



Meeting Summary, December 14, 2017
Meeting Location – Hillsboro, OR Public Health Lab

OTAC Members			
<i>Dennis Wells</i>	<i>Cascadia Labs, President</i>	2017	<i>Present</i>
<i>Ken Yeomans</i>	---	2017	<i>Present</i>
<i>Marsha Farooqui</i>	<i>Portland Water Bureau</i>	2018	<i>Present</i>
<i>Rory White</i>	<i>Consultant, Analytical Labs, OELA</i>	2018	<i>Not Present</i>
<i>Steve Thompson</i>	<i>Clean Water Services</i>	2018	<i>Present</i>
<i>Chuck Lytle</i>	<i>City of Portland</i>	2019	<i>Present</i>
<i>William Michalek</i>	<i>Umpqua Testing Service, OELA</i>	2019	<i>Present</i>
<i>Rodger Voelker</i>	<i>OG Labs, Eugene</i>	2020	<i>Not Present</i>
<i>Darrell Auvil</i>	<i>Apex Labs, Secretary</i>	2019	<i>Present</i>
ORELAP STAFF:			
<i>Dr. John Fontana</i>	<i>OHA/Public Health Lab Director</i>	<i>Not Present</i>	
<i>Gary K. Ward</i>	<i>Guest, former ORELAP</i>	<i>Not Present</i>	
<i>Stephanie Ringsage</i>	<i>OHA/ Lab Compliance Manager</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Chris Redman</i>	<i>ORELAP Program Administrator</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Garcia</i>	<i>ORELAP Assessor</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Ryan Pangelinan</i>	<i>ORELAP Assessor</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Alia Servin</i>	<i>ORELAP Assessor</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Patrick Dinwiddie</i>	<i>ORELAP</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Scott Hoatson</i>	<i>DEQ QA Officer</i>	<i>Not Present</i>	
GUESTS:	<i>Kristen Thomas (City of Portland), Keith Chapman (formerly City of Salem)</i>		

1. **Welcome / Additions to Agenda:** Patrick Dinwiddie was introduced as a new member of ORELAP, welcome Patrick. Ken Yeomans has taken a new position, out of state, and so OTAC will have one open position. Thank you Ken for you service, and Good Luck!
2. **Review of last meeting summary:** Minutes were approved. No changes
3. **ORELAP Update:** Chris says there are now 26 Cannabis labs certified. 6 more are pending. Total of 109 environmental labs in and out of state. 30 carry secondary certs. ORELAP needs to average 6 assessments/month to keep pace.

There have been 6 or 7 field sampling audits, 30 left to do. Have to coordinate visits with OLCC. Some resistance from labs, don't like the government watching over them. Need to develop open relationship with OLCC/ORELAP/Cannabis Labs. OLCC is planning on accompanying the audits.

Average date from assessment to report dropped in October/November, and is trending down. Small spike in April noted. Averaging 5+ assessments/month, (need 6/month, almost there).

Cryptosporidium assessing is now approved.
Still unable to do rad chem and asbestos assess.

Auditing the sampling protocol will eventually lead ORELAP to NEFAB. But currently not enough resources to pursue that yet.

4. Cannabis Labs Update:

Cannabis labs are alleged to be cherry-picking lab results for THC counts. There is a fairly high variability in THC percentages, so labs take top result.

Cannabis labs are now on the industrial wastewater radar. OHA commended for being proactive on the issue. No federal regs apply to cannabis labs, local regs only.

Sampling survey went out and a large number of responses received regarding harvest, process, and travel. Importance of sampling noted, need a standard protocol/process.

Issue arrives with transporting up to 10 pounds of finished MJ, both legal, and safety, as that street value is significant!

Samples have been received in many vessels; Ziploc bags, trash bags, Tupperware, etc. Mylar bags were suggested as a good choice.

Complaints go thru OHA to the Governor's Office, Jeff is the liaison in Gov.s office. He checked out OHA in response.

Cannabis labs still learning and so assessments take much longer than the environmental labs as they have been thru the process. Growing pains.

4 Drinking Water: according to Joe Carlson, complaints are down. He has been able to address them relatively quickly.

Portland water is still getting some positive results for Crypto. Voters have approved filtration system.

6. OTAC Membership: Dennis' term is up this year, Chuck proposed Dennis to be approved for another term as President, Darrell seconded the motion. Vote was taken, and Dennis was approved by OTAC.

Ken noted that Derek Tanner wants to be considered for his open position, Derek has attended meetings in the past, and was just behind Rodger V in addition of his position. Pixis is a good candidate as their lab does both environmental and cannabis certifications.

7. Announcements: Short School in planning stages March 27-29 @ Clackamas Comm. College. Chuck and Kristen are co-chairs for the labs. Kristen is presenting with Ken Earl.

OELA is April 2018, focusing on WW and small operations.

8. Next meeting: à February 8th, 10am, Salem WWTP.