

WQPMT Committee Meeting Notes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
10/19/2023	Virtual	1:00 pm	3:00 pm

FACILITATOR	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE
Kathryn Rifenburg	Kathryn.Rifenburg@ODA.Oregon.Gov	971.600.5073

Attendees

Kathryn Rifenburg – Oregon Department of Agriculture
Gilbert Uribe Valdez- Oregon Department of Agriculture
Warren Hanson - Oregon Department of Agriculture
David Gruen- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Colin Donald- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Wade Peerman – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Rebecca McCoun –Oregon Department of Forestry
Rebecca Anthony- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kaci Buhl - Oregon State University
Todd Hudson- Oregon Health Authority
Rob Hobbs – Oregon Department of Agriculture
Serhan Mermer – Oregon State University
Paul Measles – Oregon Department of Agriculture
Steve Mrazik – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Introduction

- Meeting is called to order by **Kathryn Rifenburg**.

Imidacloprid Exceedance

- **Gilbert Uribe Valdez** Revisited key points about PSP, how it operates, and the Pesticide Management Plan for Water Quality Protection. The data that is collected for the PSP is non-regulatory and cannot be used for regulation. If there are any questions about how the data can be used or what other agency parties to involve, a WQPMT team member must bring the question to the rest of the team before moving forward.
 - **Kaci Buhl** appreciates bringing those issues to the meetings and welcoming all the voices to this table.
 - **Paul Measles** Asks what about Imidacloprid that makes it trickier to use. Are people familiar with how to use it, is it the formulation, or the way it is applied? Has anybody

spoken with any applicators of how they are using the product?

- **Kaci Buhl** Need to identify who is making applications in the area. It is so extreme, and in one location: was it a dumping situation, rinsate dumping or equipment cleaning? Yamhill and Pudding are consistently high detection areas. They are seeing it more in hazelnuts as use has switched from Chlorpyrifos to Imidacloprid. They are also facing two borer species. One is a root borer that is new this year and the other is a trunk borer that is relatively new the past few years. Preventative application using more Imidacloprid, can be applied through soil drench, trunk injection, or granules.
- **Gilbert** asks how to accomplish coordinating information with the organizations.
- **Kaci Buhl** agreed that's a great idea. But suggested the Soil and Water districts. She drafted an article.
- **Kathryn** data is presented to the local Technical Advisory committee, which includes OSU extension agents, City of Medford staff, Rogue Valley Sewer Services staff and maybe the Rogue River Keeper. Kora would like to meet with the city, ODA, & DEQ about options for outreach.
- **Kathryn Allen Hammel**, DEQ lab, mentioned that the lab could accommodate recon sampling from some of the partners.
 - **Wade Peerman** timeline for planning shortly after we finish the PSP season later this month for analysis. The analysis will happen through the end of the year into early next year. Allen will plan and let the WQPMT know.

Adjourn

- Kathryn Rifenburg adjourned the meeting.