



## Minutes for Board Meeting of January 21, 2009

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

### Board Members Present

Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair  
Greg Pettit, DEQ  
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA  
Brad Knotts, ODF  
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair  
Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control  
Chris Kuenzi, OSFM

### Consultants Present

Fred Berman, DVM, Ph.D CROET  
Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.  
Justin Waltz, OPHD  
Kari Christensen, OPHD  
Will Lackey, ODOT  
Jeff Jenkins, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.

### Board Members Absent

Richard Kepler, ODF&W

### **Introductions:**

Called to order: 9:05 a.m.

There were no added agenda items for the meeting.

Review of the November 2009 minutes resulted in a request by Greg Pettit to make specific changes to notes regarding his presentation. Thereafter the minutes were approved as presented with requested changes.

### Agency Updates

ODA: Chris Kirby gave the initial ODA update stating that there are two bills and a legislative concept that may affect ODA. SB 184 would change the Pesticide Use Reporting "sunset date" from December 2009 to January 2, 2016 to allow the system to gather 7 year's worth of data. Not only has the program been unable to meet the 7 years goal because of funding difficulties, the Governor has proposed that it not be funded for the next biennium. It is unknown if the legislature will fund the program with this recommendation from the Governor. There is a current legislative concept that would address schools and IPM.

Several requests from ODA did not move forward into the requested budget. PARC is included in the base budget.

DEQ: Greg Pettit stated that because the Pesticide Stewardship Programs are not included in the Governors' budget, there is a plan for writing grant proposals to meet some of the funding needs for PSP. DEQ requested a position for toxics use reduction and that position is still in the budget.

Fire Marshal: Chris Kuenzi stated that there were no pesticide-only programs to discussion, however the annual "Community Right to Know" project is starting in January.

ODF: ODF has been working with ODA to clarify the labeling requirements for Atrazine in conjunction with the Oregon Forest Practices Act. ODA and ODF have been team teaching at several venues to explain the requirements to applicators.

OROSHA: Garnet stated that she has trained more than 400 people during meetings on the Fumigation Management Plan. These meetings were of the Oregon Agricultural Chemical and Fertilizer Association meetings. Additionally, the annual EPA/ODA/OSHA meeting will be held on April 1 & 2.

OPHD: The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has granted Oregon funding for a "Health Impact Assessment" of possible contributions to human health risks/vulnerabilities. This will be conducted based on a population model and will not focus on pesticides alone.

Justin is working on an analysis of the 2002-2005 data at Health. He is working with the Oregon Community Health Centers to begin to assure that information gets sent to Public Health. One of the recommendations coming from OCHCen is that possibly PARC could feed back findings to physicians after classification.

Justin will bring more information to the meeting in March regarding this.

ODOT: Hwy 101 from Astoria to Yachats will be used as a pilot no spray zone, completing the Hwy 101 corridor from Newport to Astoria. ODOT will still be spraying bridges for access and will also spray signage and guardrails for safety.

ODOT has cut the use of diuron by 90% in Western Oregon since 2002 and by 50% in Eastern Oregon.

### **Classification of Cases**

2006 - 2007 case classification

Three pet cases were reviewed and classified by the PARC Board.

Legislative report for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

The legislative report is expected to be through proofing and editing by January 31, out to the printers and completed by early February. Kathleen is continuing to work on the 06-07 classifications and plans to have a draft report to Dale and Chris as soon as those classifications are completed.

New Incidents and Cases

Several new incidents have occurred, however there were no new cases.

Article on pyrethrin and pyrethroid illnesses in Pacific NW.

An article published in late 2008 was handed out to the members. The article was based on illnesses reported in Washington and Oregon with general conclusions regarding the increased use of these products by homeowners.

### **Old Business**

Florence, Oregon case update

The U.S.EPA has moved forward with a criminal case against the licensed applicator for several application violations that may have contributed to the death one of the occupants of the house. ODA is considering further action now that U.S.EPA has determined what action it will be taking.

Workers with disabilities

Justin researched this issue, which is that workers with disabilities who "handle" pesticides may give rise to several different concerns. His research found that there was little information about this, but that the people he contacted had few concerns about it. This led to another discussion by members of the Board and continuing the discussion into the next meeting when the issues that affect the Board can be separated from the issues that may affect OR-OSHA or Health Services.

Wilco project

Kari Christiansen is contacting the Wilco managers to discuss their experience with the pesticide brochures and to determine if the brochures met their needs and the needs of their customers. She has been told that Wilco was pleased with the trial effort and is reconfiguring some of their staff to be able to better use the information and get it in the hands of their customers. She will continue to work with this project.

## **New Business**

### **Presentation of Hood River Malathion Study by Jeff Jenkins**

Jeff Jenkins presented the information gained from a study of post application malathion deposition into streams in the Hood River agricultural areas. This study was financed by a U.S. EPA Region 10 grant, the American Farmland Trust.

Study objectives were to identify the ability of plant “buffers” (riparian areas, planted buffers) to reduce the deposition of malathion into streams in proximity to and immediately after application to nearby crops. The results are mixed because of the number of variables introduced by wind speed and direction, plant heights, terrain and temperatures, to mention only a few). Dr. Jenkins stated that buffers were shown to reduce the amounts of malathion found in the streams after applications, but that there were few specific data that could be determined by the information gained from this study.

### **Public comment**

**There was no public attendance at this meeting of PARC.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**

**Next meeting proposed for March 18, 2009**