

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** June 30, 2017

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Richard Whitman, Director



**Subject:** Agenda item B, Informational and discussion item: Welcome and introductions  
July 11-13, 2017, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item is an opportunity for formal introduction of three new commissioners. Kathleen George, Molly Kile and Wade Mosby began their commission service on May 3.

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## **New commissioners' biographical information**

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**Kathleen George** is an elected member of the Grande Ronde Tribal Council. Prior to serving in public office, George was the Director of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. She is a Grand Ronde tribal member and helped tribal governments accomplish their goals for most of her career.

Having worked for Oregon's tribes for 20 years, George has engaged with state and federal government to support healthy rivers, a clean environment, and the communities that who depend on them. Previously, she owned a natural resources consulting firm, Cedar Consulting, and worked for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in Pendleton. George grew up in Milwaukie, Oregon, and as a graduate of Dominican University with a B.A. in Environmental Biology, she is the first of her family to graduate college.

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**Molly Kile** is an Associate Professor at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Her major research interests are environmental, molecular epidemiology, and global health. Specifically, Kile's research interests include understanding how exposure to chemicals in the environment influences maternal and child health. Her research includes study of how environmental factors link to health risks, including how chemical exposures in utero may alter epigenetic mechanisms that could contribute to chronic diseases later in life.

She is also the director of the community engagement core of OSU's Superfund Research Center. In this role, she works with Native American Tribes in the Pacific Northwest to investigate their concerns about environmental pollution. Kile received her doctorate from Harvard School of Public Health in Environmental Health. She continued her postdoctoral training at Harvard in molecular epidemiology.

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**Wade Mosby** was born in Sweet Home, Oregon and is a fifth generation Oregonian, with both branches of his family dating back to the 1840s and 1850s in Oregon. Mosby is the former Senior Vice President for Collins, a family-owned, integrated forest products company that practices sustained yield forestry. He is a graduate of Willamette University and attended the MBA program at the University of Portland on the G.I. Bill. He served in the military as an Army officer from 1969-1971.

Mosby served on the Roseburg Planning Commission beginning in 1986 and was chair from 1988-1990. He has an extensive public service background, including having served as a board member on the Pinchot Institute for Conservation in Washington, DC, and as a member of Business Oregon's Finance Committee. Additionally, Mosby was a founding member of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) in 1993 and Collins was the first U.S. company to adopt FSC forest certification. Collins was also one of the 12 original World Wildlife Funds Climate Savers companies. Mosby's business experience includes executive experience managing issues related to water and air resources, carbon sequestration, and pesticide issues.