



**PARC Board Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2018**  
**Oregon Health Authority**  
**Portland State Office Building**  
**800 NE Oregon Street, OR 97232**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA - Stephanie Page, PARC Board Administrator  
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair  
ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair  
ODF - Jay Walters  
DEQ - Brian Boling  
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke  
OPC - Sandy Giffin

PARC Consultants Present

OHSU - Fred Berman

Other Persons Present

ODA - Christina Higby  
OHA/PEST - Crystal Weston

PARC Members Absent

Community Member - Jennifer Gervais  
ODFW - Danette Faucera  
OSFM - Michael Heffner  
OSU - Jeff Jenkins  
ODOT - Will Lackey

**Agenda Items in bold**

**Introductions**

1. Called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. and a review of the meeting agenda was conducted. Bunch reported a change in the agenda. Following the break, ODF's Jay Walters will provide an overview presentation on ODF's guidance to buffers for aerial herbicide applications in forestry operations.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves and provided agency updates.

## Agency Updates

### *Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA)*

Garnet Cooke - Pesticide Coordinator

Cooke reported that OR-OSHA's Worker Protection Standards (WPS), Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) proposed rules have been finalized and she will be giving a presentation on the details of the final rule later on in the meeting.

### *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Science (OHSU)*

Fred Berman, Director of Toxicology Information Center

1. Berman reported he is officially retired, however he was successful in being able to continue his consultation work with PARC through an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with OHSU and OSU/NPIC.

### *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality*

Brian Boling, Laboratory Program Manager

1. Boling reported DEQ's new complaint reporting system is having issues with notifying PARC. DEQ went back to using the manual reporting system until the problem can be fixed.
2. DEQ is still on track with purchasing a gas chromatograph which detects a larger sweep of pesticides at very low levels. DEQ will be working with ODA on the data display.

### *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*

Jay Walters, Forest Practices Field Coordinator, Private Forest Division

1. Walters reported five (5) incident management teams deployed this last Monday (1 ODF and 4 Federally led) to combat the many wildfires in Oregon.
2. Walters reported that Thomas Whittington has accepted a new position at ODF as the Water Quality Specialist.

### *Oregon Health Authority*

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

1. Weston reported that OHA's Tillamook Shilo Inn investigation is wrapped up and OHA staff are currently reviewing the report.

### *Oregon Poison Control*

Sandy Giffin, Director

1. Giffin reported that OPC is orienting their new staff.
2. OPC is focusing on fielding opioids and street drug calls.

### *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Christina Higby, Citizen Advocate and Liaison

1. Higby reported she did not have any updates.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture*

Stephanie Page, PARC Board Administrator/Natural Resource Program Area Director

1. Page reported that ODA is working on its budget for the 2019 Legislative Session, due on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. ODA is identifying new funding requests (POPs), including funding to add staff to conduct Worker Protection Standards (WPS) outreach and training.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture*

Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch provided an update on the dead crows found in Portland that tested positive for avitrol. ODA has extended the data call-in to the Washington side. ODA is working with Washington's Department of Agriculture to get information.
2. Bunch reported that the second year of the Japanese Beetle eradication efforts showed a two-fold reduction in the number of beetles found in traps from last year's monitoring.
3. Bunch reported that PARC's fiscal year (FY) ended, showing PARC received 244 inquiries this year compared to 227 in FY 2017 and 338 FY 2016. Main increase in FY 2016 is believed to be related to the Asian Gypsy Moth eradication efforts.
4. Bunch reported the strategic plan for the Oregon Bee Project came out in June. One of the major goals is to train up to 2000 pesticide applicators in regards to responsible use of pesticides and protecting pollinators.
5. Bunch reported the Northstar development project in Salem was adjusted to address the excavation of 50% more soil than originally planned. Details of the project changes can be found on DEQ's website.
6. Bunch reported on the recent news articles about dead ponderosa pines as a result of roadside applications using Persepective (active ingredient aminocyclopyrachlor) near the city of Sisters. ODA has received a Report of Loss form on behalf of the citizens of Oregon.
7. Bunch reported on personnel changes at ODA. Former Pesticide Investigator Isaak Stapleton filled the Food Safety and Animal Health Director's position formally held by Stephanie Page. The IPPM (Integrated Pest and Plant Management) Program Manager Clint Burfitt has accepted a position with APHIS in Portland. ODA has a new Pesticide Investigator, Heather Rickenbach, who comes from the Ag Water Quality Program.

**Meeting Minutes**

Board reviewed and tentatively accepted the draft May meeting minutes. Any final changes are due by email before Friday, July 27, 2018.

**Public Comments**

Kaci Buhl, PSEP (Pesticide Safety Education Program) Coordinator with Oregon State University introduced herself and her staff present. Daniella Whanger is an OSU student and currently interning with PSEP to work on translating the Worker Protection Standards Training into Spanish. Taylor Munro is also an intern with PSEP and is creating online pesticide training courses. Kimberly Brown is the new PSEP Outreach Coordinator. Buhl talked about their mission and her belief in the investment of training. PSEP's #1 work they are focusing on is pre-certification; bulking up and improving the process. PSEP is working with ODA to get a position to help update pesticide applicator's manuals. Feedback from the public is that pesticide applicator tests and study material are poor, and PSEP is focusing their work on making improvements. Current work involves updating pesticide manuals, writing new updated pesticide applicators' exams, and working with ODA on WPS education. Buhl extended an invitation to

work with the other PARC member agencies on outreach and education materials related to pesticide safety.

**Presentation: Worker Protection Standards/Application Exclusion Zone Final Rule Overview**

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Safety Coordinator, OR-OSHA provided a PowerPoint presentation on the final rule making for WPS/AEZ.

**Break – 15 minutes**

**Presentation: Aerial Spray Buffers (HB 3549)**

Jay Walters, Forest Practices Field Coordinator, ODF conducted a presentation on ODF guidance on buffers for forestry aerial herbicide applications.

**PARC Recommendations & Legislative Reports**

Bunch started a conversation on recommending the Board consider making real-time recommendations to the Oregon Legislature in lieu of waiting to write the recommendations in the bi-annual report. Board Members discussed how that would look and tentatively agreed that this was a good idea.

**Contributing Factors (CF) Sheets**

Board went over 7 of the 70 contributing factor sheets. A discussion was made on PARC tracking of complaints of drift cases when people or animals were not adversely affected. Bunch reported that drift cases are specifically tracked and investigated by ODA's Pesticide Program and the data can be collected and analyzed through the pesticide investigator's database. Additional discussion was related to the data available in the Pesticide Investigator's database. Board agreed that drift only cases would not be tracked by PARC but will be collected through ODA's Pesticide Investigator's database to be analyzed and reported on in PARC's legislative reports.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.