

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee

Monthly Conference Call

9/21/16

Call Notes – Draft

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Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe
Irv Provost – Oglala Sioux Tribe
Willie Keenan – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Jasmine – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Frank Venegas – Cocopah Indian Tribe
Larry Scrapper – Cherokee Nation
Tony McCandless– Gila River
Steve Spencer – Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
Eric Gjevre - Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians
Joe Herrera – Yakama Nation

Reported in advance as absent:

Nina Hapner – Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

Tribal Organizations

Africa Avalos – Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA, OPP
Carol Galloway, U.S. EPA, OECA
Mary Clock-Rust, U.S. EPA, OPP

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 12 member tribal and tribal organization representatives.

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

- a) Updating pesticide priorities for NPM guidance. Cindy sent out priorities to tribes and had a call in August. EPA is now moving ahead after conversations for FY18-19.
- 2) Lorry reported that Barbara Pualani was introduced ion last month’s TPPC monthly call and will be assisting TPPC with bed bug work. Status of what we learned and goals for the call with federal partners – response to recommendations in TPPC issue paper. More information on this will present during the October TPPC meeting.

3) Carol is working on a FAQ document with responses on new enforcement performance measures which will soon be posted on EPA's website. The inspector wiki has been redesigned and they are hoping the new wiki will be easier to navigate and more user-friendly. Now posted is a new set of data on the pesticide producing establishments, where they are located and is a good reference. Still working on online training for EPA folks who do inspections in Indian Country. Scope is multimedia and not just pesticides. Will be sharing for review very soon.

Action item: Carol will find out what other types of inspections these would cover and will also look to see the number of other types of inspection (RCRA, Air, other) and report back before on next monthly call.

4) Mary Clock-Rust announced the beginning of the formation of the tribal pollinator protection workgroup. It's open to any tribes developing a pollinator protection plan. Purpose of the group is support for tribes. The group will plan to develop a template for tribes and to share the information. The group will use the TPPC website as a clearing house and a place to share information. The group will likely convene monthly conference calls and may organize itself any way it wants. It may or may not consider designating a chair, secretary, guest speakers, etc. Jasmine offered in June 2016 to serve as chair of the workgroup. Need to identify goals and outcomes. There may be some discussions at the October meeting which can help get this workgroup underway as well.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne)

a) June 2016 Meeting

- All administrative items have been completed (e.g., payments, notes & meeting evaluations shared)
- PPTs and PDFs are being added to the web

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 and details on the TPPC website.
- 24 total: 17 tribes, 3 speakers; 4 EPA registered
- Final deadline:
 - o Sept 26 – last day to register – see the TPPC website for info and links
- 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.** Based on their requests, we have prepaid lodging for 6 TPPC members and prepaid airfare for 12. 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. Sycamore Rom from 6:30-8:00 PM.

- 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
 - Cindy was able to secure the meeting room for Wed-Thur and will report back on meeting space availability for Friday morning.
- d) Appointment Letters – no new letters received. 28 total on DropBox.
- e) Vacancy on the EC for Region 5. Dustin Roy is the new hire for White Earth. He had hoped to attend Oct meeting but had to cancel. Suzanne will follow up on his appt letter.
- f) Website updates for Jan and June meetings are under way and will be published before Oct meeting.

Ryan Callison with Region 6 resigned from Cherokee Nation. Will need to fill this position.

Action item: Suzanne to work to replace Ryan with another representative. *Note: Larry Scrapper has agreed to fill this position.*

4. Final Planning Discussion for October Full TPPC Meeting (Fred, Nina, Suzanne)

A final draft agenda was shared and we reviewed only a couple of sessions needing final input.

- Status of Pesticide in Indian Country Report. We need to do some prioritization of topics in the report since there are so many. Instead of waiting for it to be finished and polished, as they are completed we could distribute sections so they can be of use. How do we prioritize which topics we should cover first? We may want to take some of the easier ones first. Bed bugs have already been well summarized. It's been well summarized and we could pull out major bullets to summarize. The document will provide many benefits for the TPPC and it's important. The TPPC needs a strategy to get us moving and make some progress. Think about strategies and focus and come prepared to talk about in October.
- AIEO sessions needs a little more clarification and a facilitator.

Action item: Suzanne to touch bases with Nina about facilitating and the AIEO session and if anything needs to be sent out in advance for this. UCDE to post an updated meeting agenda on the TPPC website.

5. Tribal "Hot Topics" Presenter Needed for October Meeting (Fred)

The October meeting agenda has a vacancy for a member to offer an expansion of their tribal Hot Topic. In addition to hearing from member on their tribes' current hot topics, the TPPC would like to hear more from one member as to how they are addressing this challenge and what are some other special considerations other members may benefit discussing. Jasmine Courville Brown has been grappling with two pesticide labels, one pertaining to Endangered Species. She agreed to talk more about this at the October meeting and will deliver a 10-minute highlight during the Hot Topics session.

Another member commented that Endangered Species (ES) always seems to be in the news but not a lot of information presented currently. Could EPA or other comment on current status of ES? What is the status of Bulletins Live 1 and 2?

Action item: touch on what hot topics around ES are for states. There may be overlap with tribal issues.

Jasmine reported that the US Fish & Wildlife has been working with their region to consider a label change protecting bees. This would affect several states and could include tribes. Will bee declines be listed in certain areas? The TPPC may want to consider having a guest speaker from another federal agency either on a conference call or at March 2017 meeting and we can ask them about status of bees and if there will be any listing.

6. PREP Steering Committee Representative Needed (Fred)

The PREP Steering Committee has already started their deliberations on their FY 2017 courses. Two have been completed and another three are planned (Oct 3/10/17). Tribes with specific training needs or who are aware of the needs of others might be the best representative to serve. In the absence of a volunteer on this call, Fred agreed to try and join the calls and represent tribal interests. In the meantime, Fred will send out an inquiry to TPPC members to see if anyone would like to serve on the balance of the calls. As a reminder, the tribal representative is not able to vote on this committee but their feedback is welcomed to apprise the Steering Committee about tribal needs to be considered.

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

One of the Executive Committee members submitted information in June 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. 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 October.

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

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

10. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 2-4 p.m. EDT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TPPC Fall 2016 Meeting: October 4-5, 2016, Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians, Valley Center, CA
- Full SFIREG at Potomac Yards: Dec 12-13, 2016, Crystal City, VA
- TPPC Spring 2017 Meeting: March 8-10, 2017, Arlington, VA