

# March PARC board meeting minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
3/9/2022	Virtual meeting	9 AM	Noon

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## PARC Member Agencies Present

**Warren Hanson**- Interim 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)*  
**Jamie Kometz**- Special Operations Unit, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*  
**Becky Anthony**- Water Quality and Mitigation Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*  
**Garnet Cooke**- Pesticide Coordinator, *Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (OR-OSHA)*  
**Ted Bunch**- Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA*  
**David Gruen**- Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

## PARC Consultants Present

**Fred Berman, DVM, PhD**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences*  
**William Lackey**- Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

## Other Persons Present

**Jennifer Eisele**- Pesticides Manager, *Beyond Toxics*  
**Kathryn Rifenburg**- Pesticide Stewardship Specialist, *ODA*  
**Andrea Sonnen**- Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*  
**Kate Jackson**- Chair, Bee City Committee, Ashland, OR  
**Brittney Jones**- Pesticide User Certification & Licensing Specialist, *ODA*  
**Colton Bond**- Pesticide Registration & Certification Specialist, *ODA*  
**Tony Adams**- Entomologist/Eastern Oregon Field Office Survey Coordinator, Grasshopper Program, *ODA*

## Introductions and Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda. January's PARC Board minutes were reviewed and approved.

## Agency Updates

Charisse Pizarro-Osilla, Director, OPC

1. Poison Prevention Week is going on during the third week of March
  - a. I'll also be presenting at the Oregon Pesticide Symposium about exposures to pesticides in Oregon
  - b. I'll send out links for Poison Prevention Week to the board

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator, *OR-OSHA*

- 1) Due to my retirement, my position will be divided up among several people, and the new PARC board representative for OR-OSHA will be Ted Bunch.
- 2) Recent speaking engagement for landscapers and farming
  - a. Many questions about what they can do when talking to people with concerns about pesticides

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

- 1) Working on new rules to prevent worker exposure to heat and wildfire smoke

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- 2) I will present those at the Oregon Pesticide Symposium

Will Lackey, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *ODOT*

- 1) We are ready to transition from Winter to Spring, so we are ready start mowing
  - a. It's also time for internal license training
- 2) Congratulations to Garnet on her retirement!

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

- 1) Nothing to report, but Congratulations to Garnet on her retirement!

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

- 1) We are starting to see notifications that are coming in that are going to be compliant with Senate Bill 1602
  - a. In relation to aerial application of herbicides near houses, schools, and how we handle waterways
  - b. Allows people to register to obtain more information about applications near them

David Gruen, Columbia River Coordinator, *DEQ*

- 1) I'm stepping in as the PARC board representative for DEQ.

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

- 1) I'm stepping in as the PARC board representative for ODFW.

Warren Hanson, Interim PARC Board Coordinator, *ODA*

- 1) ODA just sent out an advisory about chlorpyrifos tolerances and the revocation for food commodities
  - a. The main concerns were about disposal and the associated costs
  - b. Other states are concerned about these issues, but EPA has no funds available for the situation
- 2) ODA Spring newsletter will be sent out in early April
- 3) PARC Fact sheets will be touched on later
  - a. Will work in tandem with OSU on materials for pre-licensing modules

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

- 1) I will have a new staff member in the PEST program starting next week. Alan Martinez comes from the Migrant Seasonal Farmworker program and will be at the Oregon Pesticide Symposium as well.
- 2) We are hoping to restart our outreach and education to migrant seasonal farmworkers. Unfortunately we have been unable to focus on that recently, but are looking forward to Alan joining us.
- 3) Cases related to ivermectin were forwarded on to FDA for their expertise. We also worked with the CDC, NIOSH, and my counterparts in other states for more information. Those cases have slowed down, but will continue to forward them on to FDA.

## PARC Updates

**Warren Hanson, Interim PARC Board Coordinator, ODA**

PARC Fact Sheets

I am currently working on three fact sheets about pesticide storage, transport, and disposal. The fact sheets were sent out to the board, but if you have comments, please get those to me within the next two weeks. I am working with Brittney Jones about using those with the pre-licensing modules. We want to finish those up as quickly as possible. We are going to incorporate visuals into the fact sheets, but wanted to finalize the text before working on the formatting.

## PARC Board Special Presentations

**Todd Adams, Entomologist/Eastern Oregon Field Office Survey Coordinator Grasshopper Program**

Grasshoppers: Outreach and education materials

In 2020 and 2021, we had the worst grasshopper infestation in over 50 years, and rivaled the infestation in 1979. The grasshoppers were actually eating the paint off of houses, as there was no food available for them. In 2020 we had 4.3 million economically infected acres in Oregon, but was likely much higher (due to the pandemic). In 2021, we ended up with 10.15 million economically infected acres. Approximately 60-66% of fields contained at least 8 grasshoppers per square yard on these fields. This 8 grasshoppers per square yard is considered economically infested. We provide suggestions to landowners as to treatment options, but it is up to them to schedule the treatment. They can then apply for reimbursement after the treatment. We are working on a FAQ for our website and more safety information about diflubenzuron, in addition to a brochure and reporting form. Information about the brochure and program is also being sent out to extension offices in the area.

**Kathryn Rifenburg- Pesticide Stewardship Specialist, ODA**

PSP Sampling update and data viewer

I'll be attending the Pesticide Symposium, where I'll be presenting a lot of the same information. We have 9 sampling areas across the state. The Pudding PSP area will be changing, as the watershed council stepped down as the lead agency. We are currently working with the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District to take over as the lead. They have had a lot of turnover in a short amount of time, so ODA will continue sampling those sites while waiting to see if Marion has the capacity to take over. If not, that PSP will get closed, which would be a huge loss for the program. Hood River and Rogue PSP's recently approached us to make sure that we are sampling for what is actually used. ODA and DEQ have been collecting lists from PSP partners about what pesticides are most used.

The Water Quality Pesticide Management Team approved the data viewer for use with partners of the PSP program, but can be used by the public as well. Colin Donald at DEQ put the entire thing together and we are very excited to put the data viewer out to the public. There are a number of different metrics and benchmarks that our partners can utilize with the data viewer, and graphs can be downloaded for use. You can also create your own custom plots based on your needs. We are still working with the data viewer and collecting feedback with it. Please contact Colin Donald or myself for more information. We will put out a joint press release at the end of the month before the release of the data viewer.

**Colton Bond, Pesticide Registration & Certification Specialist, ODA**

House Bill 4062

This bill streamlines the pesticide licensing process and provide benefits to certain applicators. House Bill 4062 started as a legislative concept but it did not make headway in 2021, but it was introduced as a bill in 2022. It would grant ODA the ability to grant new license types. The committee did not want to grant that ability to ODA, but helped ODA to create a new license type. It created a non-commercial pesticide applicator license as well as a non-commercial pesticide trainee, which would work under the supervision of the non-commercial applicator. It was passed by both chambers of the legislature and is on the way to the Governor's desk. The education requirements and fee structure are identical to the commercial pesticide applicator license. Our goal was to provide clarity and equity for people that don't fall into the other license types. An example would be an applicator needing to use a restricted use pesticide on your own property, but it isn't in agriculture production (golf course, wood treatment). There are also different requirements for public and private schools. With public schools, the school does not need a commercial pesticide operator license, only those using pesticides. Private schools are currently required to obtain the commercial pesticide operator license. This bill would help to address that. Same with wood preservation and seed treatment facilities, wineries, or fumigants used on purchased hay.

There will be a lot of rulemaking involved during the implementation, as well as updates to forms and guidance documents.

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

PEST-related legislative updates

House Bill 4077 passed through both house and would re-constitute the Environmental Justice Taskforce into an Environmental Justice Council and would contain 13 members. The requirements used to be that members would come from boards and commissions to represent non-majority populations in Oregon. That requirement is no longer, but that the commissions would nominate board members for the council. It also adds new considerations for new types of experiences, including community-based natural resources (like the Pesticide Stewardship Partnership). It also allows the possibility of DEQ providing some administrative support for the council.

An Environmental Justice mapping tool is being developed to identify populations that are susceptible to policy changes or pollution. OSU and PSU may assist in hosting or allow the use of census data, and also includes resources for DEQ and OHA to use their information about environmental status and health equity in populations. It also calls for the tool to be developed by September 15, 2025. Those tools will be revised every 4 years. There is no mandate to use the tool.

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

ODA staffing

We are in the process of looking at staffing levels to see if we are able to meet the needs of applicators/citizens of Oregon. Particularly we are looking at our levels for the Certification and Training program. We are looking at different Program Option Packages, to see if we are going to ask for another position. In addition, we are looking at our study material to see if it reflects what is occurring with enforcement. We want to determine if people have enough information to apply pesticides in a safe manner, for people and the environment.

**Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator, OR-OSHA**

## Oregon Pesticide Symposium update

For those on the meeting today that did not receive a notification about registration, if you signed up before the switch from virtual to the in-person meeting let me know so we can determine how much food to order. We currently have 80 registered, with 13 confirmed in-person and 15 unknown. The building is all set up and will be a great location for the symposium and for future events. It will be fun and my final one! The meeting is not generally open to the public, but intended for state agencies. Sometimes we may invite speakers from outside of the state agencies. It is meant for agency collaboration and communication.

### PARC Case Discussion

#### **Warren Hanson, Interim PARC Coordinator (ODA)**

**PARC CASE NO. 22-0116:** Someone in Malheur made claims about dumping and burying of large amounts of pesticides at a site that housed an aerial applicator. An ODA investigator inspected the property but did not find any pesticides. The complicated part of the case was that the site had recently been sold to another owner and that the new owner had no idea about any pesticides. A DEQ investigator met with the complainant and the ODA investigator to show where the pesticides and other items had been dumped. What they found was 55 containers that had been dumped and covered by a large wooden crates. The area was also obstructed from view by large tires. They also found 12 different pesticide products as well as adjuvants, nutrients, dyes, deposition aids and a lot of those containers were either turned upside down and some had been crushed and may have been leaking. This case is still ongoing. The area has been cleaned up, but the investigator is checking in with the owners to see where the containers have been moved to.

**PARC CASE NO. 22-0118:** Report from someone in Halsey that was going to visit a friend and saw a creek that was dyed blue. They were concerned about the environmental risks related to the situation. There is a seed coating facility directly next to the creek. After investigating the situation, it was found to only be a dye that had been dumped. Pesticide residue was found on a nearby concrete pad, but no pesticide component related to the river. This seed coating facility has a Special Local Need registration. The generation of the waste from the facility allows the user to dispose of the excess on-site. ODA worked with the facility, along with DEQ and EPA to make the SLN pesticide registration label that addressed the proper disposal of that seed treatment waste. Instead of putting that waste into a landfill, the waste can be applied on a newly planted grass seed field at a certain rate.

### Public Comment

Kate Jackson, Chair, Bee City Committee, Ashland, OR

I just wanted to mention that in the two months that I have been the chair of Bee City USA committee in Ashland. What we are encountering is that in addition to the normal pollinators protection concerns, is the need for more confluence at the local level between advisory information and the landscaping community. We are in the midst of a drought, so gardeners are being asked to water conserving and native plants for habitat purposes. Fire risk assessment asks the question about which plants are appropriate near our homes to reduce the risk of bringing fire to houses. I am working with Wildfire Safety Commission in Ashland and OSU Extension on the issue. There is always more need to integrate between agencies.

### Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022 at 9-12. If you have any ideas for meeting items, please let Curtis and Warren know.