



**PARC Board Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2019**  
**Portland State Office Building, Room 1B**  
**800 Northeast Oregon Street**  
**Portland, OR 97232**  
**9:00 a.m. to Noon.**

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair  
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke  
OHSU-OPC - Charisse Pizarro-Osilla  
DEQ- Kate Jackson  
ODF- Nathan Agalzoff  
ODFW - Danette Faucera

PARC Consultants Present

OSU - Jeff Jenkins  
OHSU - Fred Berman

Other Persons Present

ODA- Rose Kachadoorian  
ODA- Timindra Pratico  
OHA- Crystal Weston  
PERC/MED- Diana Simmes

PARC Members Absent

ODA - Stephanie Page, PARC Board Administrator  
OSFM - Michael Heffner  
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair  
ODOT - Will Lackey

**Agenda Items in bold**

## **Introductions & Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves.
3. November's PARC Board minutes were reviewed and approved.

## **Agency Updates**

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

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reports on Nov. 19, 2019, Oregon OSHA hosted its first ever Spanish language pesticide conference. It was well attended with approximately 200 guests. Looking forward to more of its kind in the future.
2. The pesticide symposium will be held March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; registration forms will be out shortly. Online registration will be available.
3. Cooke reports issues in Southern Oregon involving hemp processors: harvesters using propane to heat and dry the product indoors of labor housing and the potential of carbon monoxide poisoning. One labor camp was shut down for the improper use of propane indoors. The housing facilities are running the risk of either blowing up the structure and/or residents (or people) contracting carbon monoxide poisoning.
4. The EPA has recently made changes to the outdoor production of hemp application exclusion zone. The changes are: the spray droplet size requirement is removed and the grower is only responsible for on-boundary AEZ requirements. Also, the farm family is exempt from the AEZ requirements, but renters will need to evacuate when applications are made. No changes made to indoor production.

### *Oregon State University (OSU)*

Jeff Jenkins, Professor

1. Jenkins reports that OSU Environmental Molecular Toxicology Department holds a Research Day each year and is open to the public. Jenkins has been chosen to help organize the event. This year the theme is *Protecting Our Water Future for Human and Environmental Health*. The event will be held January 30, 2020, on campus in the Horizon Room in the OSU Memorial Student Union.

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

Nathan Agalzoff, Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Agalzoff reports the Pride Force Program is continuing its work on the Forest Action Plan; the plan steers how the agency spends/appropriates federal funds across the state on mostly non-industrial private lands. The first phase is complete with the Governor's Wildlife Council.
2. Agalzoff reports the department plans to issue a release to enter a stewardship agreement with specific land owners in Port Blakely and their ownership of 30,000 acres of tree farm in Clackamas County. The agreement will help to target outreach and conservation. The goal is to grant regulatory certainty of local watersheds into the future.

### *Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

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Danette Faucera - Water Policy Coordinator

1. Faucera reported the ODFW was contacted by Southern Oregon Non-Toxic in regards to the Jackson county roadsides initiative. Non-Toxic requested that ODFW attend the county commission meetings to discuss the possible impacts on fish and wildlife from roadside spraying.

*Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

Kate Jackson, Regional Liaison, Western Region

1. Jackson reports that she has been working with Bunch and DEQ's point system manager to understand how to locate past years' complaints in the DEQ database. Unfortunately, there is not a way to match up incident numbers between DEQ's database and PARC's database.
2. Jackson reports she has been involved in meetings with the pesticide complaint coordinator group and their managers. The meetings are beneficial and help to refresh on trainings among the staff.
3. Jackson reports she conducted a discussion with her staff last week in regards to the Milton-Freewater incident.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Rose Kachadoorian, Pesticide Program Manager

1. Kachadoorian reports in follow-up on the AEZ (Application Exclusion Zone) regulations that Cooke had referenced; there is currently no provision set in Oregon for an equivalency to the EPA regulations. Through OR-OSHA and ODA, the state has formed a Shelter and Place Division. The state along with AAPCO (Association of American Pesticide Control Officials) will be requesting the Shelter and Place provision to be implemented as it is believed to be safer than the current EPA regulations. The provision, if accepted, will also include regulations on indoor applications unlike the EPA.
2. Kachadoorian reports that a Rules Advisory Committee for the use of chlordane has been established by the ODA; the first meeting will be held on Dec 17, 2019, and is open to the public. Currently there is not a rule in place. The committee will be utilized as a way to gather information before making a rule.
3. Kachadoorian reports that Beyond Toxics group has petitioned for rulemaking for Crossbow product to classify as a RUP including buffers around schools and other sensitive sites.

*Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

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

1. Weston reports they are continuing to work on classification backlog. Data streaming is almost ready.
2. Working on the Milton-Freewater incident as well.

*Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Science (OHSU)*

Fred Berman, Director of Toxicology Information Center

1. Berman reports that he has agreed to speak at the Oregon OSHA Pesticide Symposium in March on the toxicology of paraquat.
2. Berman brought with him and passed around the *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences 2017-2018 Biannual Report*, recognizing 30 years of existence. If anyone wants a copy, they can contact the institute.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch reports that the recently formed stakeholder Advisory Group to the Water Quality Pesticide Management Team met last week; the meeting went well.
2. Bunch reports that on Thursday Nov. 7, 2019, in Milton-Freewater, there was an aerial application of zinc phosphide over about 800 acres of apple orchards. On Friday, Nov 8, a report was made by resident that they heard the helicopter and pellets landed on her property. The local ODA investigator met with the resident on Tuesday, Nov 12, the day after Veterans Day, and samples were collected.
3. Also, over the weekend of Nov 9-10, there were reports that chickens and turkeys were affected by the pellets and are now being held for phosphide gas testing at the Washington State Avian Health Lab. There have been reports of human health affects as well. The Oregon health department is following up with them. A phone conference was held on Tuesday, Nov 12 including a number of PARC member agencies. PARC also provided a letter to the PARC member agencies, county commissioners, concerned citizens, etc.
4. Bunch reviewed the past year and the topics that were focused on in each 2019 PARC meeting.

**Public Comments**

Kaci Buhl reports that the PSEP at OSU has entered into an agreement with ODA where that some of the pesticide license registration fees will help fund educational efforts and an opportunity to update pesticide manuals and exams. Buhl is excited and reports that OSU is applying for additional funds though the PSP to invest in water-quality education for pesticide applicators and the general public.

**Break** – 10:00 for 15 minutes

**Contributing Factor (CF) Sheets**

1. PARC Board members reviewed and discussed CF sheets, incidents only.

**Pesticides Stewardship Partnership**

Kevin Masterson, agency toxic coordinator for the DEQ gave a Powerpoint overview of the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Future PARC Board Meetings 2020

January 15, 2020 - Oregon Department of Agriculture, basement Conference Room D, 635 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR, 97301

March 11, 2020 - Oregon Health Authority, 800 NE Oregon St., Portland

May 20, 2020 - Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, 3565 Trelstad Ave SE, Salem