

July PARC board meeting minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
7/20/2022	Virtual meeting	9:05 AM	10:05 AM

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PARC Member Agencies Present

Warren Hanson, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*
Rose Kachadoorian, PARC Board Administrator, Program Manager (*ODA*)
Curtis Cude- PARC Board Co-chair, *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*
Charisse Pizarro-Osilla- Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*
Stacy Savona- Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*
Mark Johnston- Special Operations Unit, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*
Rebecca Anthony- Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*
Ted Bunch- Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA*
David Gruen- Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

Other Persons Present

Andrea Sonnen- Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*
Alan Martinez- Occupational Health, Pesticide Exposure Program coordinator (*OHA*)
Christina Higby- Citizen Advocate, Tribal Liaison (*ODA*)

Introductions and Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda. May's PARC Board minutes were reviewed and approved.

Agency Updates

Ted Bunch, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *OR-OSHA*

- 1) At the last meeting I mentioned that Oregon OSHA is in the process of updating our Standard Operating Procedures as it relates to PARC. I understand there is one more step before they are finalized and posted on our internal website.
- 2) We have provided Warren with some suggestions for the study materials for pesticide applicators.

Charisse Pizarro-Osilla- Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

- 1) No updates at this time.

David Gruen- Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

- 1) No updates at this time.

Stacy Savona, Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *ODF*

- 1) We are running into some challenges with implementation of the new helicopter pesticide rules that came out of Senate Bill 1602. The bill is clear that the plans must include pesticides likely to be used, but we're still receiving notifications that list every single chemical in the arsenal. Luckily, in most cases people haven't operated yet, so we've been able to talk to operators and get those corrected. They just needed education on what the new law says. I think we're going to have some growing pains, but we're getting it straightened out.

Rebecca Anthony, Water Quality and Mitigation Specialist, *ODFW*

- 1) No updates at this time.

Mark Johnston, Special Operations Unit, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*

- 1) In the Community Right-to-Know program we are busy with audits and inspections of facilities. One of our focuses is identifying facilities that have never reported but are required to. We are getting quite a bit of traction there and we've added over 270 facilities in the last eight months or so.

- 2) We become our own department as of July 1, 2023. We are very busy setting up various departments such as Accounting, IT, HR, etc.
- 3) We anticipate a busy, active fire season and we are primed and ready to go.

Rose Kachadoorian, PARC Board Administrator, Program Manager (*ODA*)

- 1) We anticipate filing a proposed amended rule to increase pesticide registration fees around mid-summer. We've been working with the industry on working out some final details.
- 2) In late summer/early fall, ODA will develop one or more stakeholder groups to discuss possible rules to ensure compliance with federal certification and training law and also changes in Oregon statute, including incorporating a new license type for non-commercial pesticide applicators.
- 3) Toby Primbs, the head of our enforcement program, will be filling two investigator positions sometime in the near future.
- 4) Next week we will be meeting with a Spanish language tv station called KUNP. In the past our agency has worked with them on messaging about topics such as pollinators, water quality, and Worker Protection Standard. We will be discussing what we want to do in the future, which may likely be on the same topics, only updated.
- 5) Twice a year the ODA Pesticide Program puts out a newsletter. We're currently developing topics for the one coming out this fall, so if anybody has any suggestions, we're always open to suggestions.
- 6) I will be retiring October 1st, 2022. I will continue working here part-time to help train the person taking over my position, work on policy issues, and to tie up some loose ends on projects I've been working on.
- 7) Warren became a permanent employee at ODA as of July 1st, 2022.

Alan Martinez- Occupational Health, Pesticide Exposure Program coordinator (*OHA*)

- 1) We're still working on catching up on the incoming cases. Currently we're working on an ongoing investigation in the eastern part of the state.
- 2) I'm really excited to start working on developing an educational outreach and marketing plan for the Pesticide Program.

Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair, *OHA*

- 1) The ongoing investigation that Alan is referring to is a big exposure event that happened in Central Oregon. That prompted me to bring in more staff to help us out. We're still working with our program toxicologist who reviews all our medical record related cases. Our former pest coordinator is back in the agency working in the Public Health Director's office. We've been able to borrow her to help with this investigation and to help Alan develop expertise with investigations and with working our data system. I've also asked our environmental epidemiologist to take on helping the Pesticide Program.
- 2) We've finally been able to get back to the 10-year review of pesticide case data. This is something we've presented on in the past. I've been able to respond to some significant comments and hopefully we'll be able to get that published in the near future.
- 3) Alan is working on a newsletter we call the Communicable Disease Summary. We're looking forward to that coming out soon.

PARC Updates

Warren Hanson, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

Fact Sheet Update

Thank you to everyone who sent me edits or ideas related to the Pesticide Storage, Transport and Disposal Fact Sheets. After several drafts, we were able to get the text finalized. Now we're going to send those over to Andy Zimmerman, our Publications and Web Specialist, to get the layout finalized. After that I think we'll make one more review to make sure everything looks nice before we finish it up.

Pesticide Advisory Update

We have been working on a combination of three different outreach materials for pesticide applicators:

- An Advisory to email to applicators
- Pre-certification study materials
- A brochure that can be distributed to applicators by ODA, when applicators are encountering complaints or issues associated with communication or practices.

The text is finalized for the advisory and the study materials, they just need to be sent off to be formatted nicely. The brochure will be sent out to the PARC board for a week-long review before it can be finalized. Once that's all done, we can get it printed and passed out to applicators.

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PARC Representative On-Boarding Process

Rose Kachadoorian, PARC Board Administrator, Program Manager (ODA)

I'm curious to hear from the newer PARC board members about their on-boarding experience. I think sometimes due to being busy, we just give a link to the website and direct new members to the SOPs. Is there something better that we can be doing? I'm interested to hear from people what your experience has been and what you wish you knew in the very beginning.

Suggestions that were made:

- *Touching up the presentations and documents that are already available.*
- *Start with one-page summaries for each of the PARC member agencies.*
- *One-on-one meeting with the PARC board coordinator.*

This is great feedback. In the future maybe we can set up a one-on-one meeting, provide the documents that we'd like to go over so they can prepare for that meeting and answer any questions they might have.

PARC Community Representative Search Update

Warren Hanson, PARC Board Coordinator, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

As most of you know we usually have a community representative on the PARC board. We haven't had one since I've been here, but once we've finalized these projects we're working, we're going to continue the search to fill this role. We're looking for someone who has:

- Some familiarity with pesticides.
- An ability to be an advocate for community members.
- Knowledge of what information people of underrepresented communities may be needing.
- An unbiased interest in identifying trends in pesticide poisonings.
- Great communication skills.

We have a couple documents I can send out so people can see these things we're looking for and if anybody has an idea of someone who might be a good representative be sure to let us know.

PARC Case Discussion

Warren Hanson, PARC Board Coordinator, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

PARC CASE 22-0186: We had two Hood River County forestry employees that were stationed on trails during an application of clopyralid, penoxsulam, and oxyfluorfen at a forestry unit. Shortly after seeing the helicopter fly over to spray, they smelled what they thought was a pesticide. They quickly left and decontaminated themselves. Shortly after they started to develop some adverse health effects. ODA's investigator went out and took some samples that showed positive results for each of those active ingredients. ODF investigated it and didn't find any violations of forestry laws. OHA interviewed the employees, but by that time the health symptoms had subsided, and they were already back to work. We had one coordination meeting about it, but I think pretty much everything was wrapping up about that case.

PARC CASE 22-0197: There was an aerial application of Torac (*tolfenpyrad*) at a potato farm which is near a solar array construction. Initially an estimated 50 employees had the possibility of being exposed. There was some confusion as to how far away they were, how many employees there were, and the initial product that was used, but we got everything straightened out for now. According to Alan and Curtis they had talked to almost all the employees and there were 12 employees that visited a health care facility due to symptoms. We've had two coordination meetings, but we may have a third due to some new info. Most of our action items from the second meeting were addressed and we've been making good progress on it.

PARC CASE 23-0009: This was a complaint that both ODA and DEQ had received from a Portland metro lawyer regarding the use of an herbicide around Blue Lake. He was alleging that there was a misapplication of a product, and he had some environmental concerns. He had talked to a licensed applicator who mentioned that due to how quickly the plants died he believed there was an over application of the product. This is in the initial stage and we're going to have a meeting next week to discuss the coordination of that.

Public Comment

No public comments

Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for September 21st, 2022 at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Curtis and/or Warren know.