

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
06/21/23
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes (15)

- Alexis Bruce, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Daniel Hoyt, Gila River Indian Community
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Gerald Wagner, Blackfoot Tribe
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- LaShawnia Tso, Tohono O'odham Nation
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tribal Organizations (2)

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Meyo Marrufo, National Tribal Caucus

EPA (3)

- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP
- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Vanessa Emerson, EPA/OCSP

Other (1)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Reported in advance as absent (3)

- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Reservation
- Sheldon Jones, Navajo Nation

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Mark Daniels, ITEP, facilitated the roll call.

3. EPA Updates (Linsey, Emily, Vanessa, Helene)

No updates, but Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA mentioned that she would be happy to talk about what her office does in a future meeting if folks would like. **Mark will reach out to her to schedule this.**

After it was brought up in the Tribal Caucus session, Mark asked Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSPP if we could schedule a meet & greet with someone from EPA's new Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. Linsey had already been thinking about this, and said **she would bump it up on her list.**

Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes asked if EPA has guidelines for aerial applicators. He said they'd had an applicator flying under high-voltage power lines, and he wasn't sure if that was appropriate or not. There was a discussion among various TPPC members with suggestions about relevant industry associations and guidelines that might provide an answer for Jim. **Linsey also said she'd look into it and try to pull up something concrete on the matter.**

4. TPPC Administrator Updates (Mark, Mehrdad)

a. Fall Meeting: Looking for a Host Tribe

Mark noted that he discussed the matter during the Tribal Caucus session, and that **he would attempt to get a rough idea of costs from the four Tribes that volunteered to host, then put it to a vote of the Council.**

b. Request for AAPCO Workgroup Members

Mark relayed that AAPCO has workgroups on label improvement, Endangered Species Act, and PFAS, and would appreciate TPPC involvement if someone wants to join any of those groups.

c. Need to Reschedule July Call

Mark will be out of town for our regularly scheduled date for the July call. He polled the members and everyone either didn't have a preference or wanted to meet one week early, on July 12, so **he will reschedule the meeting for then.**

d. Website Visits

- i. May: 338 views from 133 users
- ii. Year-to-date: 1,890 views from 683 users

e. Mark noted that Emily is out sick today, and asked if folks on the Direct Implementation workgroup would like to meet without her or cancel/reschedule (the meeting is typically held immediately after the Executive Committee calls). People were OK with canceling for

now, though Helene mentioned the group should think about one or two priorities to focus on for future meetings. **Mark said he would send an email to the group with this suggestion.**

5. Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas, and the Pest Control Database (Martin Guerena, National Center for Appropriate Technology)

Martin Guerena, National Center for Appropriate Technology gave a presentation about his organization and the Pest Control Database they put together, which allows users to search for a particular pest and find information on methods to treat it. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

6. Tribal Caucus Report-out

Pertinent aspects of what was discussed in the Tribal Caucus were shared in other parts of the open meeting.

7. NTC Updates (Meyo Marrufo)

Meyo Marrufo, Guidiville Rancheria and National Tribal Caucus gave her updates during the Tribal Caucus session in the first hour of the meeting. Pertinent topics were shared in other parts of the open meeting.

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

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians asked EPA if they could let us know if they're working on labels in other languages than English & Spanish, given the rise in other languages in for example the Cannabis industry (which often employs many Asian immigrants). Linsey talked about recent efforts on the part of the agency, and said it would be good for OPP to hear that there's a need not just for Spanish but other languages as well. **Linsey will talk with her counterparts at OPP to see if they can give us an update.**

9. Next TPPC Conference Call

Scheduled for Wednesday, July 12 since Mark has a schedule conflict with our regular date.

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