

# March PARC board meeting minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
3/15/2023	Virtual meeting	9:00 AM	10:45 AM

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## PARC Member Agencies Present

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*  
**Gilbert Uribe Valdez**, PARC Board Administrator, Pesticides Program Manager (*ODA*)  
**Curtis Cude**, PARC Board Co-chair, *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*  
**Jen Seamans**, PARC Board Co-chair, *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*  
**Stacy Savona**, Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*  
**Mark Johnston**, Special Operations Unit, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*  
**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA*  
**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*  
**Andrea Sonnen**, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*

## PARC Consultants Present

**Fred Berman, DVM, PhD**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences*  
**William Lackey**, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

## Other Persons Present

**Alan Martinez**, Occupational Health, Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator (*OHA*)  
**Katie Murray**, Executive Director, *Oregonians for Food and Shelter*  
**Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor PSEP, *Oregon State University (OSU)*  
**Meredith Cocks**, *National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)*

## Introductions and Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda. PARC Board minutes for January were reviewed and approved.

## Agency Updates

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *OR-OSHA*

- 1) Oregon OSHA recently updated our PARC SOPs and our one pager, which I have submitted to Warren.
- 2) On March 31<sup>st</sup>, I will be meeting with representatives from Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center at the University of Washington to talk about heat, smoke, PARC, pesticides and many other subjects.

**Mark Johnston**, Special Operations Unit, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*

- 1) I have an update on two cases that were previously shared with the group, PARC # 23-0082 and 23-0083. One of my compliance specialists is working with both of those operators to identify types and quantities of hazardous substances. Based on that information he will determine if they are required to report. If so, we will work with them to get them registered in the CHS managers system and reporting.

**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

- 1) The third week of March is National Poison Prevention Week and the governing body, Americas Poison Center, has a big campaign aimed at educating people about poison prevention. Last year I sent out trivia to PARC members. Unfortunately, this year we won't be doing that, but hope to bring it back next year.
- 2) Dr. Henderson, one of our medical directors, will be giving a lecture on Kratom, how it's used and what the medical implications are in an overdose. If anyone is available and interested in attending his lecture it will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I will confirm whether we are recording this lecture and if so, provide that recording to those who can't attend.

**Fred Berman, DVM, PhD**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences*

- 1) No updates at this time.

**Stacy Savona**, Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *ODF*

- 1) We have many new foresters in our field offices, so we are rolling out trainings that are made of multiple modules. There's a pesticide component in this week's training. And our following trainings will be about pesticide complaint procedures. I looked back at the 2022 records of our helicopter pesticide complaints, and we had 11 warnings and no violation. They were mostly due to unfamiliarity with the new rules and learning that system. We're still working with getting people familiar on how to operate under those new rules.

**Alan Martinez**- Occupational Health, Pesticide Exposure Program coordinator (*OHA*)

- 1) We've had several presentations in the last couple weeks.
  - a. Last week I attended the Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) conference. We did a presentation along with Oregon OSHA on OHA's Pesticide Exposure Safety and Tracking (PEST) program. We provided prevention tips so we can reduce or eliminate pesticide exposures in the workplace and in our communities.
  - b. On March 13th we gave a presentation at OSU. We, along with Gilbert Uribe Valdez, delivered a pest management session in Spanish that was for applicators, homeowners, and renters.
  - c. A few weeks ago, we gave a presentation for the Pesticide Safety Education Program. This was a good opportunity to share information on pesticide symptom exposures.
- 2) One of our outreach publications, "What to do if you're exposed to pesticides", was recently translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, and Traditional Chinese. We're still waiting on Mixtec and Zapotec translations which may take a couple months, but we have more resources now.

**Curtis Cude**, PARC Board Co-Chair, *OHA*

- 1) I introduced Jen Seamans at the top of the meeting. She will be taking over my position on the PARC board.
- 2) I've enjoyed my many years as PARC Co-chair, and I am happy to pass the baton to Jen. She is going to be a great manager for Environmental Public Health Surveillance, and I think she will serve well in role as PARC Co-chair.

**Jen Seamans**, PARC Board Co-chair, *Oregon Health Authority*

- 1) I'm delighted to be here and I'm still learning the ropes. I'm lucky to have Curtis staying on with the team and he will be continuing to support the water program within Environmental Public Health.

**Andrea Sonnen**, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*

- 1) We're wrapping up our first YouTube video directed at School IPM Coordinators. It's in the final review stages. We are also working on a PowerPoint. For that, we're working on the narrative for narration.
- 2) The job posting for an Investigator in our Eugene office just closed. We will be interviewing next week to fill that position.

**William Lackey**, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

- 1) No updates at this time.

