

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee**  
**Monthly Conference Call**  
1/19/22  
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

**Tribes (19)**

- David Anderson, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Brenda Ball, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Ryan Evans, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Gerald Wagner, Blackfoot Tribe
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation

**Tribal Organizations (2)**

- Africa Avilos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Meyo Marrufo, National Tribal Caucus

**EPA (8)**

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Amanda Hauff, EPA/OCSP
- Blake Huff, EPA/Region 8
- Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSP
- Eric Nystrom, EPA
- Kaitlin Picone, EPA/OSCP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP

**Other (3)**

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Jennifer Glennon, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

- Mehrdad Khatibi, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

### **Reported in advance as absent (1)**

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

## **1. Tribal Caucus**

## **2. Welcome/Introductions**

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians facilitated the roll call.

## **3. EPA Updates**

Amanda Hauff, EPA reported that the National Tribal Council (NTC) is developing Goal and Point of Contact for each Tribal program so that the TPPC can work with the NTC better on a variety of issues. Meyo Marrufo will be taking the lead on this and will be joining the TPPC monthly calls representing the NTC. In March they will be inviting the TPPC Chair and co-Chair to discuss the Budget Agenda. In the meantime, she will send out the Priorities for Pesticides for comments before the budget comes out.

Amanda also asked if anyone is interested in meeting with her and EPA regarding GAP guidance and agency indicators to assist Tribes with building capacity. Indicators include cooperative agreements and circuit rider programs. Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and Nina are both interested and Nina requested that there be more than one meeting so there is better Tribal representation. Amanda will send the latest draft out to the group.

<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/indian-environmental-general-assistance-program-gap>

EPA finalized their guiding principles for consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations. Also, EPA is included in the commitment under the MOU regarding inter-agency coordination and collaboration on protection of Tribal treaty rights. Amanda will share the documents and maybe a link to put on the TPPC website.

The 2013 Guidance is also included within the webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/2013-guidance-award-and-management-general-assistance-agreements-tribes-and-intertribal> she will still see if OITA has an updated version.

Rachel Ricciardi, EPA mentioned that on Feb. 9 and 10 will be the next Pesticide Applicator in Indian Country Certification Training. She would appreciate feedback from anyone attending. [EPACertplan@epa.gov](mailto:EPACertplan@epa.gov)

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/training-private-applicators-under-epa-plan#applicator%20training%20dates>

Emily Ryan, EPA will send the link to the March 7 & 8 AAPCO Annual Meeting when its available.

<https://aapco.org/2015/07/31/aapco-2/>

Loren LaPointe, EPA requested comments on the OCSPP National Program Guidance Request by Friday. She will update the group at the February meeting on USDA Pollinator priorities.

Helene Ambrosino, EPA said that for those with Tribal Enforcement Cooperative Agreements the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of Inspection Commitment Flexibilities will be extended to the end of March.

#### **4. TPPC Administrator Updates**

- a. Head Count for Spring Meeting (in-person attendance): There was some discussion about concerns and protocols for an in-person meeting in April. This will be addressed again in mid-February when a decision will be made.
- b. Upcoming Presentation to Region 10 Conference: Mark will be giving a presentation on March 2 at the Tribal Environmental Leadership Summit (TELS), anyone can join him if you would like. There will also be a Tribal Hemp/Cannabis presentation on March 4 from 1:30-2:00 Pacific time.
- c. National Tribal Forum on Air Quality: May 2-5 at Muscogee Nation. If anyone is interested TPPC could participate. January 28 is the deadline for proposal abstracts and a draft agenda will be coming. Topics include Indoor Air, climate, wildfire. Jasmine mentioned that she can present on pesticides and air.

Here is the link for the NTFAQ call for presentation abstracts:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-3gutDw1LcaouJWFEJokpYDYDSN3e17zzTewXteUd8IMltQ/viewform>

- d. New TPPC Website is Live! Let Mark know if you have comments or feedback. Also, it would be great to have Tribal artwork or photos on the website, so feel free to send anything to Mark.
- e. Website Visits: December had 545 views/109 users and YTD (all 2021) 4541 views/1291 users

#### **5. EPA Lead Region Update: Updates of Tribal Pesticide Activities Occurring Throughout the Ten EPA Regions.**

Blake Huff, EPA gave a summary of some Region activities. Region 1 is hosting a workshop on managing mosquitos in March. Region 2 hired a new Technician to provide training opportunities. Region 9 continues to assist with National implementation/EPA data exchange. They also successfully conducted virtual Tribal grantee meetings on hemp/cannabis and coordinated with the Navajo program investigation of illegal hemp farming operations.

#### **6. Feedback for Muscogee Nation on Items for their May 17-19, 2022 PIRT in Tulsa, OK**

James Jackson, Muscogee Nation sent out a draft agenda for the May meeting and is accepting suggestions and comments to improve the agenda. There was discussion from EPA about changing the order of the agenda regarding Worker Protection Standards inspection initiatives and the addition of an IPM presentation

#### **7. C&T Opt-out Paper Discussion**

Mark asked if anyone would be interested in helping with this paper started by Dan Hoyt from Gila River Indian Community. Brenda Ball, Ak-Chin Indian Community and Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes both volunteered.

## **8. Workgroup Report-out**

Loren LaPointe, EPA has compiled comments on the Status of Pollinators document, and will be presenting them to USDA

## **9. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics/COVID Check-in**

Will discuss at the next meeting

## **10. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST**

\*(Yellow highlighting in the notes above indicates action items)