

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee

Monthly Conference Call

7/20/16

Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Irv Provost – Oglala Sioux Tribe
Jim Mossett – Three Affiliated Tribes
Tony McCandless – Gila River Indian Community
Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai of Idaho
Cherise Maples – Seminole Tribe of Florida
Eric Gjevre – Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians

Reported in advance as absent:

Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Willie Keenan – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Jasmine Courville-Brown – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Africa Dorame Avalos – 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
Amanda Hauff, OCSPP
Carol Galloway, OC

Other

Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)
Kristy LeClair, 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 7 member tribal representatives. Several folks reported themselves in advance as absent.

2. EPA Updates (Cindy Wire, Lorry Frigerio, Carol Galloway, Gabriela Carvalho, Amanda Hauff, Lance Wormell)

- a) OPP Draft NPM priorities & process for FY18-19 (Cindy)
 - The OPP portion of the *OCSPP National Program Managers (NPM) Guidance* defines national pesticide priorities for all EPA regional pesticide programs. National priorities are typically relevant to every region with staff available to do the work, and can be in addition to core pesticide program work. For the fiscal year 2018-2019 cycle, we anticipate four of the current priorities remaining the same: worker protection, grant administration, region-specific pesticide projects, and pollinator protection. We are proposing to replace school IPM with applicator

certification as a result of significant rule changes that should be final by the end of 2016. A tribal call will be held on August 9th to discuss these proposed changes in detail.

- In addition, to the NPM guidance being updated, the joint *OPP/OECA FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance* is also in the process of being revised. This document folds in those OCSPP and OECA NPM guidance priorities that relate to states and tribes, and further defines what priorities grantees should focus on as part of their pesticide programs for the next three years. Regions, state and tribes typically play a significant role in the priority setting process. OPP will be soliciting feedback from states and tribes on a revised draft of this guidance later this year.
- FIFRA web-based workplan and template workgroup - OPP is in the process of assembling a workgroup to help convert the FIFRA Reporting and Work Plan Template from an Excel spreadsheet into a web-based document. To accomplish this, a short term workgroup is being formed. OPP and OECA are interested in adding a tribal member to the workgroup who is familiar with the FIFRA template and can help advise this process. Anyone interested should contact Cindy Wire.

Jim Mossett asked about what the Certification changes will be. Cindy will send this information to him. For tribes who already have a certification in place, how will this affect tribes? It's information EPA presented to the National Tribal Caucus in June and what Cindy sends Jim will be the information pulled together for that meeting.

Irving Provost added that some tribes have a procedure for tribal consultation process which may be different from EPA's and different across tribes. Need to be considerate of the trust responsibility for government to government relationship. Need to respect the sovereignty issue.

Cindy said that changes to the certification and training rule still underway and the TPPC contributed to that effort.

b) OCSPP National Program Manager Guidance – Early Engagement with Tribes (Amanda)

- The Office of Chemical Safety Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) would like to invite tribal officials and representatives to join them for an opportunity to discuss the OCSPP National Program Manager Guidance on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 1:00pm-2:30pm.
- During this time, OCSPP will:
 - Provide an overview of the purpose of the NPM Guidance;
 - Provide an overview of the FY16 -17 NPM Guidance;
 - Provide an overview of the FY17 NPM Guidance Addendum;
 - Discuss the process for tribes to provide input on the next NPM Guidance; and
 - Discuss the process for tribes to provide input on the proposed changes to the FY18 -19 NPM Guidance.

Action item: Amanda/Cindy will provide UCDE information to send out by the end of this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda further.

c) Bed bug update (Lorry)

- Bed bugs were covered on June meeting agenda and many were happy to be joined by HUD representatives. Pleased that many hands went up to volunteer to serve on a bed bug workgroup. Seven folks who will help to move the project forward. Will start discussions with the group on the EPA bed bug clearinghouse. Objective is to not duplicate effort. Questions to consider: what's out there, what's available and what information is needed to meet tribal needs or what needs to be modified? Once we have that conversation we would have a follow-up.

Related follow-ups from the June TPPC meeting:

- Lorry sent to Fred and Suzanne some funding opportunities information from HUD. There was a request to get a list of grant officers as well.

Action item: Suzanne to share with the TPPC at the conclusion of this call.

d) Pollinators – update on skills marketplace hire (Gabriela)

- Pollinator Protection: EPA is recruiting a coordinator for the TPPC Pollinator Protection Workgroup and expects to have the new person on board by August 1st.
- Region 9 Vector Control Workshop: Tribes from all regions are invited to attend the August 8, 2016 Vector Control Workshop in San Francisco. Tribal Environmental and Public Health Professionals in high-risk areas for the Zika Virus are highly encouraged to attend. Information about the workshop is available here: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-9-vector-borne-disease-workshop-materials>. Travel reimbursements are not available for this workshop. For more information, contact Mariela Lopez in Region 9 at Lopez.Mariela@epa.gov.
- Request for Inspector Training: Region 5 is looking for training opportunities for a new pesticide inspector at the White Earth Nation, who will be starting on August 1st. If any current pesticide inspectors know of unique opportunities for inspector training (beyond PIRT, PREP, and NETI opportunities), please contact Amy Mysz in Region 5 at Mysz.Amy@epa.gov.

e) FIFRA web-based workplan and template workgroup (Cindy)

- Cindy wants to do a solicitation via EPA group to see if anyone is interested short term work group taking the FIFRA work group template and turn it into a web-based document.

