



PARC Board Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2017
Hearing Room, Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St. NE
9 a.m. to noon

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
ODF - Thomas Whittington
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke
ODFW - Danette Faucera
OSFM - Michael Heffner
DEQ - Brian Boling (by phone)

PARC Consultants Present

OSU - Jeff Jenkins

Other Persons Present

OHA - Magali Blanco
ODA - Christina Higby
ODA - Michael Odenthal

PARC Members Absent

PARC Board Administrator - Ray Jaendl
PARC Board Community Member - Jennifer Gervais
OHSU - Fred Berman
OPC - Sandy Giffin

Agenda Items in bold

Introductions

1. Called to order 9 a.m.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment No public comment was received.

Agency Updates

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Christina Higby - Citizen Advocate and Liaison
Nothing to report

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Danette Faucera - Water Policy Coordinator

1. Faucera reported ODFW staff responded to a fish kill in Polk County on September 15th. Dead fish were observed downstream from an in-stream private pond that was treated with an algacide. There was also a water intake downstream that fed into koi ponds. The koi fish were also found dead. ODFW will be participating in a PARC facilitated multi-agency conference call later today to discuss agency investigation updates.
 - Bunch added that per SOPs, whenever there are three or more PARC member agencies involved in an investigation, PARC will coordinate conference calls to discuss investigation status and next steps.

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke - Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reported the Respirator Guide document that Oregon OR-OSHA worked on for the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) was finally released through the Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PERT). This includes information on how to decipher the respirator language on pesticide labels.
2. OR-OSHA is continuing to work on the adoption of the Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) in WPS rule revisions. Cooke provided a verbal summary of pre-proposed rules. OR-OSHA has extended the filing of the proposed rules until October 15, 2017. Public hearings will then be held in Woodburn, Hood River, and Medford. Goal is to have rules in place by January 2018. Additional discussions proposed are to encourage the use of innovations to reduce pesticide drift.
3. Cooke reported on a recent case that involved the possible intentional placement of pesticides (chlorpyrifos and sulfotep) in a culvert in Polk County. County staff experienced adverse health effects from exposure during a clean out of the culvert and sought medical care.
4. Cooke spoke about a referral that was received from OHA and suggested that more specific information about the location of incident be collected by OHA when making anonymous referral complaints.
5. Cooke inquired with OHA on whether OR-ORSHA will be getting a certainty and severity sheet from the Polk County workers interviewed by OHA. Cude stated they are currently working with legal counsel on what they can share with other agencies.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Thomas Whittington - Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Whittington reported that ODF is busy with fire season across the state.
2. ODF is now able to start filling long held open positions since their budget has been approved.
3. ODF is aware of a couple of planned high profile aerial pesticide applications scheduled in Tillamook County near Oswald State Park. ODF and ODA have been requested to be on sight to observe the applications.
4. ODF held its annual joint meeting with ODA to discuss coordination and communication efforts.

Oregon State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Michael Heffner - Emergency Response Services Branch Manager

1. Heffner reported that the State Fire Marshal works with a group called the Northwest Area Committee (Coast Guard and EPA group that respond to emergencies) which is currently working on tools to respond to incidents that include pesticide incidents. Goals are to work with

- several agencies and organizations that respond to incidents.
2. SFM is also working on a task force to look at consequence management which is a big-picture look at how the SFM is responding to incidents. This includes evacuations, lack of potable water, shelter, when to transition from life and property to environmental response.
 3. Heffner reported the 2018 HAZMAT Conference is planned for April/May. SFM is currently looking at expanding the audience and inviting agency partners. Heffner invited PARC member agencies to present at the conference to provide technical information about pesticide requirements. PARC members agreed this would be a great way to reach out.
 4. Heffner reported that the Community Right to Know Program is transitioning from paper to online reporting.

Oregon State University (OSU)

Jeff Jenkins – Professor, Environmental & Molecular Toxicology Department

1. Jenkins reported on the Northstar Housing Development project in which pockets of high levels of a legacy pesticide, dieldrin, were detected above DEQ's exceedances. Neighborhood residents are concerned about adverse health effects from the pesticide in the soil and dust during the project. DEQ has set up a listening session on Friday, September 29th, 2017 in which several PARC member agencies will be attending (Jenkins, Berman, Odenthal, and Bunch) to help answer questions.
2. Jenkins added that legacy pesticides in soil is not new. Organochlorines are present throughout the world. They were used extensively in World War II until the '70s and are still present at very, very low concentrations. The question has been raised about what crops are grown in Oregon and their ability to uptake legacy pesticides in the soil. Bunch added that soil testing is not required, and the developer entered into a voluntary clean-up Program with DEQ after testing showed exceedances. This has raised the question of whether it should be required when agriculture lands are being converted to housing and who is going to regulate.

Bunch took a moment to recognize Mark Stuller, IT staff who helped to create the current PARC database.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Magali Blanco - Pesticide Exposure Safety and Tracking (PEST) Coordinator

1. Blanco reported her last day with OHA/PEST will be September 22, 2017.
2. OHA is wrapping up a report on exposures that occurred at Coos Bay Children's Academy to be released to the public soon. Bunch provided a summary of ODA's and OR-OSHA's investigative findings on the Coos Bay Children Academy incident.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Curtis Cude - Environmental Public Health section manager

1. Cude reported that OHA is working with its legal counsel on what data it can provide and share (including publications and to intergovernmental agencies).
2. Sara Apadoca will take calls and be a resource to PEST until Blanco's replacement can be found.
3. OHA's SPIDER database needs updating.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Brian Boling - Laboratory Division Administrator

1. Boling reported the Pesticide Stewardship Program (PSP) projects this year will have results ready fairly quickly.
2. DEQ is going through a reorganization of its agency.
3. DEQ is doing a lot of air work because of smoke [from forest fires].

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Theodore Bunch - PARC Coordinator/Board Co-Chair

1. Bunch reported that the final Coos Bay Children's Academy letter was sent out.
2. Bunch reported that ODA provided an update to House Agriculture Committee on HB 3459 which gave ODA the authorization to increase pesticide registration fees to provide funding for the hiring of six staff including pesticide investigators, case reviewer, and citizen advocate; established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for PARC member agencies; and established a 24-hour hotline to report pesticide incidents. An update on the Japanese Beetle eradication effort was also provided.
3. Memorandums of Agreements (MOAs) have been reviewed by OSU, OHSU, and OHA. Bunch requested that the remaining PARC member agencies review and submit any updates to PARC. The last time updates were made was 2006. Bunch reported he will follow up with each agency to get updated MOAs.
4. Jenkins lead a discussion on PARC outreach to prevent a repeat of the Coos Bay Children's Academy incident. PARC member agencies all agreed that continued outreach to all state agencies and the general public that includes daycare facilities is needed. Bunch reported that PARC has been working on an outreach plan to meet those needs.

Break – 15 minutes

Incident versus Concern

Bunch provided a handout and gave a summary of what is an incident versus concern. Bunch requested that PARC Board member agencies review the summary and they continue to discuss at a time when there are more members presents to review the definitions of each. PARC is also requesting clarification on what type of data the Board wants PARC to collect in respect to concerns received.

Pesticide Investigations

Odenthal, Lead Pesticide Investigator, gave a presentation about pesticide investigations at ODA.

The PARC Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.