

# Water Quality Pesticide Management Team Minutes

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## WQPMT Members and Guests Present

Samantha Thomas – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
Kathryn Rifenburg – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
Wade Peerman – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Warren Hanson – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
David Gruen – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Eugene Foster – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Colin Donald – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Gilberto Uribe Valdez – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
Paul Measeles – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
Isaak Stapleton – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
Rebecca Anthony – Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)

## Welcome

Meeting is called to order by Kathryn Rifenburg for a welcoming introduction.

## [PSP Strategic Plan Draft/Outline](#)

### **Kathryn Rifenburg - Pesticide Partnership Coordinator** **David Gruen- Columbia River Coordinator**

A version of the PSP Strategic Plan (SP) that Kirk Cook and Kevin Masterson created was previously shared with the WQPMT. David and Kathryn recently began updates to the SP. The new draft breaks the document into goals, then objectives, and then outcomes. The scope of goals of the plan didn't really change between the two documents but were modified to fit the new format.

The team members discussed the need to have measurable outcomes for the objectives to help determine whether goals and outcomes are being met. The drawbacks of having outcomes that are too specific were also discussed, such as being too limiting, inflexible, or constraining. A revision schedule (e.g. 2, 4, 5, years) for the document was also brought up for consideration and left for further consideration and future discussion.

Everyone can agree that the outcomes need to be measurable. The WQPMT can continue discussion on how specific the goals of the strategic plan need to be in future meetings. Group can send measurable outcomes they would like to see added to Kathryn or David.

### Goal 2 discussion

Paul: Objective 4- WQPMT previously discussed moving funding to partners or away from collection events or research projects based on the needs of the program.

Gilbert: This is a good goal to have specific measurable outcomes

Paul: we can't continue to monitor in areas with no WQ concerns just to make an area or industry look good, because that isn't the goal of the program.

WQPMT will continue to discuss when to end a PSP and why.

### Goal 3 discussion

David discusses the intent and reasoning behind the objectives currently listed in Goal 3. Some objectives are a continuation of what is currently already done. The PSP is only one of several projects being handled by the DEQ lab.

Paul: we need to have an information source for identifying new pesticides coming into use. Who can we rely on?

David and Kathryn listed some sources: OSU Extension, local partners, etc.

Becky added several good questions and suggestions in the document that the WQPMT will continue to discuss and revisit at next meeting.

Kathryn reminds the group that all documents discussed at today's meeting are "living" documents and are posted to SharePoint. Anytime the documents are accessed through SharePoint you will be seeing the most recent version of the document. Everyone in the group has already been sent the links, so please provide feedback.

### [PSP Advisory Group charter and annual plan](#)

#### **Kathryn Rifenburg - Pesticide Partnership Coordinator**

At the last WQPMT meeting we talked about having a "road map" for the Advisory Group (AG) so the members know what topics are coming up, what the WQPMT is working on, and a timeframe to get materials for the AG. The first 3 years' worth of topics are on this document. The first year, 2023, we would focus on the PSP SP and AG charter, 2024's topic would be program guidelines and performance evaluation. 2025's topic would be tracking correlation between outreach and education and water quality data. Is there any feedback from the group?

The team discussed whether the schedule should be more ambitious. Kathryn would like the AG to review on major documents twice before they are finalized.

Kathryn took the PSP Advisory Group Charter that Kirk Cook drafted and made updates based on the current and original purpose of the AG. Additional language was added around membership composition, the scope and purpose of the AG.

Additional points of discussion:

Should language be added about removing a member if they are not participating? We should also identify natural collaborators. OWEB might have good information on membership composition recommendations for advisory groups

Gilbert: Everyone needs to review the document and provide feedback

### [Agency Updates](#)

David: there is a call out for applications for the Columbia River Toxins Reduction grant through EPA. This could be a good opportunity for PSP funds. There was a recent press article on pesticides detected on cannabis cultivation sites in CA- diazinon and carbofuran. There is some local interest in the Middle Rogue to see what is detected there. So far PSP testing of both pesticides don't show significant results in the area.

Becky: ODFW has been working with PARC on wildlife death from rodenticides. An MOA between ODA and ODFW is what they are working on.

Wade: None PSP related, but DEQ is doing an annual call for data.

Gilbert: None

Gene: None

Colin: None

Warren: Only the project with ODFW

Paul: Ag WQ has new staff: Rob Hibbs. He should be invited.

### [Adjourn](#)

Kathryn Rifenburg adjourns the meeting.