



Washington
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Agricultural Environmental
Services Division

Pesticide Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025, 8:00 – 10:00 am

The fifth meeting of the Pesticide Advisory Board established under ESHB 1019 was streamed virtually on October 16, 2025, 8:00 – 10:00 am. A public viewing area was accessible Natural Resource Building Conference Room 259, 1111 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98504.

Present:

Voting Members: Craig Blackwood, Patrick Williams, Israel Delamora, Griselda Arias, Steve Bennett, Kelly McLain

Non-Voting Members: Louis Nottingham, Wendy Sue Wheeler, Elinor Fanning, Kari Trumbull, Bertha Clayton, Bradley Farrar, Marie Hallinen, Katherine Buckley, Calvin Ohlson-Kiehn, Allan Felsot

Not Present:

Voting: Ronald Cline, Kelly McDonald, April Clayton, Joe Ben Herrera, Junior Sanchez

Non-Voting: David Heimer, Greg Caron, Kaci Buhl, Edward Kasner, Bud Lynn Wilhelm, Ray Willard, Mary Tallman Fee, Ray Pessah

Presentations in order of meeting agenda:

Neonicotinoid Updates – Daleena Blair, Policy Assistant

Daleena reviewed the upcoming changes to neonicotinoids in Washington State starting January 1, 2026. Neonicotinoids labeled for outdoor ornamental use will be designated as commercial use and only available through a licensed pesticide dealer. Daleena highlighted WSDA's neonicotinoid outreach campaign and the WSDA neonicotinoid website.

ESA Updates – Abigail Nickelson – NRAS Natural Resource Scientist

Abby described the ESA workshops in the winter 2025. She highlighted new tools EPA released to aid in calculating points. She introduced the STAR program to help growers assess their soil health.

ESA Updates - Daleena Blair

Daleena reviewed upcoming federal updates and strategy timelines. She highlighted WSDA's community engagement website which provides resources and describes how the public can submit comments to the EPA. She shared new ESA resources from other agencies and organizations.

Certification and Training Updates – Tina Zimmerman

Tina shared the certification and training rule change status and timeline. She highlighted the outreach her program is conducting to inform the public of these upcoming changes. Tina did a tutorial of WSDA's certification and training website to lookup if additional or different exams are required.

TSEP Curriculum Updates – Josue Jimenez

Josue shared how TSEP is partnering with the Department of Health and Labor and Industries. Josue reviewed curriculum updates to the pesticide handler program. He highlighted upcoming changes to other TSEP program curriculum.

Registration Update – Brent Perry Registration Program Manager

Brent provided an overview 2025 Registration Services activities. He reviewed the Washington Pesticide Registration System (WAPRS) database and online portal. Brent introduced the WAPRS public online portal and future projects.

Pesticide Compliance Program Updates – Tim Stein, Pesticide Compliance Program Manager

Tim provided an overview of 2023-2025 Compliance Program activities and 2025 enforcement actions. He reviewed the chemigation and fertigation rule change updates. He also went over expanded Spanish translation efforts for outreach and training materials.

NRAS Updates – Abigail Nickelson NRAS Natural Resource Scientist

Abby highlighted the STAR soil assessment program and dirt data reports which assist in soil analysis. She discussed NRAS's ground water and surface water monitoring programs.

Pesticide Application Safety Committee (PASCO) - Kelly McLain AES Assistant Director

Kelly summarized PASCO's objectives and highlighted upcoming meetings.

Public Comment Period 9:30

No submissions of public comment

Adjourned 9:35