

September PARC Board Meeting Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
9/20/2023	Virtual meeting	9:00AM	10:30AM

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PARC Member Agencies Present

Warren Hanson, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*
Gilbert Uribe, PARC Board Administrator, Pesticides Program Manager (*ODA*)
Mark Johnston, Special Operations Unit, *Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)*
David Gruen- Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*
Rebecca Anthony- Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*
Stacy Savona, Forest Practices Field Support Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)*
Charisse Pizarro-Osilla, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

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*)
Andrea Sonnen, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*
William Lackey, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*
Sam Trevino, Pesticide Registration Specialist, *ODA*
Anne Duncan, Nurse Manager, *OPC*
Peter Colistro, Enforcement Case Reviewer, *ODA*
Katie Murray, Executive Director, *Oregonians for Food and Shelter*

Introductions and Meeting Minutes

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

Agency Updates

Gilbert Uribe, PARC Board Administrator, Pesticides Program Manager (*ODA*)

- 1) EPA has been keeping the program busy with updates such as their endangered species proposal and changes to their review processes of pesticides.
- 2) The program has been busy with recruitments throughout the summer to fill current vacancies. A registration specialist was recently hired, and the hiring of a Certification and Training Specialist is in progress. There is hope to fill the Worker Protection Standard Outreach position within the next couple months.

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

- 1) There is an ongoing herbicide concern in Lincoln County. There was a notification of multiple harvest units for an aerial herbicide application. The surrounding community expressed much concern, including the Seal Rock water district, which provides water to a lot of residences. There were many public comments, probably more than ever received on any operation before. The landowner decided to renotify it as a ground application, but that is still not satisfactory to many complainants.

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

- 1) The program has been busy this summer with three multi-household exposure events. There has been a new one reported this week. It has been noted that there is an issue with potentially exposed workers and parents of

children reportedly not decontaminating for up to 12 hours after exposure. This will be used as an education opportunity for future outreach events such as a presentation scheduled at NPIC on Oct. 25th, 2023.

- 2) The next Binational Health Week will be in Salem October 14th, 2023. This is a community outreach that brings in thousands of families from the valley.

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

- 1) Charisse, along with Anne Duncan, attended the ATSDR Region 10 Conference in Seattle. Suggested speaking with someone from the group about representing PARC at the next conference.

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

- 1) NPIC recently submitted grant renewal. EPA is doubling the funding to allow NPIC to expand hours and interactions with the public.

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

- 1) The watershed section manager, Gene Foster, retired after 35 years and was replaced by Steve Mrazik who was formerly with the agency in the NW region. This will help serve to have continuity in the group's function.
- 2) DEQ has been coordinating with other Oregon agencies on the Seal Rock case as it intersects with DEQ's Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

William Lackey, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

- 1) No PARC related updates.

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

- 1) ODFW also coordinating on the Seal Rock situation. Their District Fish Biologist, Jeff Spangler, is on the Seal Rock group.

Andrea Sonnen, Lead Pesticide Investigator, *ODA*

- 1) ODA is also involved in coordinating with the Seal Rock situation. The agency also was involved in quite a few of the PARC cases over the summer.

Feedback for 211 Training

Warren Hanson discussed a yearly training, typically given by himself or Christina Higby, that is for 211 specialists. This training is to ensure new employees know what PARC is, how it works, and what kind of info is needed. He mentioned that the training for this year has been completed, but he is working on some additional suggestions to send to 211 to follow up. He asked the group for feedback or other suggestions on anything that could be helpful in ensuring the best use of the 211 service. He noted that these could also be emailed to him outside of the meeting.

No comments were made.

ODA School IPM YouTube Videos

Peter Colistro gave an overview of a new resource that was created for individuals involved with implementing School Integrated Pest Management programs. Currently there are 2 modules, "Declaring a Pest Emergency" and "Sending Out Notification", on the ODA YouTube channel. These are 5 to 10-minute videos that go into specific aspects of school IPM laws. This is a good resource for individuals who need a quick refresher in the time between yearly trainings. The pesticide enforcement team is currently working on another module for warning signs. They are also aiming to have all the videos translated to Spanish.

PARC Case Discussion

Warren Hanson shared the information from the following PARC cases:

PARC Case #24-0017: This complaint came from a former employee at a farm near Halsey, OR. They had a number of complaints including the burning of pesticide containers among other trash such as oil filters, furniture, etc. They also made a complaint about bulk pesticides storage such as it being close to the well onsite. There were worker related issues involving PPE, and warning placards in the storage area. So far, this case has involved Oregon OSHA, Oregon State Fire Marshal, and DEQ. There have been at least one or two inspections on site. There was a coordination call between agencies, but there haven't been many updates since then.

PARC Case #24-0044: This is a newer case in relation to fumigation on a ship for spider control using sulfuryl fluoride. Ten workers were affected and four of them hospitalized. This was referred to Oregon OSHA, who stated this was Federal OSHA's jurisdiction. The case is currently ongoing.

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Andrea Sonnen commented that the application took place in Tacoma, WA. She mentioned she would be having a meeting later in the day with EPA to discuss jurisdiction.

Public Comment

Katie Murray commented that the situation in Seal Rock is all in response to a fully legal proposed operation. Those at Oregonians for Food and Shelter have found a lot of misinformation in the different media reports. She noted that what was said about drift in the Yachats newspaper doesn't necessarily align with the data that she received from ODA. She stated that there are zero confirmed cases of aerial drift in forestry in Lincoln County over the last 5 years. Katie advised that given the community concern and the level of misinformation that's already out there, extreme care should be taken when commenting to the media. Katie also asked why the situation would be formalized and given a PARC case number when no application had taken place. She suggested that having some filters and standards for what gets initiated versus what is set aside would be appreciated.

Warren Hanson stated that he would consult with Gilbert Uribe-Valdez on answering Katie's question and reach out to follow up.

Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023, at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Warren know.