



Minutes for Board Meeting of May 21, 2008

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator
Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair
Brad Knotts, ODF
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Richard Kepler, ODF&W

Consultants Present

Justin Waltz, OPHD
Jeff Jenkins OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Fred Berman, DVM, PhD CROET

Consultants Absent

Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.

Board Members Absent

Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM

Guests Present

Kevin Masterson, DEQ
Steve Riley, ODA
Sue Otjen, OSFM

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:06 a.m.
 - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. Review and approval of the March 2008 minutes was unanimous.

Special Presentation – Steve Riley

Steve Riley ODA gave a presentation to the Board about the Oregon Water Quality Pesticide Management Team (OWQPMT), a group of agencies interested in combining expertise on water issues. Some of the PARC agencies are reflected in the membership of the OWQPMT. The USGS has found pesticide residues in specific areas of Oregon. As part of a general concern, these Oregon agencies are interested in identifying sources of the contamination of surface water and finding solutions together. A recommendation was made to Steve to speak to Curt Carpenter, USGS, who is going to give a talk to the Governors cabinet about their findings. It was felt that Steve and the OWQPMT would have information for Curt that he might not have, yet.

Agency Updates

ODOT:

The Noxious Weeds program is beginning. There will be no pesticides sprayed from Newport to Yachats. This is a pilot project to continue to identify whether there can be a reduction in pesticides used along roadways.

OROSHA:

The annual OROSHA/ODA/USEPA meeting was held in February. Discussion items were the re-eligibility for soil fumigants and language that EPA is recommending to replace current drift language on labeling.

DEQ:

Sampling is being conducted from 6 water sources from surface water and ground water. They plan to characterize raw H₂O before it gets into water systems. They will be looking for pharmaceuticals, hormones, pesticides and pain relievers, along with other contaminants.

Proposing to the legislature budget augmentations to maintain and expand the Water Stewardship Program as well as to help stabilize the current program.

ODF:

The Board of Forestry is still reviewing comments from the public on pesticide use brought to them during this year's Issue Scan. Most focus is on the use of pesticides in forestry, most especially targeting aerial applications.

The Board is also focusing on the private forest program. There is no consistent process for identifying whether the owners meet the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Brad was asked how the Board is reacting to concerns about environmental affects of pesticides and human health. He stated that there is currently a review of scientific literature documenting actual affects.

The US Forest Service Pest Management section has scientific evaluations of forestry herbicides along with risk assessments for Region 6. He stated that the US Forest Service has made some sweeping decisions about what pesticides may be used in the National Forest.

OSFM:

OSFM is establishing community-based Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) around the state. The federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 required these committees. Oregon has historically operated with one, statewide LEPC but in the last year, it has begun to move them to the local level as they were intended to be. The LEPC's are made up of local representatives from the fire service, local law enforcement, public works, health officials, citizens, schools, etc. that have an interest or stake in local preparedness for hazmat or other emergencies. The emphasis in recent years has shifted from primarily hazmat releases to more of an all-hazards focus.

Under EPCRA, the original intent of LEPC's was to do pre-emergency planning for facilities that possessed Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS). These are substances designated by EPA for their toxicity or flammability hazards. There are several positions that are currently working in various areas of the state to reestablish LEPC's within communities. Currently they seem to be establishing along county boundaries, which is typical of other state LEPC programs.

ODA:

ODA is pursuing five POPS for '09. The Pesticide Use Report System will be addressed in a sunset revision to change it to January 31, 2015.

DHS:

Environmental Public Health is proposing to request new capacity for outreach to schools and the public regarding environmental issues some of which are:

Radon, mercury off-gassing, and mold issues.

A graduate student will be creating recommendations for actions by state agencies for all chemicals. This is an offshoot of the Governors Task Force on Toxics. Additionally, they will be reviewing the DHS statutory authority to "remove products from commerce"

CLASSIFICATION:

Seven cases from 2005 were reviewed. The PARC Board unanimously upheld the classifications proposed by the classification group.

The cases from the first six months of 2006 will be classified by the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting proposed for July 16, 2008