

419th regular meeting of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission



April 6-7, 2022: 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)

April 6, 2022: Noon to 4:30 p.m.

All times are approximate and subject to change

Noon

Welcome and meeting open

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

12:05 p.m.

Item A: Draft meeting minutes (Action)

The commissioners will review and take action on the draft minutes from the Feb. 3-4, 2022, regular EQC meeting.

12:10 p.m.

Item B: Commissioner reports (Informational)

Commissioners will provide verbal updates on their activities and work of interest to the commission and DEQ. DEQ and the commissioners will also discuss, and may assign, the EQC liaison roles for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (voting member).

12:25 p.m.

Item C: TMDLs by rule (Informational)

DEQ will provide follow-up information about the process for proposing TMDLs by rule and information to be provided for commission action, starting in 2022.

1:05 p.m.

Item D: Delegation of Water Quality Fee rulemaking for 2022 (Action)

DEQ will propose delegation to Director Whitman for a fee rulemaking, planned for 2022, that allows an up-to-three percent increase on most water quality permits, per state statute.

1:15 p.m.

Item E: Air Quality definitions rulemaking (Action)

DEQ will propose updates to align definitions for Divisions 238 and 244 of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules with federal definitions. These definitional alignments pertain to Oregon's air quality permitting programs, including the New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.

1:40 p.m.

Break: The commission will recess for a short break

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1:55 p.m.

Item F: Deschutes Basin Water Quality and Fisheries (Informational/discussion)

DEQ will co-present a panel discussion with Tribal, federal and state government representatives, project partners and others working in the Deschutes Basin for water quality and fisheries management.

3:40 p.m.

Item G: Public forum (Comment opportunity)

The commission will open an opportunity for general public comment on environmental and public health issues of interest to EQC and DEQ.

- Sign-ups to present comment will occur at the start of this item
- People are asked to limit all comment to three minutes or less
 - This time limit may be reduced if the number of people requesting to present comment would exceed the allotted item time
 - The commission will affirm commenters' time once sign-ups have occurred at the meeting
- The commission cannot accept comment on future proposed rulemakings for which DEQ has held, and closed, a public comment period. For this meeting, that includes:
 - Asbestos Fees (2022)
 - Electric Vehicle Rebate Program (2021)
 - Title V Consumer Price Index Fee Increase (2021)

4:30 p.m.

Recess: The commission will recess at approximately 4:30 p.m., and is scheduled to reconvene for an executive session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7. The regular meeting will reconvene at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 7.

April 7, 2022: Executive session 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., regular meeting 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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8:30 a.m.

Executive session (Closed meeting)

The commission will have an executive session, 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.

- Members of the media may email Stephanie Caldera, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, to request access to this executive session.

9:15 a.m.

Reconvene

The commissioners will reconvene and review the day's agenda.

9:20 a.m.

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Item H: Water-related infrastructure and planning (Informational)

DEQ will present on recent federal actions and funding commitments for revitalized and greener water infrastructure in Oregon.

10:20 a.m.

Break: The commission will recess for a short break

10:30 a.m.

Item I: 2022 Session outcomes (Informational)

DEQ will provide a summary of the relevant legislation passed in the 2022 Oregon Legislative Session, including any next steps for the commission or agency.

11:25 a.m.

Item J: Director's report (Informational)

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

12:30 p.m.

Adjourn: The commission is scheduled to adjourn its meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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