



PARC Board Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020
Oregon Department of Agriculture, Conference Room D
635 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301
9:00 a.m. to Noon

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
OHSU-OPC - Charisse Pizarro-Osilla
DEQ - Kate Jackson
ODF - Nathan Agalzoff
ODOT - Will Lackey
OSFM - Michael Heffner

PARC Consultants Present

OSU - Jeff Jenkins

Other Persons Present

ODA - Rose Kachadoorian
ODA - Timindra Pratico
OHA - Crystal Weston
ODA - Jenny Marin

PARC Members Absent

ODA - Stephanie Page, PARC Board Administrator
ODFW - Danette Faucera
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke
OHSU - Fred Berman
ODA- Christina Higby

Agenda items in bold

Introductions & Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves.
3. November's PARC Board minutes were reviewed and approved with correction of one typo.

Agency Updates

Oregon State University (OSU)

Jeff Jenkins, Professor

1. Jenkins reports his department is hiring for a Water Quality Toxicologist. The position was posted 1/14/2020 and will be closing at the end of February. This is a new position within the department; Jeff is heading the recruitment.
2. Jenkins reports the 12th Annual Research Day Symposium is scheduled for January 30, 2020. Jenkins is also heading the effort. The theme of the symposium is “Protecting Our Water Future for Human and Environmental Health”. Mary Reiley, president of Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) World Council, will be the keynote speaker. Meta Loftsgaarden with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) will speak about the Governor’s 100 Year Water Vision, among others. The symposium is locally focused. Registration is free and open to all.
3. Jenkins reports that the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) has a two open positions, including a Spanish-speaking specialist.
4. Jenkins reports that the Oregon Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Center, formally IPPC, has been rebranded and hired a new director. The center will continue to integrate programs across OSU departments.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Nathan Agalzoff, Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Agalzoff reports the public hearing and commentary has closed for Port Blakely stewardship agreement and the agency will be finalizing the agreement mid-February.
2. Agalzoff reports Josh Barnard moved into the Forest Deputy Chief role. His previous position as Field Support Unit Manager has been temporarily filled by Scott Swearingen.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Will Lackey, Vegetation Management Coordinator

1. Nothing to report at this time.

Oregon Poison Control (OPC)

Charisse Pizarro-Osilla, Director

1. Pizarro-Osilla reports that OPC is in the process of auditing pesticide reports. Pizarro-Osilla is concerned that OHA is not receiving all faxed cases. Pizarro-Osilla reports there have been 17 faxes sent to OHA, however, OHA has confirmed eight received. Pizarro-Osilla wants to know why this is occurring. Cude suggested that he, along with Weston, connect with Pizarro-Osilla to resolve the issue. Pizarro-Osilla plans to also investigate with OPC to identify a possible issue. Pizarro-Osilla suggested that going forward, OHA could email the case numbers received on a weekly basis so that she can reconcile.

Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

Michael Heffner, Emergency Response Services Branch Manager

1. Heffner reports OSFM has a busy time ahead with the current legislative session. It is possible that more responsibilities will be added and he hopes that more funding and staff will be made available as well.
2. Heffner reports the Community Right to Know and Protection act is in force. About 13,000 facilities are required to report, the number has continued to increase since an online platform is now available.
3. Heffner reports the HazMat Rail Coordinator position has been filled internally by Fraser Wick. Over the past year, there has been discussion around a possible table-top exercise that would involve a drill of a tank car containing pesticide products. If the group is still interested, Wick would be able to facilitate the drill.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Kate Jackson, Regional Liaison, Western Region

1. Jackson reports that the Environmental Quality Commission will be meeting next week and will be touring the DEQ/OHA laboratory facilities. One of the items up for discussion is a set of EPA rollbacks that are far along at the federal level; one involves the Clean Water Act 401 Program, which includes a specific permit program that DEQ manages. Another involves the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In 2019, Oregon Environmental Water Quality Act was passed, which gives Oregon the ability to retain specifics of federal programs that were in place in January 2016 at the state level.
2. Jackson reports that DEQ is conducting an internal debrief of the Milton-Freewater helicopter mis-application that occurred in November 2019. Jackson hopes that it will give an opportunity to refresh the incident response between agencies to better assist in the future. Jackson will be reaching out to Bunch and Toby Primbs, Pesticide Program Manager with ODA, shortly to discuss how to refresh for training in the future. Michael Heffner stated that he and the OSFM would like to be involved in training as well.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Crystal Weston, Pesticide Exposure, Safety and Tracking (PEST) Program

1. Weston reports that OHA is now getting cases from ESSENCE, OHA's syndrome surveillance system, brought into their reportable conditions database. This has added 20-30 confirmed cases annually, which has little overlap with the cases that OHA was looking at previously. The ESSENCE cases appear more severe and are classified as more certain than other cases. Weston expects robust surveillance results. Fewer cases at this time and focusing on closing out 2019 cases in order to provide solid analysis and reporting. Please be responsive when OHA reaches out to partner agencies if OHA is looking for more information regarding the cases.
2. Weston reports that generic results from OHA database, ORPHEUS, of confirmed cases should be available in the near future.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch reports that Danette Faucera has begun to receive Pesticide Use Plans (PUPS), which must to be submitted by vector control. PUPS are reviewed by ODFW and OHA.
2. Bunch reports that community member Jennifer Gervais has stepped down from the PARC Board. Bunch expects that a press release will be made to seek a new community member for the PARC Board.
3. Bunch reports that he is working diligently to finish the 2017 contributing factor sheets, so that 2015-17 legislative report can be completed. Bunch reports that a notable event during that biennium was Coos Bay Children's Academy, and the report should reference that event published by OHA.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Rose Kachadoorian, Pesticide Program Manager

1. Kachadoorian reports that ODA has been working with the Oregon Law Center in regards to migrant labor camps concerns. They have expressed concerns with the drinking water available to migrant workers. After speaking with partner departments, ODA is working with OR-OSHA to provide names to Oregon Law Center. OR-OSHA plans to create a task force help meet the needs of the migrant worker community to obtain and secure safe drinking water.
2. Kachadoorian reports that the PSP Stakeholder Group meeting is Jan 16. Also, the Chlorpyrifos Advisory Committee will be meeting for the second time next week on Jan 23 during which ODA staff will be discussing WPS. Both meetings are open to the public and minutes will be available to the public.

Public Comments

Josephine Koehne with the League of Women's Voters reports they have initiated a study on pesticides in Oregon. Koehne reports that the League of Women's Voters will not take a stand on any issue until they have conducted a thorough study. Usually these studies take about a year. They have visited and will continue to visit with stakeholders and conduct an in-depth interview process. Once the study is complete, the different leagues will read the study and then decide how to advocate on the topic.

Break

Contributing Factor (CF) Sheets

PARC Board members reviewed and discussed CF sheets, incidents only.

Let Ted Bunch or Curtis Cude know about any requested agenda items in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Future PARC Board Meetings 2020

March 11, 2020 - Oregon Health Authority, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland

May 20, 2020 - Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, 3565 Trelstad Ave SE, Salem