



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Minutes: Special meeting of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission

March 18, 2020: Teleconference

Chair George convened the teleconference special meeting at 10:10 a.m.

- Present: Chair Kathleen George, Vice-chair Sam Baraso, Commissioner Greg Addington, Commissioner Molly Kile and Commissioner Wade Mosby

1. Action: Petition for indirect source rulemaking

Ali Mirzakhilili, Air Quality Division administrator, introduced this item and provided background information about this item. Karen Williams, air quality planner, described the petition, its requests, DEQ's analysis and the agency's recommendation for action. Commissioners asked clarifying and informational questions throughout the presentation. Michael Orman, Air Quality Planning manager, provided clarifying responses to some commissioner questions. Chair George and commissioners provided their feedback on the petition process, support for the DEQ staff work related to the petition, and noted the human health and environmental concerns included in the petition. Mirzakhilili and Deputy Director Leah Feldon provided closing remarks and provided the agency's recommendation for the commission to deny the petition, in writing.

Action: Per the statutory requirements of ORS 183.390, deny the Indirect Source Rule Petition in writing.

Move: Commissioner Mosby

Second: Commissioner Addington

The commission unanimously approved the action.

Following the commission's action, Chair George asked the commission to consider additional action through a resolution with specific direction to DEQ for follow-up commitments. She read a draft resolution for commission consideration and discussion, and commissioners discussed the resolution's directions. Commissioner Addington proposed that the commission table the resolution until a future meeting, allowing time for the commissioners to consider the draft language. The commission discussed their options and agreed to schedule a possible future resolution for a special meeting.

2. Action: Order related to Vehicle Inspection Program operations

Director Whitman described the proposed order, which delegates certain authorities to him, for the operations of the state's Vehicle Inspection Program. Commissioners noted their support for the action as a way to protect DEQ staff and public health and asked clarifying questions about the proposed order.

Action: Adopt the order, as included as attachment A for this item, delegating authority to the DEQ Director to issue a temporary variance of the requirement for inspection of certain motor vehicles.

Move: Commissioner Kile

Second: Commissioner Mosby

The commission unanimously approved the action as presented.

Chair George adjourned the special meeting at noon.

Remaining 2020 meeting dates

May 7

July 16-17

September 17-18

November 19-20