**Gilbert Uribe Valdez**, PARC Board Administrator, Program Manager (*ODA*)

- 1) Regarding the OSU presentation that Alan mentioned, the opportunity to attend these workshops are few and far between and it can be difficult to cater to the mixed experiences and learning goals of the diverse attendees. At this one, there was a mix of landscapers, Christmas tree farm workers and people who worked at a community gardens. For this presentation, I tried to focus on the importance of reading the label and paying attention to the sites that are on the label, the environmental hazards, and the personal protection. Most importantly one of the things that we tried to emphasize was letting them know that the state agencies can be a resource to them.
- 2) We are getting ready to advertise our position for the Registration Specialist which is vacant due to a retirement.
- 3) We are also dealing with a lot of changes at the federal level from EPA that will be affecting pesticide labels. This is specifically tied to the endangered species act. They will be changing mitigation measures on labels which affect some of the uses for our applicators here in the state. We're working to ensure applicators are aware of those changes as they're coming down the pipeline.
- 4) I'd like to revisit the discussion of creating some on-boarding and training presentations for people that are new and to reintroduce people to the work that we do in each of our agencies. As well as revisit the idea of to having some of these meetings in person again in order to have the opportunity to connect and have some of those conversations that we don't get to have when we are remote.

## [Oregon Pesticide Symposium Update](#)

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *OR-OSHA*

I'm looking forward to seeing you all next week at the Pesticide Symposium. We are returning to the Chemeketa Viticulture Center where this event was held prior to the pandemic. A lot of people on this meeting are going to be speaking. Warren will be doing a presentation on PARC and PARC member agencies. I have a 2-minute presentation just go over PARC's SOPs from an Oregon OSHA perspective. If there are any questions about the symposium let me know.

**Comment from Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor PSEP, Oregon State University (*OSU*)

I've been working closely with Khadija on finding speakers and I have not been able to find anyone to speak on orchard aerodynamics that may impact pesticide drift. If any of you know someone who can speak on that topic let me know. At the GOSH conference last week, Khadija suggested that we use the hour to go over just basics because there so many new people at Oregon OSHA and the forestry department. I was thinking intro to toxicology such as, how we do dose response, what goes into a risk assessment, and where to go for certain information. I wanted to ask this group what you all think.

*Ted and others agree.*

### [Oregon Vegetation Management Conference Recap](#)

**Andrea Sonnen**, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*

I attended the Oregon Vegetation Management Conference, and it was one of the most well put together events that I've been asked to speak at. I spoke about updates to laws and regulations and how people can get involved in that process with the state legislature as well as with individual state departments as they're doing rulemaking. I was also on a question-and-answer panel and received many questions.

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *OR-OSHA*

There were probably about 250 attendees at this conference. I spoke about PPE and vegetation management and all the Oregon OSHA rules that applied. I had a chance to meet the representative of DEQ, David Gruen, in person for the first time. David spoke about the efforts of the Water Quality Pesticide Management team.

### [Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference Recap](#)

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *OR-OSHA*

This was my first time attending the GOSH conference in person. There were over 1300 attendees and many exhibits and classes. I visited several booths including those of the Oregon Poison Center and OHSU. I met at least 20 individuals for the first time in person that I had only previously seen virtually. It was a great event and if you've never been, I hope you put it on your radar for the future.

**Alan Martinez**- Occupational Health, Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator (*OHA*)

I was part of a panel for a coalition known as Oregon young employee safety, or O[yes]. Each panel member had a chance to share our backgrounds and work experience history. We provided tips and talked about the occupational safety and health industry and how it plays a big role in public health. Each panel member had a chance to mentor a student from the OHSU public health master's program. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about the occupational health program and give more insight to the agency. It was also a great opportunity to speak to other agencies and learn about other programs.

### [Association of American Pesticide Control Officials Recap](#)

**Gilbert Uribe Valdez**, PARC Board Administrator, Program Manager (*ODA*)

Last week I attended AAPCO. This association regulates pesticides at the regional levels, mostly state led agencies such as ODA, but it includes the territories, tribal members, and even Canadian officials. Once a year, they meet with representatives from EPA to give updates, talk about regional issues and get input from EPA. One of our staff members Colton Bond was elected as a board member. The board is currently mostly made up of representatives from the east coast. I think it's important that we have somebody representing the western states because the board brings issues to EPA to make sure that when the EPA is forming their rules and regulations, they are aware of all regional issues. The Endangered Species Act was discussed and the related decisions that EPA is going to be making that will affect pesticide products and other issues. After I have a chance to go through my notes, I will be sharing the more important points and takeaways from that meeting.

