

WQPMT Meeting Agenda
January 30, 2020 10:00 am – 2:45 pm
Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St NE
Salem, Oregon
3rd Fl Conference Room

Attendees:

Kirk Cook	Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Rose Kachadoorian	Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Brenda Sanchez	Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Ted Bunch	Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Paul Measeles	Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Kevin Masterson	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)
Aaron Borisenko	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)
Audrey Hatch	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)
Todd Hudson	Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
Thomas Whittington	Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Guests:

Mary Halbleib	Oregon State University
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Introductions:

Introductions were made by team members and guests. Agency updates were pushed off until later in the meeting in order to begin discussions on the OSU Education and Outreach Project

OSU Education and Outreach Project

The OSU Education and Outreach Project was discussed, there was some confusion among team members regarding the discussion and how PSEP would interact with local stakeholders on delivery of project messages. Through discussion we attempted to address that confusion. The OSU/PSEP project is focused on development of a water quality and pesticide module that can be used to educate pesticide applicators during recertification courses. It will also be used to provide basic information to applicators, watershed leaders, cooperative extension agents on the fundamentals of how pesticides interact with the aquatic environment. Providing this basic level of knowledge is designed to make applicators more aware of those interactions and provide rationale for label language. It will provide watershed leaders, cooperative extension agents and others basic knowledge to understand water quality findings to better assess what management measures would be most effective in addressing pesticide occurrences.

The question raised is how best to get the information to those that can then interact with stakeholders to achieve better pesticide stewardship at the local level. It was decided that a conference call would be held on February 27 to discuss this matter with OSU/PSEP the WQPMT and Ms. Halbleib.

South Umpqua Pilot Project

The status of the South Umpqua pilot project was discussed by the WQPMT. After discussion it was determined that the pilot project would be discontinued. There does not appear to be any additional information that can be obtained under the status quo that would provide any further insight in to the relationship between pesticide applications and water quality results. Given that a majority of the detections have fallen well below aquatic life benchmarks there does not appear to be support for continued investment in resources to conduct additional monitoring. There was discussion regarding the use of some alternative sampling (POCIS) but the group did not make a recommendation.

The frequency of detection for the herbicide atrazine does indicate that this chemical is of moderate concern. The source of its continued detection is debatable as to whether it is from forestry or agricultural sources. As part of the discontinuance of the project a final report will be developed by the WQPMT. The WQPMT discussed the potential of having a two hour pesticide course (for credit) dealing with the proper use of the herbicide atrazine and fundamental information as to how the herbicide interacts with the environment to provide applicators with better understanding as to importance of label language and restrictions. The group discussed the end of he year (2020) as a possible date for the training.

Agency Updates

DEQ: Kevin Masterson is working to get out a draft monitoring schedule for the spring sampling, in areas where it is applicable this will include sediment monitoring scheduling. 2019 monitoring results should be finalized soon. Can provide overview at March meeting.

OWEB: Board meeting held in Jackson County. (Audrey can you help fill in here)

OHA: Looking to support chlorpyrifos stakeholder working group (request from ODA). Agency is following the chlorpyrifos bill closely.

ODA: Lots of effort being put into the chlorpyrifos stakeholder working group. There is some feeling form the working group that there is too much focus of water and not enough on human health. Rose Kachadoorian explained that the presentations made during the first meeting were designed to illustrate how the chemical could enter water including drinking water but that members of the working group didn not seem to get the linkage.

ODF: Agency is following the Bills related to forest applications of herbicides.

Development of Statewide Strategic Plan for Pesticide Stewardship Program

The WQPMT was briefed on the results of the first two Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting where elements of a Strategic Plan have been discussed. It was noted that while this has been occurring the WQPMT has not at this time been discussed the issue. It was agreed upon that the group should have in in-depth discussion as to what such a plan would encompass from the perspective of the group that is charged with its implementation. The team felt that sharing

our perspective with the SAG at the next scheduled meeting (April) would be of benefit to the process. It was agreed that at the March 19th meeting a significant amount of time would be dedicated to discussing the scope and elements of a PSP specific Strategic Plan that could then be shared with the SAG.

Direct for the PSP Program and Individua Watersheds

Due to time constraints this item was tabled to future meetings.

The next scheduled meeting of the WQPMT is scheduled for March 19th at the offices of the Oregon Department of Forestry in Salem.

Meeting was adjourned