

WQPMT Committee Meeting Notes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
4/20/2023	Virtual	1:00 pm	3:00 pm

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Committee Members

Kathryn Rifenburg – Oregon Department of Agriculture

Rebecca Anthony- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Kaci Buhl- Oregon State University

Eugene Foster- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Wade Peerman- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Todd Hudson- Oregon Health Authority

David Gruen- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Rebecca McCoun- Oregon Department of Forestry

Rob Hibbs- Oregon Department of Agriculture

Introduction

- Meeting is called to order by **Kathryn Rifenburg**.
- Introductions of committee members.

Feedback from Advisory Group

- **Kathryn Rifenburg** asked the committee if there was any feedback on the PSP Strategic Plan and the Advisory Group Charter documents that were distributed in the last meeting.
 - **Kaci Buhl** stated that membership qualifications were a topic of discussion amongst the advisors. Kaci notes that the AG had questions on who decides who is qualified or not, but states that membership is determined by the director of ODA (Oregon Department of Agriculture).
 - **Kathryn** considered changing the wording of “membership qualifications” to “membership desired skills” to not unnecessarily deter people. Kathryn took suggestions from the committee for people or organizations who may be a good fit for membership.

2023-2025 Collection Events

- **Kathryn** the State does not currently have an active contract with a hazardous waste company to run the collection events. There is an RFP out and it was planned to have a new contractor in place in April/ May, but that timeline has flexed to June/ July. Looking forward to the next biennium there will be enough money for approximately six events.
 - Group discussion on where the 2023-2025 collection events should occur and tentatively decided on events in the following counties: Linn, Umatilla, Coos, and Hood River

Deschutes and Wasco Strategic Plan Review

- **Kathryn** shared some feedback from Paul stating he thought the Deschutes plan overall looked good, but he'd like to see more promotion of changing irrigation practices and wanted more information and details about how Wasco was going to achieve their desired results.
- **David Gruen** commented that he agreed with Paul. He noted that Deschutes plan was very lengthy and could be summarized to be more focused on the strategic plan and less on the historical context except when directly relevant. David would like both plans to review and tighten the language used especially around the measurable goals.
- Overall, the group felt that the Wasco strategic plan needed to be more focused on Malathion concentrations in the basin. **Kathryn and David** will schedule a meeting with the Wasco SWCD to discuss feedback on the plan.

Committee Updates

- **David** is speaking with the Long Tom Watershed Council talking about the PSP program, and the watershed will be talking about the data and the work from OSU's IPM Center on the online tool to promote IPM methods for residential users. David is also speaking with the Marion SWCD about the Pudding basin data.
- **Wade Peerman** will be stepping away from the committee for approximately four months due to taking leave. An interim manager will be announced soon and Wade plans on notifying the group once that has been determined.
- **Todd Hudson** will be working with his team at the Oregon Health Authority to host an event called a 'Soil Shop' where they will be measuring lead in people's soil. He asked ODA if they would like to share any information relating to household pesticides with the attendees.
 - **Kathryn** directed Todd to Kaci Buhl and NPIC (National Pesticide Information Center).
- **Kaci** presented a useful guide created by the Springfield Utility Board. It is the guide she has been using at SWCD workshops and sharing with landowners.
- **Kathryn** is finishing PSP Grants Agreement for the next biennium. Kathryn is also working on a data pull for an information request of all ODA's PSP data that ODA has submitted to the EPA in the last five years.

Adjourn

- Kathryn Rifenburg adjourns the meeting.