



Notes: Oregon Environmental Quality Commission Special Meeting, Dec. 7, 2023

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023

Welcome and meeting open

Attendees: Chair Kathleen George, Vice-Chair Sam Baraso, Commissioner Amy Schlusser, and Commissioner Mark Webb.

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Item A: Designation of Deputy Director (Action)

Director Leah Feldon introduced interim deputy director Shannon Davis and provided background on Shannon and recent experiences working with Shannon in her current role. Director Feldon asked the commission to approve her appointment of Shannon Davis as Deputy Director. Chair George noted the commission has had the opportunity to work with Shannon in her current role.

Action: Approve the appointment of Shannon Davis to serve as Deputy Director of DEQ.

Move: Commissioner Webb

Second: Commissioner Schlusser

The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Action: Authorize Chair George to execute by signature and date an order making that appointment and stating the commission's approval.

Move: Commissioner Schlusser

Second: Vice-Chair Baraso

The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Shannon expressed appreciation to Director Feldon, the commission, and staff. She also commended DEQ's Eastern Region staff and said it's hard for her to leave that role.

Item B: Temporary rules to clarify November EQC action on climate rules (Action)

Colin McConnaha, Office of Greenhouse Gas Programs Manager, presented proposed temporary rules to clarify changes to several divisions of rules governing climate programs the commission voted on in November 2023. Staff outlined the proposed action which will address ambiguity around the precise changes the commission intended to adopt in that November action. The clarifications are needed because of inconsistencies between the red-line and clean rule drafts. These temporary rules do not introduce any policy changes from what was presented to the commission on Nov. 16, 2023.

Action: Affirm that when the commission approved a proposed rule and rule amendments as part of Agenda Item D: Climate 2023 Rulemaking at its meeting on Nov. 16, 2023, the commission intended to approve the rule and rule amendments as shown on

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Approved as presented __x__
Approved with amendments _____

pages 68 through 216 of the DEQ staff report provided at that meeting.

Move: Vice-Chair Baraso

Second: Commissioner Schlusser

The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Action: Determine that failure to act promptly would result in serious prejudice to the public interest or the interests of the parties concerned, as provided under the Justification section of the staff report and adopt the temporary rule amendment as shown in Attachment A of the staff report for this item as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules to be effective upon filing with the Oregon Secretary of State.

Move: Commissioner Amy Schlusser

Second: Commissioner Webb

The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Adjourn meeting

At approximately 4:29, Chair Kathleen George adjourned the meeting.