Strategic Planning Update

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What is strategic planning?





Identifies our agency priorities.



Identifies how we will accomplish our priorities.



Identifies how we will monitor and evaluate our progress accomplishing our priorities.



Governor Kotek Expectations

- Agency Strategic and DEI plans delivered by June 2024
- Core elements:
 - Vision
 - Mission
 - Values
 - Equity Statement
 - Tribal Goal
 - Goals, strategies, metrics



Strategic plan

| Vision | What future we are trying to create? |
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| Mission | What is our purpose? |
| Values | What fundamental beliefs do we live by? |
| Goals and Outcomes | What do we need to devote resources, attention and creativity to accomplish? |
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Our invitation

Benefits of an antiracist strategic plan

Traditional strategic plan benefits

- Sets agency **priorities**
- Define agency values
- Makes it easier to ask for **resources**
- Helps DEQ **communicate** about its work
- Builds credibility
- Increased cooperation
- A tool for **measuring** our work

Additional benefits of antiracist strategic plan

- Prioritize **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** in the agency's internal work
- Help shift DEQ culture to a **culture of care**
- Help DEQ transform into a **more diverse workforce**
- Incorporate and prioritize **environmental justice** in all agency work
- Build capacity for thoughtful, antiracist community engagement
- Hold ourselves accountable to our values
- Break down silos within the agency



Strategic Planning Highlights

- A commitment to creating an anti-racist strategic plan
- Training and continued facilitation/coaching support from ETC centered in antiracism and equity
- Implementation of equity-based decision-making processes, approaches and facilitation practices
- Strategic planning communications team
- We've begun our internal engagement!



Internal engagement approach

- Focus of engagement
 - Groups that have been underrepresented and unheard in the past
 - Center voices of most impacted
 - Groups at DEQ with least power
- Opportunities for the agency to ask questions, make suggestions
- Regular communication through Q-Net, DEQ Digest
- Consider all feedback under the antiracist process described above



Information we are working with moving forward

- Internal Engagement
- Organizational Assessment
- Governor's Office tools
- 2021 Environmental Scan
- Open letter from BIPOC staff



Discussion

- What questions do you have?
- What opportunities do you see for DEQ in our approach to strategic planning?
- What do you want to hear at future updates?
- Is there anything you'd like us to consider?