### [Legislative Updates](#)

**Gilbert Uribe Valdez**, PARC Board Administrator, Program Manager (ODA)

#### **HB3098 Update**

House Bill 3098 directs state department of agriculture, in consultation with PARC, to establish a farm worker outreach program. Yesterday this bill passed, with amendments, and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. This will have significant implications to our program if it ends up passing.

#### **LC2687 Update**

This is no longer an "LC", it is a bill which is now scheduled for its third reading in the house. The bill authorizes Oregon Department of Agriculture to issue public applicator licenses and public trainee certificates to employees of federally recognized Indian tribes for the purposes of pesticide applications on lands other than Indian country as it is defined in relevant statutes and regulations. Previously our statutes and regulations hadn't been written in such a way that we had been able to issue these licenses to members of federally recognized tribes and this bill remedies that situation.

#### **Noncommercial License Type Update**

We're currently working and hoping to make some progress on our rule making process for our new license type, the noncommercial applicator license. This license would be for applicators who are using restricted use pesticides on land or property that they or their employer owns that is not an agricultural commodity. Currently, this type of pesticide application puts applicators in a place that falls between the license types that we have. We're still working with our stakeholders and partners to make sure we properly address their concerns for the new license type. We're working to get those details ironed out so that we can open it up for public comment. The goal is to have this implemented by the renewal period which will be January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024. Once we get to that point, we'll send out the proper announcements.

#### [PARC Fiscal Year 19-21 Data Analysis Overview](#)

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Warren gave a PowerPoint presentation on the data from different PARC cases during the fiscal year 2019-2021. This presentation will be posted online with other meeting materials.

#### [Potential Meeting Topic Ideas](#)

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

I met with Gilbert and consulted with Curtis about compiling a list of potential future meeting ideas or topics. I would also like to propose this to the board as a whole and we can discuss that now or you can send me any ideas you have later. We can make a small list and add it to our running list of items we're working on.

**Andrea Sonnen**, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*

I would be interested to hear from all the PARC agencies on what kind of training in-house, if any, they are doing for all their staff. Not just staff members involved with investigation. What kind of training is being done to share the pertinent information about who to contact and how.

**Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor PSEP, Oregon State University (*OSU*)

I'd be happy to present on pesticide certification and training, such as who gets trained and who doesn't. I could fill in questions for the PARC board members, so they have a concept of what industries are trained and which ones aren't. I could also go over some of the category training requirements for professionals.

**Note by Warren**- We can get Colton Bond and/or Brittny Jones to talk on that as well.

**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

Since we have many new people, maybe the board would like to hear more about what each agency does.

#### [PARC Case Discussion](#)

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

**PARC Case #23-0079:** There was a complaint in Turner, Oregon about an aerial application for mosquitoes. The complainant lived about a block and a half from Mill Creek where the application was being made. They said that the applicator was spraying at night and that they were flying directly over the house. Even though the complainant was inside their house, they said it was very drafty and they were still able to smell the product and had some adverse health effects. The complainant said that the spraying has been relatively frequently and that each time they've been affected by it. One of their near neighbors had complained of adverse

health effects as well. Both people involved were in their 80s.

**PARC Case #23-0084:** This case involved fumigation at a flea market in Hillsboro. There were multiple complaints, made to multiple agencies, related to fumigation for cockroaches at a food court area within the flea market. The applicator thought that the area was going to be closed and people wouldn't be in the area during the time of the application but that was not the case. Initially, it was reported that multiple people that had adverse health effects, but when ODA's investigator spoke with them there was no actual claims of adverse health effects to people.

### Public Comment

**Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor PSEP, Oregon State University (*OSU*)

I had a few things I wanted to share with the group:

- We finished our PSEP webinar series for the season. If there are people in your organization that could speak on topics like these let me know. We want to bring in the best. We also had great results from our survey that we send out each season.
- We are now offering pre-license training for the laws and safety exam. It is being offered in Albany and Portland and is also available online. This training prepares people to take their Initial certification exam to become a pesticide applicator. This whole collection is due to be out in Spanish last week. I wanted to have a link to share today, but it is not yet available. I just wanted everyone to be aware that the training is available and it's free thanks to ODA's support.
- The Pesticide Applicator Certification & Training meeting is happening in May in Traverse City, MI. I will be there with a couple members of my team and ODA will be sending members from their team as well. This event is open to anyone, so if any other agencies are interested, please consider that.
- UC-Merced has a new Farm Worker Health Survey Dashboard that I find really useful and wanted to share. I will provide you all with a link.

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *OR-OSHA*

This is not pesticide related, but it is public health related. Oregon OSHA is currently hosting a stakeholder meeting in response to the Oregon Health Authority announcing that masking requirements in health care are going to end on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are discussing Oregon OSHA's Covid rule in health care and what that might look like going forward.

### Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Warren know.