



## Board Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2010

PARC Board Coordinator: Paul Khokhar

### Member Agencies Represented

OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke  
OPHD - Jae Douglas, PARC Chair  
ODA – Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator  
State Fire Marshall – Chris Kuenzi  
DEQ - Greg Pettit  
ODF - Brad Knotts  
ODOT – Will Lackey

### Consultants Represented

CROET - Fred Berman, DVM, PhD  
OPHD - Justin Waltz

### Member Agencies Absent

Poison Control  
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair  
ODFW – Richard Kepler  
OSU – Jeff Jenkins, PhD

### Other Persons Present

Brett Sherry – Healthy Homes Program  
Terry Witt – Oregonian for Food & Shelter  
Mike Odenthal - ODA

### Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:10 a.m.
  - a. There were no added agenda items for the meeting.
2. July minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.

### Agency Updates:

*OR Dept. of Agriculture (ODA):* No Updates

*Poison Control (PC):* It was reported to ODA that poison control official has been on a board that has caused her to travel and miss the PARC Meetings. The traveling will be over soon and she should be able to start attending meetings again.

*OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W):* Nothing to report.

*OR Public Health Division (OPHD):* Since July's PARC meeting, Oregon Public Health has had 25 new PARC/OPC incidents, as well as widespread concern about bed bugs (*Cimex lectularius*). Bedbugs are not known to transmit diseases among humans. But improper use of pesticides to combat them, which may lead to acute pesticide exposure, is a problem. PEST has put up new information on home treatment options for bed bugs on its website. Its been working with OPH's Food Pool & Lodging Health & Safety Section to provide a coordinated approach to addressing this pest. Justin will be on Paternity leave starting October 20 to the end of the year.

*OR-Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA):* Budget issue – Stan is going to Bend Office and will remain in charge of the Agricultural Health Program. Barry Sandgren now supervises Safety and Health staff.

*OR State Fire Marshal (OSFM):* Nothing to report.

*OR Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ):* There was a presentation in August on ground water quality. Follow up meeting to the EQC Retreat. APOSIS sampler for residual pesticides – no actual water quality

sample data. (sits in water for month saves lab time. One result per month / average concentration. Intermittent overall pesticide concentration. Non-regulatory, helps reduce pesticides in streams. Will provide a report on this psp project partnership with the information he receives.

*OR Health and Science University (OHSU):* Nothing to report.

*Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET):* QUESTION? Farm workers and the onset of adult asthma. Pesticide exposure? To mold dust, bacteria, fungicide, Can this be reported to Public Health? Or only for an acute event? ANSWER Asthma is not a reported illness. If pesticide related and referral from a Dr. is provided it can be reported to Public Health. Can go to website to report.

*Oregon State University (OSU):* Nothing to report.

*OR Department of Transportation (ODOT):* Will Lackey gave overview of the Vegetation Pilot Programs. 50 – 70 Acres across the state with no herbicide use.

*OR Dept. of Forestry (ODF):* With the latest general fund reductions, The ODF Private Forests Division will be at about 50% of the funding level of July 1, 2009. This will further impact ODF's ability to administer the Oregon Forest Practices Act in the field and will also limit staff work as policy analysis or development. ODF is submitting a legislative concept to allow the agency to provide notification data to "subscribers" via Internet postings. Subscribers are persons or organizations that have paid ODF a fee to receive notification data for specific geographic locations. The legislative concept would also allow ODF to waive written plan requirements under certain circumstances for operations near designated resources. EPA region 10 staff visited Lane county along with ODA staff. Group met with Day Owen who brought up concerns about the Board of Forestry having a conflict of interest. ODA and Forestry drafted a joint letter to EPA regarding the Pitchfork Rebellion's petition.

#### **Classification of Cases:**

1. New incidents were provided to member agencies in summary. Incidents were not reviewed during the PARC Board meeting
2. Case Classification were accepted as presented by PARC consultants.

#### **Business:**

ODOT Presentation: ODOT provided an update of their vegetation pilot program along Highway 36. In 2007 ODOT started another project along Highway 101 from Newport to Lane County line. There was limited spray along that section. Special concern was used around river and urban areas. Mowing was utilized to keep vegetation down. 5 miles of this maintenance equated to \$50,000 dollars. Grass was removed and replace with gravel. Drainage issues and pothole issues were monitored. Prevention of noxious weeds was performed by spraying. Weed issues did pop up. Adopt a highway pulled 80 to 100 bags of weeds. Plans need to be approved by local weed boards. ODOT proposed highway 36 for pilot program working with Lane County. The pilot program goes from South of Junction City to Mapleton with limited use of pesticides. Pesticides will be used with noxious weeds and areas of importance. Funding for this project came from other sources that were cut. The program calls for 3 times a year of mowing. An 8 mile stretch of the highway has been adopted, which includes the pulling of weeds. That equates to about 16 to 20 acres.

#### **New Business:**

1. Two environmental cases are still pending, Jenkins will provide classification and the results will be emailed to all the board members. It was agreed that finally classification will not occur until all PARC Board members agree to the classification by Jenkins.
2. The Board wanted an update from DEQ regarding sampling procedures for an upcoming PARC meeting. The Board also thought it would be helpful to understand ODA's sampling procedures as well.
3. The Board wanted to discuss during a future PARC meeting the process for an individual to make a complaint without the fear of repercussions.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Topics for next meeting:**

1. Outreach on Zinc Phosphide Use

Next meeting proposed for November 17, 2010