

WQPMT Committee Meeting Notes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
10/17/2024	Virtual	1:00 pm	3:00 pm

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Kathryn Rifenburg	Kathryn.Rifenburg@ODA.Oregon.Gov	971.600.5073

Attendees

Kathryn Rifenburg – Oregon Department of Agriculture

Kaci Buhl - Oregon State University

Todd Hudson - Oregon Health Authority

Thomas Whittington - Oregon Department of Forestry

Gilbert Uribe Valdez – Oregon Department of Agriculture

Rob Hibbs - Oregon Department of Agriculture

Paul Measeles - Oregon Department of Agriculture

Introduction

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

2021-2023 Biennial Report

Kathryn asked if the group was ready to approve the language for the biennial report. Todd Hudson and Kaci Buhl voted to approve followed by approval from Thomas Whittington, Rob Hibbs, and Gilbert Uribe Valdez.

PSP data graphs for biennial report

The group discussed whether it would be more helpful to have a list of POCs without graphical representation in the summary and direct people to look at biennial report for full details.

Other suggestions from group members:

- graphs are helpful because it makes it much clearer to visualize which analytes are the most concerning, like imidacloprid. They provide more information and get people's attention.
- Include a table in addition to the graphic
- shows statistically significantly trends at sites in graphic number 3

ESA and PSP AG meeting

Discussed the upcoming Advisory Group meeting and the plan to get feedback on the potential role the

PSP and PSP partners can play in supporting pesticide applicators with ESA strategy implementation.

Updates from PSP partners- Yamhill and Rogue

Kathryn recently spoke with Yamhill and Rogue PSP staff about how to proceed with the program in those basins.

Jackson SWCD has been operating the Rogue PSP for 10 years and, with new staff and priorities, have been analyzing the program. They propose:

- 1) expanding the PSP to include Little Butte Creek,
- 2) finding new sampling locations within the current PSP boundary or
- 3) closing the program.

WQPMT discussed the options and agreed that it would be possible to expand the PSP to include Little Butte Creek.

- Yamhill sought guidance on how to proceed with the EPA grant since Marion SWCD was unable to participate in the project.
- Grant deliverables have been delayed due to feedback received by OSU Extension Agents and the Marion SWCD Board of Directors from industry groups.
- The WQPMT was updated on grant delays and new proposed timeline of deliverables.

Fee for WQ sampling

Kathryn used feedback from the 2024 PSP partner survey to set the WQ sampling fee for the 2025-2027 biennium. Moving forward, the PSP partners will receive \$350 per sampling day. There were no objections from the other WQPMT members.

Adjourn

- Kathryn Rifenburg adjourned the meeting.