

# January PARC Board Meeting Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
1/15/2025	Virtual meeting	9:00AM	10:00AM

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## PARC Member Agencies Present

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

**Jen Seamans**, Program Manager, *Pesticide Exposure, Safety and Tracking Program, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

**Gilbert Uribe Valdez**, PARC Board Administrator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA (OR-OSHA)*

**Rebecca Anthony**, Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

**David Gruen**- Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

## PARC Consultants Present

**William Lackey**, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *(ODOT)*

**Fred Berman**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (OHSU)*

## Other Persons Present

**Alan Martinez**, Occupational Health & Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**Dani Lightle**, Oregonians for Food and Shelter

**Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor PSEP, Oregon State University (OSU)

## Introductions and Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda. PARC Board minutes for September and November were reviewed and approved. The September minutes were not approved at the November meeting, as there were not enough board members present to approve the minutes.

## Agency Updates

**Gilbert Uribe Valdez**, PARC Board Administrator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

- It's been quiet on our end during the holidays, as most of our time has been spent on routine processes or renewals or registrations of licensees. We are tracking bills or legislative concepts.

**Alan Martinez**, Occupational Health & Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

- We're currently getting prepared for the Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference (GOSH), as we will be presenting about pesticide cases with ODA and OR-OSHA. Plus we are getting presentations for the Oregon Pesticide Symposium and through Oregon Pesticide Safety and Education Program.

**Rebecca Anthony**, Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

- We don't really have any updates.

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA*

- As mentioned, the GOSH conference will be held March 3-6 and the following the pesticide symposium is March 12-13. Due to the legislative session, I will miss Association of American Pesticide Control Officials. As Gilbert and Alan mentioned the legislative session, about 2600 bills dropped, and my goal is to read them all. I have seen that agriculture is mentioned a few times.

**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

- Two things I want to share: I want to share a flier about the Global Health Security Initiative. It's a symposium about countries interested in strengthening public health preparedness and global response to chemical, biological, pandemics, and nuclear terrorism. Second, Poison Prevention Week is coming up in March, it usually the third week of the month and there are lots of activities for children and it can be found on our website and social media. There will be a lecture for health care providers about psilocybin on March 20<sup>th</sup>. I'll send out the registration information.

**David Gruen**- Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

- I don't have any updates at this time, but if anything comes up I will come back on and let everyone know.

**William Lackey**, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *(ODOT)*

- I don't have any updates.

**Fred Berman**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (OHSU)*

- I don't really have any updates.

**Jen Seamans**, Program Manager, Pesticide Exposure, Safety and Tracking Program, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

- I don't have anything to add beyond what Alan already mentioned.

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

- I have an update from Mark Johnston at OSFM:
  - a. For Community Right to Know, I think an update would include that reporting opened on Jan 1, 2025 for the 2024 reporting period. Reporting closes on March 1.
  - b. For the 2023 reporting period, over 98% of facilities filed their report.

#### PARC Board community member

**Warren Hanson:** We did finally select a community board member, Dr. Gail Langellotto, who is a professor of horticulture at Oregon State University. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the meeting today but will begin attending the meetings in March.

**Gilbert Uribe Valdez:** I just wanted to add that we did get several applicants for the position, and Jen, Warren, and I reviewed the applications and made the decision. We had an on-boarding meeting with Gail to discuss the expectations of the public board member and how they are not here to represent a specific organization/institution but rather the citizenry at large. She's very excited to be able to join us.

**Warren Hanson:** We'll introduce her at the March meeting and have more trainings about that as well.

#### Geese Death and Rodenticide Advisory

**Warren:** Due to four separate geese death incidents in the fall, three of which were confirmed to have phosphine gas residues in the geese, we set out with ODFW to create an advisory about the above ground use of zinc phosphide. The dates for when the above ground use of zinc phosphide can occur changes each year. I've also been coordinating with ODA's Matthew Bucy about possible changes to the dates for the 2025 season.

**Fred Berman:** Have you encountered any avian flu deaths with geese?

**Warren:** All of the incidents were checked for avian flu and they all came back negative, with three of the incidents were positive for phosphine gas. The fourth is still awaiting analytical results.

**Charisse:** Is the [pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov](mailto:pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov) email address a good email for our staff to use to answer questions? Currently, we often use NPIC but want to make sure they have other resources as well.

**Warren:** That's a catch-all email address that can be used as a resource for any pesticide question and can be used by the staff as well as the public.

**Kaci:** If I bring up the advisory to grass seed growers, I didn't see a date for this season, do you happen to know the date for the above ground use of zinc phosphide in grass seed?

**Gilbert:** That is determined later in the year by United State Fish and Wildlife, but the specific date will be sent out in an announcement.

**Becky:** The ballpark for that is around April.

### PARC board meetings

**Gilbert:** In the coming year, we are going to have each of the agencies present about their authority in regard to regulations and their interface with PARC. This is being done to help public board member to better understand each agency and for new board members to get a better idea about the inner workings of each agency and the work that they do. We're developing a schedule for when we would like each agency to present and develop a presentation for the meetings. We're wanting to make the meetings more engaging and informative, so we have created a survey to get feedback from PARC board members to find out what's important and useful to the board. That way we can make them more useful and discuss topics everyone thinks are helpful. You should be seeing that survey soon. We're also discussing in-person meeting in the next year.

**Warren:** Our last in-person meeting which was hosted by Charisse had a hybrid component to it, so we will make sure to do so again.

### PARC Case Discussion

**Warren Hanson** – It's been very slow, which it usually. Most cases have been concerns about pesticide applications around homes and apartments. In addition, there have been a number of general concerns about pests in the home.

**PARC Case #25-0084:** To fix a roof leak, a contractor came out to fix the leak, but unknown to him someone had been spraying around the siding of the home. About five minutes before he arrived, the applicator had sprayed around the roof and other areas of the home. He ended up touching what he thought was water but ended up being an insecticide. He experienced several health symptoms following his potential exposure. He was concerned about the potential health risks from the situation. The incident occurred on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Jackson County.

**PARC Case #25-0086:** This was a news story about a guy driving semi-truck re-routed through the Willamette Forest and ended up on a road that was not suitable for his rig. Unfortunately, he ended up crashing and spilled 42,000 lbs of Ortho Bug Killer Spray. Luckily, he was uninjured and there was no release of the product.

**Fred:** Anyone who has driven that road, I was floored that he attempted to drive through the area. Is it known why he tried to drive through there?

**Warren:** I believe he was trying to re-route due to traffic or weather. Based on the map, it was quite a hairpin turn.

**David:** It occurred about a month ago, but has it been cleaned up?

**Warren:** That's a good question, but I know there was a road closure and a crane came in to clean up the scene.

### Public Comment

### Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024, at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Warren know.