

# 416th regular meeting of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission



Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2021: Teleconference

The commission held its regular meeting by teleconference, using the Zoom web conferencing platform (for video and audio connection), and additional access by toll-free telephone (for audio-only connection)

## Thursday, September 30: 12:30 to 7 p.m.

*All times shown are approximate*

12:30 p.m.

### **Welcome and meeting open**

The commission will open the meeting and review the day's agenda.

12:35 p.m.

### **Item A, Action: Draft meeting minutes**

The commissioners will review and take action on the draft minutes from the July 22-23, 2021, regular EQC meeting.

12:40 p.m.

### **Item B, Action: Water Quality Permit fees**

DEQ will propose a three percent fee increase for Water Quality National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and Water Pollution Control Facility permits for fiscal year 2022.

1:10 p.m.

### **Item C, Informational: Water Quality Standards Triennial Review report and workplan**

DEQ will present on the report and workplan for the Oregon Water Quality Standards Triennial Review.

1:45 p.m.

### **Break**

1:55 p.m.

### **Item D, Informational: Water Quality Integrated Report 2022 updates**

DEQ will present updates on the 2022 Oregon Water Quality Integrated Report, including methodology and comments received during a public comment period for the materials.

#### ***Comment opportunity for Item D***

Following the staff presentation, the commission will open a brief comment period specific to the Integrated Report methodology. Sign-ups to comment will occur at the meeting, not by pre-registration, and people are asked to limit comments to two minutes or less.

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2:30 p.m.

**Item E, Informational: Updates on the Water Quality MOU with Oregon Department of Forestry**

DEQ will present updates on the Memorandum of Understanding between DEQ and Forestry for water quality protections.

2:55 p.m.

**Item F, Informational: Diversity, equity and inclusion work at DEQ**

Director Whitman will discuss recent agency updates for DEI work, including the hiring of a new DEI Coordinator, and the formation of an internal DEI Council.

3:30 p.m.

**Item G, Informational: Updates on the Climate Protection Program**

DEQ will present updates to the Climate Protection Program rules, including updates made to the draft proposed rules since the July 22-23, 2021, EQC meeting.

3:45 p.m.

**Break**

4:15

**Hearing: Climate Protection Program**

The commission will hold a hearing for the Climate Protection Program's draft proposed rules. Staff will present a short overview of the proposal, after which the commission will accept public comment specific to the proposal. During the hearing, the commission will open an opportunity for same-day sign ups, as shown on the schedule below. People presenting comment are asked to limit all comments to two minutes or less.

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**Recess**

The commission will recess until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021.

## **Friday, October 1: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by executive session**

*All times shown are approximate*

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome and meeting open**

The commission will open the meeting and review the day's agenda.

9:35 a.m.

**Item H, Public forum**

During this item, the commission welcomes public comment on general environmental and public health concerns relevant to EQC work.

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- Sign-ups to comment will occur at the start of this agenda item, not by pre-registration.
- People are asked to limit comments to three minutes or less.
- The commission may shorten comment time to allow all interested parties the opportunity to speak.
- Timing will be confirmed at the start of this item, based on total number of people requesting to comment.

10:35 a.m.

### **Break**

10:45 a.m.

### **Item I, Action: Landfill methane rules**

DEQ will propose rules for the regulation of methane from landfills, as part of the directives in Executive Order 20-04.

11:25 a.m.

### **Item J, Informational: Environmental Justice work at DEQ**

DEQ will present on the agency's Environmental Justice Work Group's progress in developing a work plan for building the technical, communication and education infrastructure and tools required to incorporate environmental justice into DEQ's mission and operations.

11:55 a.m.

### **Item K, Informational: Director's report**

Director Whitman will present written and verbal updates on agency activities and other issues of interest to the commission.

12:45 p.m.

### **Item L, Informational: Commissioner reports**

Commissioners will provide verbal updates on their activities and work of interest to the commission and DEQ, including formal liaison roles with other state boards.

1 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

The commission will adjourn its regular meeting.

1 p.m.

### **Executive session**

Following the regular meeting, the commission will hold an Executive Session. This executive session will be held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (h).

Executive session is a closed meeting for commissioners, specific DEQ staff and staff from the Oregon Department of Justice, to discuss confidential legal information and updates. Per state law, members of the media may attend executive session; however, they may not report on the specifics or details of any discussions or information presented during executive session.

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