

**TRIBAL PESTICIDE PROGRAM COUNCIL (TPPC)
TRIBAL POLLINATOR PROTECTION WORKGROUP
MEETING NOTES**

TPPC website on pollinators: <http://tppcwebsite.org/pollinators/>

Date: December 14, 2016; 1-2:30 PM EDT

Call in information: 1-866-299-3188; Code: 703-308-2718#

Attendees:

Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

Wayne Sanfare, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

Amy Mysz, EPA Region 4

Mike Brannick, EPA Region 2

Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Sonam Gill, EPA Region 9

Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter Tribal Council of AZ (ITCA)

Holly Raguza, EPA

Mary Clock-Rust, EPA HQ

Agenda:

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **Recap of last meeting (action items)**
 - Two – Three Tribes have expressed interest in working with Diana Cox-Foster to do native bee surveys.
- **Discuss the chart of possible topics** and themes for future workgroup meetings (Mary sent the chart to the workgroup mailing list 12/7/16)

Suggestions:

- Africa reached out to *Project Apis M* Christi Heintz to do a presentation
- Les proposed sending out an electronic poll for priorities, current plan or project efforts, topics, and items for SFIREG meeting presentation. (Mary will work on getting a poll drafted for the group)
- R4 Amy Mysz said she would like to share the efforts of this workgroup with her region in April.
- Also see Inserts below rows in table below.
- **Identify specific, measureable goals for the workgroup for the next couple months.**
 - 5 Tribes will commit to developing draft TP3 plans by June, 2017-So far, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has said they plan to complete a draft TP3 by end of 2017, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe also will work on drafting their TP3, and Africa mentioned that she knows of 2 tribes in AZ that are working on plans. **Question: Can the workgroup get a few more volunteer tribes to work on plans?**
 - Identifying 3 Tribes that would partner with Dr. Cox-Foster's lab to do a native bee survey. So far, at least one tribe has expressed interest in this (Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa). **Action Item:** Mary emailed Dr. Cox-Foster

requesting details about tribal commitment for this effort, including cost and time. Mary will pass the information onto the group.

- **Recap of Today's Meeting. Action Items**
- **Next Meeting is January 11, 2017.**
- **Open Discussion**

See Below for Chart of **Suggested** Topics for future meetings.

Date of Meeting (2017)	Goal for Meeting/ Learning objectives/Discussion Questions/Thoughts/ Guest Speakers/Action Items/Resources
January 11	Habitat assessment, native pollinators Guest: Mace Vaughan, Xerces Society
February 8	Template for Tribal Pollinator Plans. The Region 9 template will be finalized by January. Also on agenda: Discuss items for SFIREG and TPPC meeting in March. Guest: Sonam Gill, EPA R9
March 8	Technical Resources: What kinds of support can federal agencies, universities, and other partners provide? Discuss technical assistance, funding...
Suggestion: Continue to communicate with Fred and Suzanne for changes to the website.	
April 12	Working across jurisdictions: Pollinators don't know where tribal lands start and stop. What are some of the challenges associated with cross jurisdiction efforts and how do tribes overcome them? How are tribal pollinator efforts impacted by activities on Rights of Way?
Agenda suggestions for meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report and feedback received from SFIREG and TPPC. • Schedule Webinar by Pollinator Partnership for DOT Right of Way pollinator awareness and request County Road depts. to attend. 	
May 10	BMPs for native pollinators: Learn about practices tribes can implement. The Intertribal nursery council or NRCS might be good here. Guest speaker: Possibly Matt Baur (IPM Centers)
Suggestion: Could also request a presentation from Monarch Watch.	
June 14	Community engagement: What are tribes doing to reach out to the community and change behaviors? What is working and what isn't? What materials have tribes developed? What are the most effective tools?
Suggestions for this topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne did an amazing outreach piece on pesticide use and pollinators. Demonstrated extraction of honey and relocations of unwanted honey bees from an abandoned residence to a cultural restoration area. Tribal TV broadcasted the event. • Wayne meets once per month to assist people wanting to become backyard bee-keepers. He does booths at fairs. He was able to obtain seed packages from American Meadows (GMO and Neonic Free). https://www.americanmeadows.com/ Action item: ask W how he requested the free seeds. • Africa asked how tribes are prioritizing their audiences for outreach. Ag Community, applicators, general public. • Mary described Training manuals for pesticide applicators available for download on website (Mary is working on this). 	

- Les is working on Reed Canary Grass invasive weed removal. The reeds can be used for carpenter bee habitat (using the hollow stems).

July 12	Suggestion: a lot of pow-wows are in July for many tribes. Is there a way we can get pollinator seed packets at a reduced cost to workgroup tribes to handout as outreach?
August 9	Tribal Law: What are regulations, policies, or practices tribes can implement? Ask tribes report out on what they do and how it is working. How did they get the law into place? What were the challenges?
September 13	Report from Tribes who partnered to do bee surveys
October 11	??
November 8	Report from Tribes who have draft or final plans.
December 13	Measuring success??