Beta test and take out to stakeholder to see what else needed. Then go into production mode. Using Agile. Provide a webinar to tribes with demo of app and to see if any tribes would like to participate in beta testing.

Action item: Fred to bring would bring this to a full body, get a reaction, at least one person is interested but see

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

MP3 Symposium Committee will be having a call this Friday to wrap up items from its March event. Not certain when meeting proceedings or recordings will be available.

8. **Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EDT)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- State-FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Summer Meeting: June 13-14, 2016, Arlington, VA
- 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
- IPM for Tribal Schools Workshop, sponsored by the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and U.S. EPA Region IX: August 31 – September 1, 2016, Chandler, AZ
- TPPC Fall 2016 Meeting: October 4-5, 2016, Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians, (Temecula), CA
- TPPC Spring 2017 Meeting: March 8-10, 2017, Arlington, VA