

**TRIBAL PESTICIDE PROGRAM COUNCIL  
MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

2:00-4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

1:00-3:00 p.m. (Central Time)

12:00-2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

11:00-1:00 p.m. (Pacific & Arizona Time)

**Join by Zoom: <https://nau.zoom.us/j/89303644703>**

**or phone: 312-626-6799 or 888-788-0099 (toll free)**

**Meeting ID: 893 0364 4703**

**Password: 186136**

Roll call:

**Tribes (14)**

- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Reservation
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Greg Phillips, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa

**Tribal Organizations (1)**

- Robert Shimek, White Earth Tribal Community College

**EPA (5)**

- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Vanessa Emerson, EPA/OCSP
- Amanda Hauff EPA
- Matthew Tejada EPA, OEJECR

### **Other (2)**

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- McKenna King, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

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

- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation

## **1. Tribal Caucus**

## **2. Welcome/Introductions**

Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, facilitated roll call

## **3. Meet the Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA's New Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (MattTejada, EPA/OEJECR)**

### **a. Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) Program Changes**

Significant budget increases, changes in structure, and staffing expansion has increased the presence of the OEJECR resulting in more funding available for grants and technical assistance.

### **b. Inflation Reduction Act; Environment and Climate Justice grant funding**

Provides \$3 billion in funding with the goal of creating a holistic community support system of financial and technical assistance to meet community needs to implement change making projects in those communities.

Thriving Community Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs) will be established with 13 Regional and 3 National centers, one of which is the National Indian Health Board. These TCTACs will be developed and funded for the next 5 years

to build capacity for communities. They will begin functioning within one month, and 2 more regional (in Regions 1 & 8) TCTACs still need to be determined, but in the meantime will be covered by others so people in those regions can still access support.

TCTACs were identified through a competition and are grantees that will function to assist on how to apply for grants, community organizing, establishing as a 501.3c, developing an annual budget, developing community partnerships, navigating federal and private resources to match the needs of their communities.

#### **c. Environmental Justice Thriving Community Grant Makers**

TCTACs do not provide funding so these grants will support programming/projects. These will award thousands of grants across the US. Eligibility is flexible with the goal of including a variety of groups and reducing access issues. Examples of eligible groups include community based organizations and faith organizations. Funding will be redistributed to external organizations such as community organizations, indigenous organizations, and academic institutions so applicants can experience a simplified and expedited application process to receive smaller grants.

#### **d. Environmental Justice Community Change Grants**

This program will hopefully be open by October 2023. Applicants will apply directly to EPA. Grants will be awarded up to \$20 million per award to support projects that address climate change. Projects must be finished in 3 years or remaining funding is returned. Eligibility is flexible with the goal of including a variety of groups and reducing access issues. Government groups such as tribes who partner with a community group will be eligible. Tribes alone are not eligible. The grant application process opens in October and there will be a one year open application period and grants will be scored and awarded on a rolling basis for 12 months. This will allow for revisions to applications and an opportunity to reapply if not selected initially.

Funding will not be allocated based on region. There is funding that will be set aside specifically for Alaskan Indigenous projects and for indigenous and tribal projects in the rest of the US, rural unincorporated communities, as well as for US territories and communities that straddle the US Mexico border. Amounts to be set aside have yet to be determined. Funding can support existing programs

and to support requirements for existing work plans. As an example; water infrastructure issues that General Assistance Program funding (GAP) does not cover such as maintenance and training.

#### **e. Additional Topics**

Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, requested a report on strategy for climate change from Conference of the Parties (COP), **Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP, said she will look for a contact to address this.**

**Amanda Hauff, EPA, will follow up with Brian regarding the Performance Partnership Grants to see how these could be influenced by new grants.**

July 2014 EPA policy on Environmental Justice working with federally recognized tribes and indigenous peoples will most likely be updated in 2025 or later in 2024.

#### **4. EPA Updates**

No updates noted.

#### **5. TPPC Administrator Updates**

##### **a. Fall Meeting Update**

Reminder to register for the meeting, **Mark will send out an email with funding information and a registration link.** The meeting is October 3-5 until 12pm on the 5th, travel days will be on Monday and departure will be Thursday or Friday. **Mark will send out a rough draft agenda in a week or two.**

The TPPC Fall Meeting will still occur if there is a government shutdown. Non government speakers will be priorities for presentations. October 1 is the beginning of the fiscal year so we will know if there will be a shut down by then.

##### **b. Executive Committee Election Reminder**

If you are interested in running or voting in the election you must be authorized through a letter that must be submitted by September 1st. Email Mark and he will send you a template for the authorization letter.

##### **c. Bee ID webinar part 2**

The second segment of the Bee ID webinar will be presented September 6th at 12pm CT. Mark sent out an invitation email, you must register through the link to access the Zoom meeting. The first part of the series is available on the TPPC website.

## **6. NTC Updates**

No updates noted.

## **7. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics**

**8. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST**