



PARC Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2017
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Conference Room
7202 NE Evergreen, Parkway, Hillsboro, OR 97124
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PARC Member Agencies Present

PARC Board Administrator - Ray Jaendl
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
PARC Board Community Member - Jennifer Gervais
ODF - Thomas Whittington
OSFM - Michael Heffner
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke
OPC - Sandy Giffin
ODFW - Danette Faucera
DEQ - Brian Boling

PARC Consultants Present

OHSU - Fred Berman

Other Persons Present

OHA - Sarah Apodaca

PARC Members Absent

ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair
OSU - Jeff Jenkins

Agenda Items in bold

Introductions

1. Called to order 9 a.m.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves and provided agency updates.
3. September meeting minutes accepted with two minor corrections.

Agency Updates

PARC Board Community Member
Jennifer Gervais, Oregon Wildlife Institute
Nothing to report

Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (OHSU)

Fred Berman - Director, Toxicology Information Center

1. National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) was given the James and Mildred Olfield, ER Jackman Friends and Team Alumni Award (monetary award) from OSU. Award was received because of the collaborate efforts and teamwork conducted by NPIC.
2. Berman received a PARC referral to contact a veterinarian about a potential pesticide poisoning of a dog.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

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

1. Jaindl reported PARC conducted outreach to Oregon State Legislators introducing them to PARC.
2. Jaindl reported that Ted Bunch is part of the Water Quality Pesticide Management Team which is currently evaluating technical assistance grants on the money received. No decisions have been made as of yet.
3. Pesticide Program continues to have some challenges looking at cannabis and the presence of pesticides found in products tested. Some growers are applying pesticides illegally, others are using products that are identified as organic but have been found to contain pesticide products not listed on the label. EPA is pursuing enforcement actions in some of these cases. Organic producers are being jeopardized because some products contain adulterated products. There are currently about 180 cases related to cannabis, many of which are utilizing the Marijuana Compliance Assistance Program (MCAP). As of January 2018, MCAP will no longer be available.
4. Curtis Cude inquired about a PARC case in Ione, OR, in which multiple citizens reported adverse health effects they associated with a pesticide application conducted by CenturyLink. ODA investigation discovered widespread presence of paraquat (unrelated to the CenturyLink application). One of the citizens reported knowledge of this finding. Jaindl was not aware of the incident but said he would inquire and provide an update.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Thomas Whittington - Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Whittington reported he received an email from ODF's Deputy Division Chief wanting to acknowledge and thank OHA and ODA for participating in the annual interagency meeting required by the Forestry Practices Act.
2. Whittington reported ODF is continuing to work on staffing Stewardship Foresters positions (7 out of 10 hired).
3. In the next couple of weeks, ODF will be presenting guidance to the three Forestry Practices Committees about HB 3459 related to the 60-foot spray buffers around schools and occupied dwellings.

Oregon State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Michael Heffner - Emergency Response Services Branch Manager

1. Heffner reported the Community Right to Know Program is going paperless starting next year and offered to present the new online reporting tool at an upcoming PARC Board meeting.

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke - Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reported the Pesticide Symposium scheduled for next year will be held on March 20 and 21st, 2018.
2. Cooke reported a lot of time has been spent on the Worker Protection Standards (WPS) and Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) proposed. Cooke reported she will be talking more about it later on in the agenda.

Oregon Poison Center

Sandy Giffin - Director

1. Giffin reported that OPC is expanding in staff and are recruiting.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Brian Boling - Laboratory Division Administrator

1. Boling reported the 2300A pesticide general permit is out for public comment right now and will be incorporating the 2016 comments that were submitted. ODA, ODF and DEQ have been waiting to discuss aspects of the permit. This is an ongoing process. Boling clarified that the comment period has not been reopened yet.
2. There have been reports of a couple fish kills in Tickle Creek related to the City of Sandy's sewage treatment plant. One was last year and another in October (22nd). Between November 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017, city's sewage treatment plant was discharging to the creek using UV as a disinfectant. May 1 to October, water was being discharged to a nursery. When the sewage treatment plan released to the nursery, chlorine was used. In the transition period, there was too much rain and water was released to the creek in October which is outside the City of Sandy's permit period. The water was de-chlorinated before discharge, but the release was not reported to OERS. The fish kill prior, there was a break in the pipe that carried chlorine.
 - a. Danette Faucera added that there have been several instances of fish kills in that creek. This was the first time she heard that there was a broken pipe. Faucera recalls when OSP was out investigating in 2014 and there were hundreds of dead fish, including over 80 adult wild coho salmon. Faucera clarified that the creek is a tributary to the Clackamas River.
3. DEQ has been experiencing bed bugs at its agency headquarters. The agency found only one bed bug so far and have been using dogs to find and treat. Boling clarified that bed bugs have not been detected in their lab where the meeting is currently being held. DEQ is training staff who regularly travel to reduce risk of transferring bed bugs. Jennifer Gervais added that NPIC has several guides to address bed bugs.

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Danette Faucera - Water Policy Coordinator

1. Faucera reported on the Glenn Creek fish kill. Jaindl added that the pesticide applicator over applied and there is a good chance there will be a citation for misuse.
2. Faucera inquired if there are certain standards that should be used for MOAs updates. Jaindl requested that there is consistency in general but should be tailored to each agency. Cude added

that they had general counsel take a look at it to make sure they were not exceeding their authority and made modifications.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Sarah Apodaca - Pesticide Exposure Safety and Tracking (PEST) Coordinator

1. Apodaca reported she is taking over some of the duties of the PEST Coordinator until OHA can fill the position.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Curtis Cude - Environmental Public Health Surveillance Program Manager

1. Cude reported he is waiting on final approval to begin recruiting for the PEST Coordinator position. Planning on a two week, open recruitment with a bilingual skillset. Hoping to interview in January, have on board in February.
2. Apodaca has been following up on cases and doing organizational work.
3. Cude reported that they are still not able to access the SPIDER database, mainly due to staffing.
4. Cude reported that OHA's Coos Bay Children's Academy report was completed and sent out.

Public Comment - No public comment was received.

Salmon, Steelhead, Bull Trout (SSBT) – ODF's new stream class

Thomas Whittington provided a presentation to discuss an overview of new rules that were enacted July 1, 2017. This is a subset to the current stream classifications that details specific fish stream classes to provide a higher level of protection from high water temperatures than previously. This change is based on 10 years of monitoring of streams that showed temperature increase recently tree harvested areas. The new rules only apply to specific areas in Oregon. You can find them in Division 629-642. There was some discussion that DEQ also has requirements in statutes for them to monitor specific water bodies and they may need to coordinate to create a crosswalk between the two agencies.

Worker Protection Standards / Oregon Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ)

Garnet Cooke provided an update on the current status of the Oregon's WPS around the proposed AEZ rules. Cooke reported that the WPS workgroups have been contentious, there has been miscommunication on the proposals, making it difficult to work through. Cooke went over the specifics of the proposal. There was a group discussion on the challenges of worker housing, which has been a big topic of conversation during this proposal period. Public comment period has been extended until January 31, 2018 and OR-OSHA is conducting public hearings around the state.

Break – 10 minutes

Tour of DEQ building

Meeting adjourned at approximately noon.