



**PARC Board Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2019**  
**Oregon Department of Agriculture, Hearing Room**  
**635 Capitol St NE Ste 100**  
**Salem, OR 97301**  
**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  
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke  
ODF - Thomas Whittington  
Community Member - Jennifer Gervais  
OPC - Sandy Giffin & Charisse Pizarro-Osilla  
OSFM - Michael Heffner

PARC Consultants Present

OSU - Jeff Jenkins  
OHSU - Fred Berman  
ODOT - Will Lackey

Other Persons Present

ODA - Christina Higby  
OSU/PERC - Kaci Buhl  
OFS - Janet Fults

PARC Members Absent

DEQ - Brian Boling  
ODFW - Danette Faucera

**Agenda Items in bold**

**Introductions & Meeting Minutes**

1. Called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves.
3. March's PARC Board meetings were reviewed and approved with one minor change.
4. Members provided agency updates.

## Agency Updates

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

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reported that OR-OSHA had a request from Representative Holvey related to Chlorpyrifos cases. Cooke provided two PARC cases: one in 2010 related to two boys who were poisoned while spraying Christmas trees; and the second was related to Polk County employees adversely affected while cleaning out a culvert.
2. Cooke reported on the most recent PARC case at a state facility where old pesticide containers were found leaking. The containers were found in an unsecured location near where children frequented.

### *Oregon State University (OSU)*

Jeff Jenkins, Professor

Nothing to Report

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

Thomas Whittington - Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Whittington reported he is filling in while ODF current PARC rep. is at a Leadership Oregon training.
2. ODF has a new Division Chief of Private Forest, Kyle Abraham effective July 1, 2019. He is taking over for Lena Tucker who accepted the position of Deputy State Forester.
3. Tracking Bills in Legislature: Harvest Tax Bill and ODF Budget
4. Early start to fire season, actively promoting fire prevention on social media.

### *PARC Board Community Member*

Jennifer Gervais, Oregon Wildlife Institute

1. USFW's barred owl removal project (to help the spotted owl) have been sending in livers for analysis and have found traces of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide compounds in Oregon. Additional conversation discussed possible reasoning behind this issue. There was a question raised on the potential link to illegal marijuana grow operations on public lands.

### *Oregon Poison Control (OPC)*

Sandy Giffin, Director & Charisse Pizarro-Osilla

1. Giffin reported that with new staff at OPC, they have found additional training is needed regarding information sharing and the referral process.

### *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

Curtis Cude, Pesticide Exposure, Safety and Tracking (PEST) Program

1. Cude reported that a few weeks ago, OHA had noticed that they were not getting any referrals/information from OPC, which was unusual. Cude thanked OPC for the additional staff training to correct the flow of information.
2. Cude reported that OHA received a similar request from Representative Holvey related to Chlorpyrifos and the numbers of cases OHA has received. Curtis worked with ODA to compile the information.

3. Cude reported that OHA is close to migrating to their new reportable database. The goal is for the new program to allow for better case management, address the back log, and use it to produce publications.
4. Cude reported Crystal Weston is participating in Leadership Academy and is anticipated to be available at the next PARC Board meeting.
5. Additional discussion from OPC and OR-OSHA regarding access, tracking and sharing of incidents among the PARC Board members. OHA indicated that they are working with DOJ on the information that OHA receives and what they are and are not allowed to share.

*Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*

Michael Heffner - Emergency Response Services Branch Manager

1. Heffner reported OSFM is recruiting for a HAZMAT Rail Coordinator position.
2. Heffner reported OSFM is watching HB 2209 related to rail contingency plans which includes a staff position to provide full scale training exercises.
3. Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled this week in Pendleton.
4. Heffner reported last week he attended the National Association of State Title III Public Officials. Discussed a trend of litigation where facilities are being accused of negligence for chemical releases and for failure to adhere to guidance (not rules). OSFM is watching these cases closely.
5. America's Water Infrastructure Act – which requires the state emergencies response commission to notify the state drinking water authority that a release has occurred downstream so that intakes can be closed and alternative methods could be used. Oregon has OERS to fulfill this requirement.
6. OERS has moved from Oregon Military to OSFM.

*Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Science (OHSU)*

Fred Berman, Director of Toxicology Information Center

Nothing to Report

*Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

Will Lackey – Vegetation Management Coordinator

1. Lackey reported completing a round of seven (7) trainings to ODOT staff. Wanted to thank ODA Pesticide Program staff in participating in these trainings.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Stephanie Page, Director of Natural Resources & Pesticide Programs

1. Page reported ODA filed permanent rules last week limiting the use of Aminocyclopyrachlor (or ACP) on certain sites. Additional information can be found on ODA's website.
2. Legislative updates: Page provided a handout on pesticide related bills ODA is tracking. One to mention is the pesticide bill (HB 2619) that prohibits the sales, use and distribution of pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos. There is a work session happening today at 3:00 PM. Several state agencies received inquiries about cases related to the product. Page also went over ODA's Budget and other bills ODA is following.
3. Page reported on bio-stimulant products which are fertilizers that make pesticidal claims. EPA has released a draft guidance to assist industry on bio-stimulants. States are preparing comments for EPA's draft guidance.

4. Drift prevention messaging– ODA’s Pesticide Program is considering additional messaging to not only pesticide licensees on drift prevention and volatilization, but are considering messaging to homeowners as well. Pesticide Program staff are working with ODA’s communications team to come up with the most effective ways to go about this.
5. Cude asked Page to address HB 2980 related to Pesticide Use Reporting System. Page explained the purpose of the bill is to extend the sunset date to allow the program to continue to exist. Page indicated that the program stopped running quite a while ago due to lack of funding. Cude also inquired about HB 2816 related to Integrated Pest Management. Jeff Jenkins responded that there is a separate bill that funds OSU extension and is connected to this bill.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch reported that ODA’s Pesticide Program has reviewed its Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and has reported no updates. PARC’s SOPs has been recently updated to address a contingency plan if 211info is temporarily unavailable. This will be addressed through ODA’s telephone vendor.
2. Bunch provided an update on ODA’s pest eradication efforts. Japanese Beetle is 75% complete; Gypsy Moth treatment area in Corvallis began last week. Approximately 45 forested acreage will be covered. Pheromone traps are being put in place throughout the area to evaluate the success of the treatments.
3. Inter-Agency Agreements (or IAAs) were sent out to relevant PARC member agencies and consultants.
4. PARC has received 168 concerns in fiscal year (FY) 2018 compared to 207 in FY17 and 305 in FY16.
5. Bunch reported on a Waste Collection event being put on by Republic in the Corvallis area. The flyer identified that there will be a freebie table for unused pesticide products that could be used by others. ODA reached out to Republic on both the local and national level on pesticide laws.
6. Bunch addressed glyphosate and the national attention it has been getting related to court cases. 211info has been getting increased inquiries related to concerns of adverse health effects people believe are associated with the prior use of glyphosate. Jenkins reported that NPIC has recently updated their paper on glyphosate.
7. Page reported that DEQ is working on a new PARC Board representative to take over for Brian Boling.
8. Giffin inquired if PARC has submitted the biennial report to the Legislature. Bunch responded that PARC is working on converting database from a paper form to a digital form and is working on the 14/15 and 16/17 reports.

**Public Comments**

Janet Fults with Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS) commented that EPA’s Bio-stimulants draft guidance comment period has been extended to July 28, 2019. Fults clarified from a previous conversation that EPA has not defined what a bio-stimulant is, but has described it. She wanted to add that there is a competing chlorpyrifos bill, HB 3058, which will direct ODA to research and make recommendations on the pesticide.

Kaci Buhl with OSU, provided an update on the completion of their PSEP (Pesticide Safety Education Program) training which served over 1,100 applicators, not including the WPS trainings conducted. Buhl wanted to extend her appreciation to all of the PARC member agencies who presented at the trainings. On March 1, 2019, PSEP hired a Spanish speaker to conduct trainings and is available for those who are interested. March 1, 2019 the IPM Manual and Exam was published in collaboration with ODA. Finally, Buhl announced that NPIC was awarded/renewed their funding by EPA.

### **Contributing Factors & Definition Updates**

PARC members provided feedback and discussed changes.

Members discussed the challenge of trend analysis with the changes being proposed.

**Break – 15 minutes**

### **Contributing Factor (CF) Sheets**

1. PARC Board members reviewed and discussed CF sheets for feedback and changes.

Continued conversation occurred surrounding what CF points should be added/deleted to the CF sheet for the next biennium.

2. Additional conversation surrounded increased awareness and education among physicians for reporting requirements on suspected pesticide poisoning.

3. Homework was assigned for Board members to provide feedback on the CF sheets not discussed and gave a two-week deadline to complete.

### **Presentation: PARC Board Members Onboarding**

Stephanie Page gave a presentation on a process for onboarding new PARC Board Members. PARC Board Members discussed the onboarding process and complementary documents that should be included to help with the process.

Meeting adjourned at approximately noon.

### **Future PARC Board Meetings 2019**

July 17 - DEQ, Hillsboro

September 18 - OR-OSHA, Salem

November 20 - State Office Building, Portland