

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
1/20/16
Call Notes – Final

Roll call:

Tribes

Fred Corey – Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Larry Scrapper – Cherokee Nation
Camillo Perez – Cocopah Tribe
Les Benedict – St Regis Mohawk Tribe
Kelcey Stricker – Pechanga
Willie Keenan – Confederated Salish and Kootenai
Martina Wilson – Fort Peck
Tony McCandless – Gila River
Glenna Lee – Navajo Nation
Eric Gjevre – Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians

Tribal Organizations

Africa Dorame-Avalos – Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

EPA

Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA, Region 10
Lorry Frigerio, U.S. EPA

Other

Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension (UCDE)

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred)

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

2. Selection of dates and location for the next TPPC meeting

From last week's meeting, there were three proposals from tribes/tribal organizations for possible locations (ITCA, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, Navajo Nation). Possible dates: May 24-25, also Tues-Wed June 22-23. Because the May dates are the week following the Western Region Pesticide Meeting in Arizona, and many tribes would like to attend both, the consensus was that we would look to the June dates for a meeting in Indian Country. Glenna Lee from Navajo Nation is awaiting approval to host a meeting in May; if approved for May, she believes that approval would be applicable to the June dates.

Twin Arrows Hotel Casino is approximately 30 minutes east of Flagstaff and on the outskirts of the Navajo Nation. An agricultural tour would require about 4 hours of travel time to reach the tour site, so this may not be feasible given the limited time. But we could possibly tour a small portion of it.

Closest airport is Flagstaff, a regional airport, so flights may be limited. ITCA might be willing to help drive folks from PHX to Twin Arrows if transportation is coordinated.

Action item:

UCDE to research option for Twin Arrows for Tues-Wed Jun 22-23 and will report to Executive Committee right away if there are red flags based on availability and cost which emerge before the February monthly call.

3. Update on PIRT Steering Committee

Africa Dorame-Avalos, member of the PIRT Steering Committee, spoke with Shirley Fan, OECA/PIRT, and asked for clarification on whether any tribes were required to adopt the National PIRT Charter in order to receive any guidance or review on the development of Tribal PIRTS. Shirley stated that tribes are not obligated to accept any of the comments that the National PIRT Committee provides and tribes do not have to adopt the Charter. Any comments/suggestions in the development of the Tribal PIRT Agenda or Speakers is voluntary. As members of the National PIRT Steering Committee, Shirley's group is happy to review Tribal PIRT agendas and provide suggestions, inputs and comments in order to have a successful and meaningful training. The EC consensus was this was all agreeable and no concerns were raised. Africa will report this back to Shirley.

4. Announcements

- a) Africa – ITCA- Wants to close registration for Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training TODAY. It's the last day to make lodging accommodation at the federal rate.
- b) After the inspector training, Africa will be working on the IPM for Tribal Schools workshop and wants to hold it the last couple of weeks in August or early September. Training will focus on IPM measures in schools. Target audience are school personnel, administrators, IPM coordinators, nurses, perhaps some Tribal Pesticide inspectors or IPM Coordinators who work with tribal community. Gabriela commented that Julian Barta in Region 10 office found that August is a more challenging time to hold a school/IPM event. Africa acknowledges this can be hard yet is bound to the timeframe that University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Center and Gila River have set aside.
- c) For Arizona tribes: Africa will reach out individually to see if they are interested in partnering with Arizona Department of Agriculture for a collection event of pesticides from operations that have pesticides requiring disposal due to age, contamination or cancellation. They have funds from EPA to collect and dispose of unwanted pesticide containers. The event will be held before April 30, 2016 and they are gauging interest of tribes to participate in this activity.
- d) Africa volunteers to be on the pollinator working group. Fred stated that a wide announcement will be made once this is forming.

5. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 1-3 p.m. EST)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5th Annual Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training, co-hosted by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona and Ak-Chin Indian Community: February 9th - 11th, 2016, Maricopa, AZ
- Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Annual Meeting: March 6 – 9, 2016, Alexandria, VA.
- Managed Pollinator Protection Plan (MP3) Symposium: March 10 – 11, 2016, Alexandria, VA.
- Tribal PIRT (Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training), hosted by Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe: August 15 - 19, 2016, Polson, MT.