Action item: Cindy will write this up and send out to TPPC to see if anyone wants to join.

- Carol Galloway reports she is working on action items from the last meeting. One member asked about an email he sent to Carol from Marco Guske and EPA will follow up very soon.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne Forsyth)

a) June 2016 Meeting

- Meeting notes shared 7/12 and due 7/26, final version to go out after that.
- Still waiting for 3 more travel expense reports then need to close out accounting. UCDE needs members' compliance in meeting all deadlines. This is an ongoing problem.
- Meeting evaluation shared. The decision was made not to offer food items at the hotel due to the extremely high cost (an additional \$4k for lunch and morning/afternoon snacks).

Irving Provost asked to see a report of the current TPPC expenditures. This report was previously shared by UCDE with the Full Council at its June meeting. Fred will send Irv the reports presented at the January and June 2016 meetings, which Irv did not attend. Irv also requested access to the contractual documents between EPA and UCD. Cindy or Amanda will look into what is allowable by law to share.

Amanda reflected that we have made a lot of progress of establishing trust. If it's a request of TPPC that they want meals or other things considered at meetings then we can talk about this. If there are requests then feel free to bring these forward.

b) Planning for October 2016 Meeting

- Pauma Tribe and Miguel Hernandez will host in Valley Center, CA. Dates are Oct 4-5, 2016.
- Meeting announcement went out 7/13.
- 7 tribes, 1 EPA registered
- Deadlines:
 - o July 25, 2016: Deadline for travel funding requests to via registration portal
 - o Aug 1, 2016: Deadline to notify UCDE of dietary restriction
 - o Aug 22, 2016: Deadline to book airfare (funded travelers only)

- Sept 12, 2016: Deadline to reserve hotel room in block
- Kristy researched meeting logistics and provided an update.
- Lodging at Pala Casino & Resort. In response to a hardship concern raised at the June meeting, Kristy aptly negotiated to have no deposit needed at time of reservation. UCDE also added a provision via the meeting registration portal that attendees may ask UCDE to prepay their lodging for them. But the hotel's incidental deposit at check-in would stand. Refer to the meeting announcement for details. It shall be the responsibility of the attendee to meet the incidental requirement and check in; it is not the responsibility of UCDE or TPPC. UCDE will make this clear in all communications.
- Use of car rentals will be needed since the hotel is 1 hour from the airport. Kristy will be coordinating these but members will need to pay in advance if they cannot ride share.
- Meal options: UCDE will have a lunch and in the AM/PM a basic coffee service (regular/decaf/tea) catered by the Pauma caterer at the meeting site each day. To add a morning meal will cost an additional \$1,095-\$1,710 depending on the complexity. There was lengthy discussion and each TPPC member present was polled. Some had no opinion, one person supported the idea of catering as the TPPC budget is there to make the Council as comfortable as possible while they are meeting so they can be productive. Do we want to fund more people to come or provide training to or buy food? How do we use the money we have for the most effectiveness? The consensus was that folks would eat breakfast at the hotel using their travel funded and the TPPC would conserve its resources by providing a coffee/tea service only at the meeting.
- Fred agreed to send out a reminder about the July 25 deadline. He added that once everyone realizes what's being done and the rationale behind it then it will be easier to reconcile.
- Meeting site vs Networking Suite - the meeting room rental is \$250 and no outside feed/beverages allowed. A networking suite is another alternative like how we had in January and is about the same price. Consensus was to try and secure the second option if the hotel can still accommodate us. UCDE will report back on the next call.

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.
- Consensus was to have a hotel closer to OPP HQ versus the AAPCO meeting

d) Appointment Letters – No new letters received. 27 total on DropBox.

e) Vacancy on the EC for Region 5. Inquired with White Earth and they will let me know once they fill their vacancy.

f) TPPC Website

Updated with October meeting info. Starting to add new resources mentioned at June meeting. Adding presentation files, rosters. January meeting will be added after that. Email me if you need any of the PDFs from the sessions.

4. **Agenda Planning for October TPPC Meeting (Fred, Nina, Suzanne)**

- Solicitation of topics and invitation to participate in planning calls

Action item: Fred/Suzanne to share info for August conference call to plan October agenda.

5. TPPC History for Posting on TPPC Website and Outreach (Fred)

We ran out of time and did not address this.

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

We ran out of time and did not address this.

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

We ran out of time and did not address this.

8. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, August 16, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EDT)

This will conflict with the PIRT meeting. August 10 is new date. Cindy to send out updated calendar appt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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, Valley Center, CA
- TPPC Spring 2017 Meeting: March 8-10, 2017, Arlington, VA