

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee

Monthly Conference Call

8/10/16

Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Les Benedict – St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe
James Williams – Muscogee Creek Nation
Tony McCandless – Gila River Indian Community
Irv Provost – Oglala Sioux Tribe
Willie Keenan – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Michelle Ayala for Vivian Stevens – Yavapai Apache Nation
Joe Herrera – Yakama Nation
Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

Tribal Organizations

Delia Rodriguez – Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
Sonam Gill, U.S. EPA, Region 9
Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA, Region 10
Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP
Barbara Pualani, U.S. EPA, Region 2

Other

Suzanne Forsyth – University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)
Devika Ghai – Pesticide Action Network

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chair, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 11 member tribal and tribal organization representatives.

2. Draft Tribal Pollinator Protection Plan Guidance/Template for Region 9 Tribes (Sonam Gill)

There is a call Tuesday 8/16 from 1:30-3 PM Pacific Time to review this. All are welcome to participate. Jasmine is not able to join since they have a tribal PIRT next week. Sonam is happy to take comments via email from anyone who will miss.

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

a) Introduction of two new EPA tribal team members, Mary Clock-Rust and Barbara Pualani (Gabriela). Extra help from EPA has been arranged as they work with TPPC. Mary Clock-Rust wasn't able to join today but will work with new Pollinator Protection Plan workgroup coordinator. She works of OPP in the Env. Fate and Effects Division. She has experience as a human health and ecological risk assessor. He has quite a bit of pollinator protection experience and served the PPDC as their pollinator workgroup coordinator. EPA expects to get her started on reaching out to TPPC to get workgroup started in September. Fred thanked EPA for making this happen.

Barbara Pualani works with Region 2 as a speech writer and has much communications experience. Recruited to have her help with the bed bug issue paper submitted to EPA by TPPC. A lot of work needed to get EPA/TPPC organized and underway with this project.

b) National Pesticide Program Priorities tribal discussion and process (Amanda and Cindy)
Discussion was brought up in June and last week Cindy sent out a message to TPPC-All soliciting comments on priorities for national program manager 2-year guidance. Deadline 8/15 for comments. This will be extended to 9/2 to align with a call with tribes.

c) Other Updates - A question came up at the June Executive Committee meeting as to why the TPPC is not operating under federal/GSA travel policies. This was discussed between October 2015 –January 2016 as well. Cindy Wire did some research at EPA about travel policy and how it relates to non-federal grantees. This is the official statement from the EPA Grants office and it is now posted on the TPPC website <http://tppcwebsite.org/tppc-travel/>, password is 'tppcmber'

"Federal awards to non-federal entities are subject to the uniform grants guidance in 2 CFR 200, which lays out the rules and requirements for grantees to follow and manage federal funds. Grantees are required to follow their own established policies and procedures, which must comply with these requirements. The Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreement Act establishes the rules of engagement and use of grants/cooperative agreements and does not allow federal agencies to impose unnecessary administrative requirements on non-federal recipients. Nor does it allow EPA to "direct" the grantee's decision making, as with a contract for federal benefit might allow. Link to EPA Order 5700.1 re: for detailed guidance on the act: http://intranet.epa.gov/ogd/policy/order/5700_1.pdf"

This means when EPA enters into an agreement with a non-federal agreement, the grantee must use their own travel policies and procedures and EPA cannot direct them to use another.

4. Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Overview (Liza Fleeson) (2:45 PM EDT)

Liza Fleeson Trossbach joined the call with an overview of ASPCRO and the issues they are working on and opportunities to be involved. They have a number of standing working committees who have worked on a variety of issues that have survived the test of time. Others come into existence, do their job, then they are made inactive. Only state lead pesticide agencies (SLAs), territories, and tribes can be members and ASPCRO works closely with pest management industry, PSEPs, etc. All are welcome to participate in active and working committee but only states, tribes and territories are able to vote.

ASPCRO addresses more than just structural issues. In the beginning it was primarily joined to focus in termites. But now it's IPM in school rodents, stewardships with working commutates focused on each of these areas. They also have liaisons with AAPCO, Pesticide Stewardship Alliance. Example of opportunities they have had over the years: Zika virus and vector control issues they put together a survey to see how they can assist and leverage resources. Their 60th annual meeting in Santa Fe, NM in

August. Zika, vector control, advocacy groups, and a broad range of things tribes have been part of this in the past and are always welcomed. ASPCRO offers assistance to groups to help with meeting registration via their State Meeting Assistance Service.

