

November PARC board meeting minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
11/16/2022	Virtual meeting	9:05 AM	10:15AM

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PARC Member Agencies Present

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

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

Stacy Savona, Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*

Rebecca Anthony, Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

Ted Bunch, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA*

PARC Consultants Present

Fred Berman, DVM, PhD, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences*

Other Persons Present

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

Katie Murray, Oregonians for Food and Shelter

Kaci Buhl, Associate Professor PSEP, Oregon State University (*OSU*)

Max Ragozzino, Biocontrol Entomologist, (*ODA*)

William Lackey, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, (*ODOT*)

Introductions and Meeting Minutes

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

Agency Updates

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

- 1) We just hired a new investigator, Amy Cross, who came to us from NPIC and is operating in District 1. We also have vacant spot in District 2 that we will be looking to fill soon.

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

- 1) We just finished the OHA CD Summary newsletter for the pesticides program.
- 2) Still going over the analysis for the multi-household investigation that happened in Lone, Oregon. It was confirmed by the employers that 196 workers that were on-site were affected.

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

- 1) Oregon OSHA is in the process of preparing a couple of reports for the EPA and for the Pesticide Emphasis Program.
- 2) We're getting a group together to start planning for the 2023 Pesticide Symposium.

Stacy Savona, Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*

- 1) It's been quiet here at ODF. Things for forestry are slowing down a bit as we get into a wet weather pattern. We've received a few inquiries, but none of them were about specific incidents, more just general concerns.

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

- 1) At the conference on November 8th, we shared a table with OHSU Occupational Health. We shared some posters and stickers in Spanish and overall, it was pretty successful.

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

- 1) No updates at this time.

Fred Berman, DVM, PhD, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences*

1) No updates at this time.

William Lackey, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *ODOT*

1) No updates at this time.

Oregon Health Fair Updates

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

Alan gave a PowerPoint presentation on Pesticide Exposure Safety & Tracking Program outreach events. This presentation can be found on the PARC webpage along with the other meeting materials. The purpose of these events is to:

- Engage the community
- Promote collaboration and communication
- Address any health inequities among workers in the workplace

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Max Ragozzino – (*ODA*)

Max gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer. This presentation can be found on the PARC webpage along with the other meeting materials. This presentation includes:

- The origins of Emerald Ash Borer, how they inflict damage and which trees are susceptible
- Which treatments are effective against EAB
- The timeline from when the first EAB was found in Oregon to the current status

PARC Case Discussion

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

PARC CASE 23-0035:

PARC received a report from ODFW in October 2022 of dead wildlife in the Corvallis area likely due to rodenticide poisoning. One great horned owl was found dead in Corvallis city limits in June, while a dead grey fox was found near Dallas in August. Necropsies were performed on both animals, with tissue testing indicating the presence of brodifacoum, bromadiolone, chlorophacinone, and diphacinone in the owl, while brodifacoum, bromadiolone, and difethialone were found in the fox.

Due to the time since the incident (June and August 2022), ODA was not able to investigate. The wildlife biologist that reported the incident asked about the best way to report future incidents.

PARC CASE 23-0040:

ODF referred a report to PARC with claims of adverse health effects stemming from a nearby pesticide application on a railroad. On the same day, the complainant claims that they saw an aerial herbicide application at a nearby forestry unit. An ODF investigation was not able to find any evidence of a nearby aerial treatment. On the day of the application, the caller reported that they smelled and tasted what they believe to be a pesticide. They then reported that they felt sick and ended up going to the hospital.

The complainant requested to be signed up for the Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System (FERNS) and was sent sign-up information by an ODF Stewardship Forester.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023, at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Curtis and/or Warren know.