



**Pesticide Analytical and Response Center Board Meeting  
Agenda, November 18, 2020  
Held via videoconferencing  
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

**PARC Member Agencies Present**

ODA – Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair  
OHA – Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair  
ODA – Stephanie Page  
DEQ – Kate Jackson  
ODF – Nathan Agalzoff  
ODOT – Will Lackey  
OSU – Jeff Jenkins  
ODFW – Anne Hayden-Lesmeister  
OHSU – OPC – Charisse Pizarro-Osilla

**PARC Consultants Present**

OHSU – Fred Berman

**Other Persons Present**

ODA – Timindra Pratico  
OHA – Crystal Weston  
ODA- Ann Ketter  
OFS- Angi Bailey  
Judy Parker – Attorney working w/ vineyards in OR and Washington

**PARC Members Absent**

ODA – Christina Higby  
OR-OSHA – Garnett Cooke  
ODA- Rose Kachadoorian, PARC Board Administrator  
OSFM – Michael Heffner

## **Agenda items in bold:**

### **Introductions & Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves.
3. July's PARC Board minutes were reviewed, Cude recommended to accept minutes.
4. Review of Agenda by Cude.

### **Agency Updates**

#### *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

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

1. Weston reported that she is catching up on cases after working primarily on Covid IMT.
2. Weston reported that there have been a brisk amount of cases coming in and also working on the Occupation Health Grant. Hoping to get caught up soon. OHA is working towards the entire agency working remotely in the future.

#### *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

Will Lackey, Vegetation Management Coordinator

1. Lackey reported been busy last few months. Three foresters assisting with fire clean-up of hazard tree removal, along with debris removal. Have been busy getting roads open and keeping them safe from falling trees.
2. Lackey reported that it has been a struggle with Covid getting all their pesticide applicators the continuing education credits needed and has been working with Colton Bond at ODA to get all ODOT pesticide applicators in for their exams in order to obtain their pesticide applicator licenses.
3. Lackey reported the agency is focusing on moving into winter, which means ODOT will be switching 10-yard trucks over to snow removal which will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

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

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator

1. Bunch reported for Cooke that Covid complaints since March 1, 2020 are now at 17,807 as of November 16, 2020. In a normal year the average amount of complaints received are about 2,000.
2. Bunch reported for Cooke that he just sent out the link to the Temporary Infectious Disease Rules, they will be effective November 16, 2020.
3. Bunch reported for Cooke that in the last two days two employers have reported Covid related fatalities.
4. Bunch reported for Cooke that OR-OSHA has investigated two pesticide incidents that involved the mixing on incompatibles resulting in multiple people seeking medical care. One incident occurred at a brewery and the other at a paper mill. These reports came into PARC from the Oregon Emergency Response System.

*Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

Anne Hayden-Lesmeister - Water Quality Coordinator

1. Hayden-Lesmeister reported no updates at this time.

*Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*

Nathan Agalzoff, Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Agalzoff reported the agency has shifted from fire suppression to fire recovery. Major work being put into two buckets. One is fire recovery post fire, this has led to the formation of coordinating task forces and partnerships with traditional and non-traditional funding partners to provide financial assistance, and the interagency collaborative with the E-Chart project (post fire damage assessment program to help build capacity). The second bucket dedicated to working on Senate Bill-1602, still do not have a statute number. Per the legislative counsel, it will be inserted into the ORS-527 series, a lot of moving parts involved. ODF is working to reach out to other agencies to help with education and outreach regarding the rule changes.

*Oregon Poison Control (OPC)*

Charisse Pizarro-Osilla, Director

1. Pizarro-Osilla reported that over the past months OPC had begun receiving calls from clinicians related to Covid and public health, around October the calls had decreased significantly. Due to the major decrease in calls, OPC is no longer receiving such calls. However, after a few months if public health wants OPC back again, the agency will be happy to take calls again.
2. Pizarro-Osilla reported regarding the bleach, disinfectant, hand sanitizer calls, they have been decreasing as well. If the group would like statistics on the calls, Pizarro-Osilla will be happy to send them out to the board. Bunch requested that Pizarro-Osilla provide the update to him and he will distribute to the board.

*Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

Kate Jackson, Regional Liaison, Western Region

1. Jackson reported the fires had an enormous impact on a number of DEQ programs. The agency has been working closely with *The Debris Taskforce*, a combo of OEM, ODOT, and DEQ all working together with FEMA. This has been a huge learning curve. The Almeda fire has been biggest focus, this fire destroyed the both towns of Phoenix and Talent.
2. Jackson reported, in terms of rules changes, the Oregon EQC (Environmental Quality Commission) met and waived fees and permitting, paper work requirements, etc., did not relive any compliance factors but the processes are out of the way for the time being.
3. Jackson reported there are major concerns due to forest damage from the fires, major erosion concerns in the canyons. Crews immediately sent to remove debris from rivers in order to protect drinking water sources. In many older communities there were old septic systems, working on this as well. Focusing on the piping that carries water into homes, if the piping was burned there is the possibility of toxins entering the drinking water. DEQ does not have leverage to replace these pipes. There is also concerns around asbestos tiles that were burnt during the fires. At this point in time every property owner, commercial and residential that signs the "Right of Entry" document that state contracts, ODOT will

take all structures, including foundations, vehicles, etc. down to the ground and will scrape the soil six inches and conduct soil testing in order to ensure there are not any toxins left in the soil from the fires. All debris will most likely be taken to local landfills. The clean-up will more than likely take years before the communities are fully rebuilt.

*Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (OHSU)*

Fred Berman, DMV

1. Berman reported he has been focused on Covid related issues. The office has been at a reduced level as many are working remotely.

*Oregon State University (OSU)*

Jeff Jenkins, Professor

1. Jenkins reported two positions open at NPIC.
2. Jenkins reported he is still heading up a search for a new facility member with the title of Water Quality Toxicologist, hope to have someone on board starting beginning of 2021. Part of their responsibility will be dealing with water issues around the state.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

ODA – Stephanie Page, NRPA Program Director

1. Page reported that ODA greatly appreciates the coordination with ODF on Senate Bill-1602 implementation. Had an outstanding call with ODF a few weeks ago to discuss and answer questions that ODA had in regards to how things were going to work. Also, both Rose Kachadoorian and Toby Primbs (ODA Pesticide Program Managers) are both at an EPA Regional Directors meeting this morning, so Page is filling in.
2. Page reported that ODA has been working diligently to finalize the rules further limiting the use of Chlorpyrifos. Public comment period is now closed and hope to have the final rule in place by the end of the year.
3. Page reported that ODA greatly appreciates the interagency coordination on the Clopralid investigation, which was an involved and complex investigation involving many agency partners, Metro, and other states. Good example of a successful “hot-wash”.
4. Page reported that ODA is preparing for the 2021 legislative session.

*Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch reported that ODA had a role in wildfire response but does not have a role in wildfire recovery. Any questions folks may have in regards to the response, Bunch will be happy to go over.
2. Bunch reported he received an email from Michael Heffner asking about updating the IGA’s. Unfortunately, no one from Oregon State Fire Marshal is present today. All IGA’s are due to expire at the end of the biennium. Rose Kachadoorian will be the lead on IGA’s, please send them her way.
3. Bunch reported that the PARC Board has not yet decided on the Community Member position yet, the board is a little bit behind in that regard.

4. Bunch reported that in terms of Senate Bill-1602, a couple of weeks ago Bunch went to ODF and recorded a PSA. The plan is for the PSA to be placed on iLearn for all stewardship foresters and other employees of ODF to view as a training.
5. Bunch reported that 5,000 Japanese Beetles trapped this year, last year about 8,000 trapped. This is good news.
6. Bunch reported that he has accepted a position with OR-OSHA, this is a job rotation that will go through the end of the biennium. Bunch is set to report to the new position on Monday, November 23, 2020.

*Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

Curtis Cude, Environmental & Occupational Health Program Coordinator

1. Cude reported beginning in January, Crystal Weston will be sole pesticide investigator for OHA. Hopeful that in the upcoming legislative session, OHA will get new positions for public health modernization, including an additional environmental epidemiologist who he would like to assist on case investigations, not only for pesticides but also other outbreaks that might happen.
2. Cude reported that regarding the wildfires, he was involved in the staffing of the Health Intelligence Branch for OHA. Cude, along with other folks on his staff, worked together to provide real time surveillance on health conditions, emergency room conditions, and air quality. The group has now transitioned into determining the total health impact of the wildfires on Oregonians. This will take some time as all pertinent information is reviewed.
3. Cude reported that OHA has received money from the Oregon Emergency Board to help people that had their domestic wells impacted by the fires to get their wells tested. Working to develop something with environmental labs to get their wells tested for multiple chemicals that could have resulted from the fires. Working to get staff on board to assist with this work as well.

**Public Comments**

None.

**PARC After Action Review aka “Hot-Wash”**                      10:00 am - 10:30 am

Stephanie Page, Director, ODA’s Natural Resources Program

**Contributing factor sheets**                      10:45 am - noon

**Proposed future meeting dates for 2021:**

March 17, 2021

May 19, 2021

July 21, 2021