

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee**  
**Monthly Conference Call**  
01/18/23  
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

**Tribes (23)**

- Earl Bautista, Tohono O’odham Nation
- Josiah Candelaria, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council
- Dwight Carlston, Gila River Indian Community
- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jasmine Courville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d’Alene Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Daniel Hoyt, Gila River Indian Community
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Phil Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Brenda Pusher-Begay, White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Bob Shimek, White Earth Tribal & Community College
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Ron Workman, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Tribal Organizations (1)**

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

**EPA (4)**

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Vanessa Emerson, EPA
- Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Linsey Walsh, 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

### **1. Tribal Caucus**

### **2. Welcome/Introduction**

Jasmine Courville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes welcomed everyone and facilitated the roll call.

### **3. EPA Updates**

Linsey Walsh, EPA announced that in December, 2022 the FY23 Budget was signed in addition to the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act 5. The operation plan is still being worked on.

At the last Risk Assessment Workgroup meeting it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Health Effects Division (HED) to work with the pilot project with White Earth Nation.

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

Mark Daniels, ITEP provided an update on the TPPC Spring Meeting being held March 8-10 in Arlington, VA at the Courtyard Arlington Crystal City/Reagan National Airport. The deadline to register for in-person attendance is today. A rough agenda will be available within the next week for those that need it for internal travel approval. The AAPCO meeting will be held that same week, March 6-8 in DC so if anyone would like to attend both there is a box to check on the registration form.

Some EPA folks will be able to join us on the first day, Wednesday, March 8 for some in-person interaction.

- Jasmine mentioned that Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association and Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation will be doing a presentation on the TPPC at the AAPCO meeting. Also, Mark will forward the AAPCO meeting agenda when it becomes available.
- Jasmine asked about the recently approved bee vaccination and if it falls under FIFRA. Linsey said that managed honey bees would be considered livestock. Here is a link to the January, 2023 article on the new vaccine:  
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/07/us/honeybee-vaccine-usda-approval-scen-trnd/index.html>
- Someone from AAPSE (American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators) contacted Mark and Jasmine because they are working on a Certification Training Academy and would like a presentation on the TPPC at one of their upcoming sessions (date TBD). Eric Gjevve, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe and Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community agreed to present. AAPSE is interested in more information about the lack of educational materials and how reservation medical clinics can develop better testing protocols for pesticide exposures.

## 5. Workgroup Report-out

The Pollinator workgroup met recently and had an excellent presenter from New Zealand talking about the need for more representation from indigenous scientists in science and incorporating traditional ecological knowledge (TEK). Western science does have roots in TEK but has many gaps that could be improved upon and incorporated a lot more. She may be willing to present at the TPPC spring meeting. Both Nina and Jasmine contributed further on the importance of working with the landscape and changing planting practices to support reciprocity and giving back to the earth. Brittani agreed that it would be beneficial for the whole group to hear the presentation.

The Risk Assessment workgroup will be meeting on January 30 and at this time Linsey suggested discussing the findings from previous studies conducted on tribal lands and compiling a list of questions to send to Mike Metzger along with the studies. Nina recommended making summaries containing information on exposures available on the website.

Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation provided the following links about efforts to restore Indigenous fire practices:

<https://cfans.umn.edu/news/restoring-fire>

<https://karuktribeclimatechangeprojects.com/fire-works/>

## 6. Tribal Caucus Report-out

Jasmine reported that the group is working on surveys, the upcoming spring meeting, and keeping watch on a couple of court cases that have the potential to significantly impact tribal sovereignty or even abolish Indian reservations (Maverick gaming case in Washington state, and Brackeen v. Haaland Supreme Court case).

## 7. NTC Updates

This will be addressed in the next meeting.

## 8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

Bob Shimek, White Earth Nation made the suggestion that if the TPPC prepares a white paper on the court cases Jasmine mentioned above, we should proceed carefully and review previous court cases so as not to diminish what has been decided in the past. He also mentioned that it would be beneficial to look up previous studies on fish and wildlife consumption advisories from Minnesota.

## 9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

### Announcement:

May 1-4, 2023 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality at Gila River Indian Community, AZ

<https://sites.google.com/view/ntfaq23/home>