



PARC Board Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2018
Oregon Health Authority
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street, Portland OR 97232
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA – Ray Jaindl, PARC Board Administrator (outgoing)
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair
ODF - Thomas Whittington
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke
OPC - Sandy Giffin
ODFW - Danette Faucera

PARC Consultants Present

OHSU - Fred Berman

Other Persons Present

ODA - Christina Higby
OHA/PEST - Crystal Weston
OHA - Sarah Apodaca
ODF - Jay Walters (incoming PARC Board Member)
ODF – Josh Barnard
ODA - Stephanie Page (incoming PARC Board Administrator)

PARC Members Absent

Community Member - Jennifer Gervais
DEQ – Brian Boling
OSFM – Michael Heffner

PARC Consultants Absent

OSU - Jeff Jenkins
ODOT - Will Lackey

Agenda Items in bold

Introductions

1. Called to order 9 a.m.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves and provided agency updates.

Agency Updates

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Danette Faucera - Water Policy Coordinator

1. Faucera reported on a dead crow incident in Portland where people reported crows were “falling from the sky.” Several news stations covered the incident. ODFW staff collected samples. Audubon society also collected samples in several locations throughout Portland. Toxicology reports came back with positive identification of Avitrol, a restricted use pesticide (RUP). Faucera reported that the communication process at ODFW needs to be worked on to bring PARC/ODA in sooner.
 - a. Ted Bunch added ODA does have an active case open. ODA has submitted requests to pesticide dealers in the Portland area requesting records on Avitrol sales. ODA will also be looking at Washington for sales records. PARC Board members discussed specifics about the product and details around label use directions.
2. Faucera reported that DEQ issued a monetary fine in the Glen Creek incident from last year (September 2017) in which several fish were found dead as a result of a misapplication of pesticides to an instream private pond.
 - a. Ted Bunch provided an update on ODA’s investigation of the Glen Creek incident.

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke - Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reported that the Pesticide Symposium is next week.
2. Cooke reported that OR-OSHA extended the Worker Protection Standards (WPS), Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) proposed rule-making comment period to March 15th, 2018. OR-OSHA has received over 700 comments to date.

Oregon Poison Center (OPC)

Sandy Giffin - Director

Giffin reported that OPC centers around the country met last week in D.C. Items discussed included opioid abuse and Kratom. Giffin further discussed OPC’s challenge with utilizing social media to educate the public. Further conversation from board members discussed what kratom is and the recent detection of salmonella found in samples collected.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Thomas Whittington - Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Whittington reported he has been temporarily assigned to work at the National Resource Conservation Service (acting State Forester for NCRS). Jay Walters will be covering pesticide related complaints and coordinating investigations.
2. Walters reported ODF has investigated 3 pesticide complaints received this spring and reported as occurred last fall. All are related to aerial pesticide application complaints. Walters reported no forestry practice rule violations were found on the two he has received so far.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Curtis Cude - Environmental Public Health Surveillance Program Manager

1. Cude reported on February 20, 2018, Crystal Weston filled the position of OHA/PEST Program Coordinator and Occupational Public Health Program (OPHP) coordinator. OPHP is looking at

improving reporting of work-related pesticide illness and injuries, particularly around the migrant worker communities.

2. Cude wanted to recognize the work Sarah Apodaca has been doing the last several months to keep the PEST program going while the position was vacant.
3. Cude reported OHA/PEST is continuing to work on getting database (SPIDER) up and running so they can share their information with NIOSH.
4. Cude reported OHA/PEST budget requirements for the next biennium should be in good shape for the next biennium.
 - a. Ray added that he informed the incoming PARC Board Administrator, Stephanie Page on PARC's 2019-21 budget to make sure that the cost of living is taken into consideration for consultants and agencies that PARC provides funding to.

Oregon Health Authority

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

Weston introduced herself and shared her background as a health educator working with migrant worker communities.

Oregon Department of Agriculture

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

Jaindl reported no additional updates other than the one he provided on the 2019-21 budget (See 4.a. section of Curtis Cude's update)

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Ted Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch added his thanks to Sarah Apodaca from OHA on the work she has been doing with the PEST program.
2. Bunch reported that today is Ray Jaindl's last PARC Board meeting as he will be retiring at the end of the month. Bunch thanked Jaindl for the last 6 years as the PARC Board Administrator and 25 years at the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
3. Bunch reported ODA completed the 2017 trapping program with no detections of the Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) in Portland. ODA did find 11 European Gypsy Moths in 4 counties and monitoring will continue, but no eradication plans have been proposed. Japanese Beetle (JB) received funding for its 2nd year of eradication efforts in the Portland area this April.
4. Bunch reported on PARC member agencies Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) updates.
5. Bunch reported ODA sent three (3) representatives to D.C. last week to participate in the American Association of Pesticide Control Officials (APPCO) Conference. Rose Kachadoorian spoke on contamination of pesticide products that the department has been discovering and is becoming a national issue. Several concerns were expressed by large pesticide operators.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Christina Higby, Citizen Advocate and Liaison

1. Higby reported that January's draft PARC Board meeting minutes will be sent via email to the PARC Board members for feedback.
2. Higby summarized pesticide-related topics addressed at the Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF) meeting held January 9th, 2018: OR-OSHA Administrator Michael Wood regularly attends the meetings and provides updates on the WPS proposed rulemaking; Update on the

Lincoln County measure to ban aerial pesticide applications are still in litigation; and Lane County ballot measure to ban aerial pesticide applications will not be allowed on the next ballot due to the single-issue rule.

Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Science (OHSU)

Fred Berman, Director of Toxicology Information Center

Berman reported staff at the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) are going back to D.C. next week for their annual meeting with EPA's Pesticide Program.

PARC Board Administrator (incoming)

Stephanie Page, Natural Resources Program Area

Page reported Portland State University (PSU) is working on a study to look at the impact of pesticides usage on forest lands and effects on the shellfish industry. Ted Bunch added that there is a slight interaction with the Water Quality Team, ODA staff Kirk Cook was invited to be on the advisory team. Jay Walters reported ODF staff have also been approached to participate.

Break – 10 minutes

Presentation: Communicating Science

L. Blair Paulik, PhD Environmental Toxicologist with Maul Foster and Alongi, Inc., an environmental engineering and consulting firm provided a presentation on communicating science with the public. Following the presentation, Board members discussed their respective challenges with this topic.

Contributing Factors Sheets

Board members went over several contributing factor (CF) sheets for consensus. CF discussion led into conversation on determining concerns versus incidents. Board members discussed the importance of different data points collected for incidents and concerns to look for trends and make recommendations for the legislative report.

Concerns/Incidents

See Contributing Factors Sheets section above.

Public Comment - No public comment was received.

Meeting adjourned at approximately noon.