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PESTICIDES PROGRAM NOTIFICATIONS AND UPDATES

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Region 9 Pollinator Protection Template Development

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Need for a pollinator protection plan template expressed by tribes at:

- ▶ EPA R9 Tribal Pollinator Protection Conference Calls (August and October 2015)
- ▶ Tribal Pollinator Training (November 2015, Spokane, WA)
- ▶ RTOC Pesticides Workgroup Conference Call (December 2015)
- ▶ Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) meeting (January 14, 2016)



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What does EPA mean by “pollinators?”

In addition to honey bees, many other types of animals pollinate crops and wildflowers, including:

- ▶ Wild bees
- ▶ Ants
- ▶ Beetles
- ▶ Wasps
- ▶ Lizards
- ▶ Birds
- ▶ Bats
- ▶ Butterflies



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EPA Region 9 Assistance to Develop Voluntary Pollinator Template for R9 Tribes

- ✓ R9 has approval to take the lead in developing a template, with significant input and feedback from tribes
- ✓ R9 has access to resources to incorporate into template development (such as state plans)
- ✓ R9 can coordinate across stakeholders



Next Steps

- ▶ Establish collaboration process
 - ▶ Collect caucus feedback
 - ▶ Regular conference calls or webinars to present progress and receive feedback
 - ▶ Coordinate with Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)
 - ▶ Status update presentations at RTOC meetings and Pesticide Workgroup calls
 - ▶ Draft template to be submitted to tribes for review by **9/30/2016**
 - ▶ Share template at annual conference (October 2016)

Questions?

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