

November PARC Board Meeting Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
11/19/2025	Virtual meeting	9:00AM	11:00AM

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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)*
Rebecca Anthony, Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*
Charisse Pizarro-Osilla, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*
Tim Moss, Forest Practices Act (FPA) Field Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*
Mark Johnston, Assistant Chief Deputy, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*
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

Christina Higby, Citizen Advocate Liaison, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*
Meredith Cocks, Project Coordinator, *National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)*
Dani Lightle, Policy and Stewardship Director, *Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS)*
Andrea Sonnen, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*
Alan Martinez, Occupational Health & Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator, *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*
Gail Langellotto, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, *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 were reviewed and approved.

Agency Updates

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

- 1) We're in the middle of hiring for two epidemiologist positions. They serve as key personnel on our federal grants and is a subject matter expert for our team and may be involved in some pesticide cases.

Alan Martinez: We've been working on an outreach collaborative with other agencies over the last couple months, to try and reach hard to reach populations. With what has been happening over the last couple months has made it more difficult to reach those populations. We are also sharing resources and strategies to reach those populations. Also, in October, we had a record number of cases, with 26. We're also working on the fotonovela project.

Gilbert Uribe Valdez: Did you notice any patterns with those record number of cases?

Alan Martinez: We've noticed a lot of cases at multi-unit complexes, including apartments and condos. This pattern has been happening for the last couple of years.

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

- 1) For our licensed applicators, some of our license exams are offered in Spanish. While all of the labels are in English, the rest of the exams are available in Spanish. We're getting more interest in making changes to Spanish exams. We're seeing how different exams are structured in other states. One of the main differences is the level of outreach for those preparing for the exam, as well as how they are administered. Our passage rates for the Spanish tests are very low, much lower than our English exams. We're exploring ways to still test for competence and not decrease the rigor of the exam yet change them to improve the passage rates. We're being careful about how we are making those changes.

- 2) We're also going to be going into rulemaking for improving our outreach about the Worker Protection Standard (WPS), including personal protective equipment and other topics. We're finding ways to reach out to employees and employers to let them know how they can meet all rules about the WPS.
- 3) We're also in the process of updating our Certification and Training plan to meet federal requirements, including recordkeeping.
- 4) For study materials, Pesticide Education Resources Collaborative (PERC) was working on the Core Manual and was planning on releasing both an English and Spanish version. Due to funding issues, they only released the English version of the manual.
- 5) We're also going to be recruiting for four positions in the next couple of months.

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

- 1) We're in the process of updating the PARC brochure, which is almost finalized. In addition, we are about 95% finished with a contact sheet for pesticide questions, a brochure for calibrating and maintaining pesticide equipment. Hopefully by the next board meeting, we can show them all off in their final form.

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

- 1) We don't really have any updates.

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

- 1) No updates from me. Thank you.

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

- 1) No updates from ODOT at this time.

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

- 1) No updates from me.

Mark Johnston, Assistant Chief Deputy, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*

- 1) Reporting season for the Community Right to Know begins January 1, 2026 and is open for two months. WE are preparing some messaging to prepare for that. We usually get into the 90% percentile of facilities reporting by March 1. After that we will start reaching out to get more information and usually finish up in the 96-98%.

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

- 1) No update at this time.

Tim Moss, Forest Practices Act (FPA) Field Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*

- 1) Stacy Savona will likely be coming back in January. We're also in the process of backfilling some positions up top at ODF. Complaints have been slow.

Gail Langellotto, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, *Oregon State University (OSU)*

- 1) I've been getting emails from gardeners about cuts to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) monitoring around the state. They are hearing about it from nurseries and wanted to know how to organize to push back against the cuts. I'm unable to assist with that but have directed the people to non-profit groups.

Meredith Cocks, Project Coordinator, *National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)*

- 1) We had a limited paid advertising ad campaign with funding from EPA Region X, targeting people searching for bed bug control. The main takeaway was that the campaign was expensive, but useful. We're happy to talk to any agencies that may be interested in doing something similar.

Overview of Oregon Department of Forestry Program

Powerpoint of the presentation is found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/pesticides/pages/parc.aspx>

Overview of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Program

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Overview of Oregon State Fire Marshal Program

Powerpoint of the presentation is found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/pesticides/pages/parc.aspx>

Overview of Oregon Department of Transportation Program

Powerpoint of the presentation is found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/pesticides/pages/parc.aspx>

Homeowners Association (HOA) Issues and Confusion

Warren Hanson – Over the past couple of years, we've seen an increase in complaints from residents about notifications in regards to homeowners' associations, with concerns about pesticide applications on their properties that they may or may not have control over. In ORS 94.763, HOA's are required to, upon request from an owner, give dates and times of plans to apply pesticides on their property and give them the power to opt out of the application. This is not regulated by ODA, so we cannot assist with these issues. I've been able to get resources such as the Oregon State Bar association, so they can speak to those who are better able to assist.

PARC Case Discussion

PARC Cases #26-0058 and 26-0071

We've seen a number of wildlife deaths with connections to zinc phosphide. Dead geese have been found at wastewater treatment plants, and analytical results indicated the presence of zinc phosphide. Unfortunately, it's very difficult to determine if these incidents are tied to legitimate applications, or illegal uses. We're working to develop an advisory about the issue and hope to get it out soon,

PARC Case #26-0066: This case happened at the Spirit Mountain Casino near the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes, and came in through the newspaper. A bear spray canister was being used to train an employee on how to use it, when some of the bear spray went into the entrance of the casino, and there were about 20 people that were said to have experienced adverse health effects

Public Comment

Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Warren know.