



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Notes: Oregon Environmental Quality Commission meeting

Special meeting: Nov. 9, 2022

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Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

- Present: Chair Kathleen George, Vice-chair Sam Baraso, Commissioner Greg Addington, Commissioner Molly Kile and Commissioner Amy Schlusser.

Welcome and meeting open

Chair George convened the special meeting at approximately 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom.

A. Action: Petition for new rules to regular air emissions associated with dairy operations

Michael Orman, Air Quality Planning Manager, introduced the petition and DEQ's petition review process. Heather Kuoppamaki, Air Quality Senior Engineer, provided an overview of air quality regulations related to dairy operations in Oregon. She described the content of the petition, and summarized DEQ's review and assessment of the petition. Interim Director Leah Feldon provided additional context related to programmatic structure and legislative history associated with air quality emissions at dairy and other animal farming operations. Commissioners asked clarifying and informational questions throughout the presentation.

Action: Deny the petition in writing on new rules proposed by the Food & Water Watch and co-petitioners on Aug. 17, 2022.

Move: Commissioner Kile

Second: Commissioner Addington

The commission unanimously approved the motion.

Following the vote, Emily Miller, representing Food & Water Watch and petitioners, provided summary comments and urged the commission to consider regulations to reduce emissions from dairy operations in Oregon. Interim Director Feldon responded to the petitioners' comments and noted DEQ's willingness to meet with petitioners and discuss ways to reduce dairy-related air emissions, including a follow-up to the commission within one year.

Adjourn: Chair George adjourned the special meeting at 9:41 a.m.
