



PARC Board Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2018
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Basement Hearing Room
635 Capitol St NE, Salem OR 97301-2532
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PARC Member Agencies Present

PARC Board Administrator (outgoing) - Ray Jaindl
PARC Board Administrator (incoming) – Stephanie Page
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair
PARC Board Community Member - Jennifer Gervais
ODF - Thomas Whittington
OSFM - Michael Heffner
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke
OPC - Sandy Giffin
ODFW - Danette Faucera
DEQ - Brian Boling

PARC Consultants Present

OSU - Jeff Jenkins
ODOT – Will Lackey

Other Persons Present

ODA – Christina Higby

PARC Members Absent

OHSU - Fred Berman

Agenda Items in bold

Introductions

1. Called to order 9 a.m.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves and provided agency updates.
3. November meeting minutes accepted.

Agency Updates

Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

Michael Heffner - Emergency Response Services Branch Manager

1. Heffner reminded the PARC Board about the upcoming Hazmat response team conference being held in April. He encouraged anyone whom would like to present at the conference to submit an application (handout was passed out). Heffner reviewed presentation opportunities that the

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conference is looking for and identified that this would be a good opportunity for OSFM office staff to get to know more about PARC.

2. Hefner reported their office is scheduled to host the PARC Board meeting in May and will be conducting a presentation on OSFM's new online reporting system.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Stephanie Page

Page introduced herself and her upcoming role as the Natural Resource Program Area Director and PARC Administrator when Ray Jaindl retires at the end of March.

PARC Board Community Member

Jennifer Gervais, Oregon Wildlife Institute

Nothing to report

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke - Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reported OR-OSHA had the Worker Protection Standards (WPS), Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) hearings around the state. Hearings were held in Medford (2), Woodburn (2) and Hood River (1). All but the AEZ rules were made into effect on January 1, 2018. The AEZ final rulemaking is being held open for comment until after the Fiscal Impact Advisory Committee comes up with their findings. The comment period has been held open through January 31st, 2018 and may be extended.
2. Cooke recommends that a future PARC Board meeting be held in Medford because of the extreme concerns citizens expressed at the hearings.
 - a. Further expansion on request was discussed between Board members including who to reach out to, how a meeting in Medford benefit citizens, and are there specific groups or individuals to conduct outreach and education that could be identified. Cooke expanded that there was a lack of knowledge and understanding of pesticide rules and regulating bodies. Discussion concluded that Cooke would provide PARC with contact information to reach out to and discuss PARC's role and how to reach PARC staff.

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Danette Faucera - Water Policy Coordinator

1. Faucera reported at the end of November there was a cackling goose die off in Keizer. Total of 25 geese were collected, showing signs of zinc-phosphide toxicity. Actual toxicity results came back negative. It is unclear if the negative results can be attributed to the fact that the geese were severely decomposed. There have been past incidents that were similar in nature at this location.

Oregon Poison Center

Sandy Giffin - Director

Giffin reported that OPC is in the process of bringing on new staff to replace retiring staff. Griffin reported that they are monitoring the funding that OPC receives through the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Their national business meeting in February and will be at the Capitol.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Ray Jaindl - Natural Resource Program Area Director / PARC Board Administrator

1. Jaindl reported he will be retiring in a couple of months. Jaindl requested that the PARC Board members and consultants start thinking about the 2019-2021 budget. Jaindl requested OHA and consultants review and submit any cost changes so ODA can incorporate it into their budget.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Will Lackey – Vegetation Management Coordinator

1. Lackey reported that ODOT has a program called the Environmental Management System which helps to clean up ODOT's maintenance yards. Lackey reported that their system has been nationally recognized by the Federal Highway Administration. Their department reviews and rewrites the manual every five (5) years.
2. Lackey reported he provides spray license trainings to new staff. In the last ten years, he has trained over 150 applicators within ODOT.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Thomas Whittington - Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Whittington reported ODF has hired additional staff and are almost at full capacity with hiring Stewardship Foresters. There are 51 throughout the state and are first responders regarding the Forest Practices Act and assisting private foresters. Whittington reported that ODF is looking to hire a Water Quality Specialist.
2. Whittington reported that he presented at the three state regional forestry practice communities on HB3549 which requires a 60 foot spray buffer around inhabited dwellings and school campuses.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Curtis Cude - Environmental Public Health Surveillance Program Manager/PARC Board Co-Chair

1. Cude reported that they are working on refilling the PEST Coordinator position and anticipating it will be filled by the next PARC Board meeting. Cude reported that Sarah Apodaca has been filling the PEST Coordinator position duties while they work on filling the position.

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Ted Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch reported that ODA is hosting Open Houses on the Japanese Beetle eradication project to provide opportunity to communicate with the public on the Department's eradication efforts. More details about this will be presented later in the meeting.
2. Bunch requested that PARC Board members review and update their SOPs.
3. Bunch requested PARC Board members who have a Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with ODA to please review and update.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Brian Boling - Laboratory Program Manager

1. Boling reported that DEQ is going through a reorganization of the agency. DEQ will change to a Water Quality Division, Land Quality Division and Air Quality Division. Regions will be reporting to the implementation program administration, a new position. Boling reported that

there is a shift in leadership team and new positions will be opening up. Boling reported that his position has changed and he now sits on the leadership team.

Oregon State University

Jeff Jenkins, Professor

1. Jenkins reported he spoke in November at a workshop organized by the Clean Rivers Coalition. It is organized by public works employees around the state to look at prioritizing pollutants. Jenkins suggested inviting someone from the Coalition to speak at an upcoming PARC Board meeting to learn more about what they do.
2. Jenkins reported that he has been consulting with the City of Springfield's Public Works Department. They have a wellhead protection initiative for pesticides and have come up with a screening tool for people who use pesticides around the approximately 50 well heads in the city. Jenkins suggested having someone from the public works department come and present at a future PARC Board meeting.
3. Jenkins reported he is consulting with Linn County Public Works on their rights-of-way chemical usage. Linn County has an approval process for all herbicides used in the county.

Audience Introductions – Audience members introduced themselves. ODA employees: Heidi Penrod, Natural Resources Office Manager; Keawe Molifua, Pesticide Program Investigator.

Public Comment - No public comment was received.

Overview 2018 ODA Eradication Efforts

Barry Bai, ODA Entomologist provided a presentation on ODA's eradication efforts around the state including Japanese Beetle, Asian Gypsy Moth, Light Brown Apple Moth, and Mormon Cricket.

Break – 15 minutes

Contributing Factors Sheets

Board members went over several contributing factor (CF) sheets for consensus.

Concerns/Incidents

Board members and participants discussed a more concrete definition between a pesticide concern versus incident. Time was limited and Board members agreed to continue the discussion by email and revisit at the next PARC Board meeting on March 14, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at approximately noon.