In case members would like to learn more about their organization, By-laws, activities or other, please visit their website at <http://www.aspcro.org/>

While EPA and CDC have good resources out there, ASPCRO is working with AAPCO to gather resources from states to provide. Tribal members are eligible to serve on the Board. TPPC to identify a tribal rep to serve on a regular basis, serve on the board, and working committees. Bed bug issues would be one area and conversations with ASPCRO to leverage their assistance.

5. Pesticide Action Network North America (PAN) Drift Toolkit (Devika Ghai) (3:15 PM EDT)

Pesticide Action Network (PAN) International organization founded in 1982 by native and on native folks from all over the work who met in Malaysia. Focused discussions on disproportionate impacts of pesticides. From this conversation grew this international body of public health specialists and others to work together to address pesticide health and safety concerns. Drift has been one of the issues they've worked on. PAN has worked with White Earth Nation to evaluate fungicide drift for potato fields into community schools and residents. Worked with them for a number of years to get health protections implemented in that region, advocate for them with potato producers.

The Toolkit will support people who have been impacted by pesticide drift. Goal of Toolkit is to help people know how to respond, protect themselves and how to report pesticide drift, get compensation, get an accurate record to go back to later, how to advocate for themselves to minimize efforts of pesticide drift.

Toolkit is not yet on the website. It's under development and they want it to be as useful as possible and get input beforehand. Nina knows of some other tribes who have had drift issues and may like to have input. Suggest having a conference call separately with tribes in the area and get to see a draft first.

Action item: Devika to share a confidential draft with Nina and will pursue a date/time to talk with Region 9 tribes.

Devika would like to learn more from tribes. Fred feels the toolkit would be useful and think of the next step and make tribes aware that this resource exists. There are more tribes without pesticide programs than there are tribes with a pesticide program. Devika is hoping by the next application / planting season that the toolkit is in place.

6. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne)

a) June 2016 Meeting

- Meeting notes final and will be shared via email after today's call.
- 3 more travel payments (received over 2 weeks late). UCDE needs members' compliance in meeting all deadlines. This is an ongoing problem.
- Meeting evaluation shared.
- PPTs and PDFs will be uploaded to website soon.

b) Planning for October 2016 Meeting

- Pauma Tribe and Miguel Hernandez will host in Pauma Valley, CA. Dates are Oct 4-5, 2016.
- Meeting announcement shared a few times via email and is on the TPPC website.
- 14 tribes, 2 EPA registered
- Deadlines:

- July 25, 2016: Deadline for travel funding requests to via registration portal
 - Aug 1, 2016: Deadline to notify UCDE of dietary restriction
 - Aug 22, 2016: Deadline to book airfare (funded travelers only)
 - Sept 12, 2016: Deadline to reserve hotel room in block
 - Lodging at Pala Casino & Resort. In response to a hardship concern raised at the June meeting, Kristy 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.** We will prepay for 6 folks and Kristy will reach out to them verifying that. We will reserve rooms once their mode of travel is confirmed. 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.
 - Consensus on last call was to have folks purchase breakfast on their own at hotel and enjoy morning coffee/tea service at meeting site. Cost savings of \$1,000-\$1,700 over 2 days. Lunch and PM snacks will be catered. This was approved by the TPPC Executive Committee on the July call.
 - Meeting site vs Networking Suite - the meeting room rental is \$250 and no outside feed/beverages allowed. Hotel won't allow us to exceed 8 people in the suite so we will stick with the traditional meeting room for the EC meeting.
- 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 – 1 new letters received. 28 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. Dustin Roy is the new hire and Suzanne will follow up.

7. Agenda Planning for October Full TPPC Meeting (solicitation of topics and invitation to participate in planning calls) (Fred, Nina, Suzanne)

Call is tomorrow, 8/11 from 11:15 – 12:15. Fred sent the calendar appt.

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

One of the Executive Committee members submitted information and asked it be posted on the website. Idea is to have everyone take a look at it together and the history is what everyone recalls and agrees to. It used to be part of the rules and procedures as it made the document too long. So about 4-5 years ago it was taken out but it's important info and useful to keep us on track, focus on the mission. Fred is thankful to Lilian Wilmore and the TPPC founders to get the Council off on a strong focus. Consensus was to create a historical document which can be stored on the TPPC website. Need to work on who will take the lead on coordinating all the sources and merge into a single document to circulate for comment and can get TPPC approval to post on the site.

Action item: Fred will take the lead on merging the various sources of information and provide a draft by September 21.

9. Action Item Follow-up (see attachment) (Fred, Nina, Suzanne)

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

11. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EDT)

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