

Forestry Herbicide Projects: Kean S. Goh Speaking Engagement Report

Organization: El Dorado County Indian Council Inc.,
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Site: Foothill Indian Education Alliance Center
100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95623

Attendees: Gordon Boswell, chair; James Marquez, vice-chair; Brooke Meyer, Nanci Morrison, Carmen Galindo (aUSFS employee and council member), and 20 other members.

Date: April 9, 1997; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Purpose: Invited by the Council to present DPR's forestry herbicide monitoring results in Eldorado National Forest.

Highlights of presentation:

- 1) provided an overview of the scope and objectives of the study. Showed slides, and provided handouts and business cards; invite the audience to ask questions during presentation, at break one on one, or call me at office; described missions of DPR.
- 2) acknowledged invitation, all consultants, questionnaire respondents, USFS collaborators, DPR staff
- 3) described consultative process with CIBA and local tribal consultants in selecting plants of interest.
- 4) showed slides of the 14 plant species sampled; described parts used and sampling procedures.
- 5) showed slides of monitoring sites and herbicide application procedures, buffer zones and treatment effects.
- 6) showed slides of residues results by national forests, herbicide/application methods, and plants inside and outside treatment areas.
- 7) highlighted the controlled nature of the applications that only four out of a total of 119 samples outside the treatment area are positive in the sub-ppm range.

Q&A:

- 1) Chair Gordon asked why we didn't include ceremonial plants. I responded that these plants such as mugwort, wormwood, (*Artemisia* spp.) were indeed pointed out to us by the Native American consultants. However, these weren't found in or near the spray areas.
- 2) Chair Gordon shared further valuable information on plant uses. I had asked him to consider consulting with us during phase II monitoring, since he wasn't available during phase I study.
- 3) The council members shared their values and insights on the importance of maintaining a healthy web of life.
- 4) The council also expressed concerns about cancer cases in Native Americans in Humboldt. I informed the council that DPR funded by US EPA has started a fact finding, facilitated dialogue with tribes in the north coast area.