


State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** June 30, 2017  
**To:** Environmental Quality Commission  
**From:** Richard Whitman, Director   
**Subject:** Agenda item E, Action item: Appointment of Deputy Director Leah Feldon  
July 11-13, 2017, EQC meeting

**Requested action** Under Oregon law, the Director may appoint a deputy director, with the approval of the commission. In order for the director to delegate full executive functions to a deputy, this appointment and approval is needed.

Leah Feldon is currently serving as DEQ's deputy director. However, her appointment was for a one-year term, expiring on July 31, 2017. Director Whitman has determined that he wishes to appoint Ms. Feldon as deputy director. This appointment would be without a set term.

**Authorizing statute** **468.050 Deputy director**

(1) With the approval of the commission, the director may appoint a deputy director in the unclassified service who shall serve at the pleasure of the director. The deputy director shall have full authority to act for the director, subject to directions of the director. The appointment of the deputy director shall be by written order, filed with the Secretary of State.

(2) The deputy director shall receive such salary as may be provided by law or, if not so provided, as may be fixed by the director, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the deputy director in the performance of the official duties of the deputy director.

**Recommendation and EQC motion** The Director recommends that the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission:

- Approve, by vote, the director's appointment of Leah Feldon to serve as the Deputy Director of DEQ.
- Authorize the EQC Chair to execute an order approving the director's appointment.
- Authorize the Director to file the order with the Oregon Secretary of State.

**Attachments** A. Order and confirmation

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**Order appointing Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Quality  
Approval by the Environmental Quality Commission**

ORS 468.050 (1) provides:

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Pursuant to ORS 468.050 (1), and subject to the Commission's approval, I am appointing Leah Feldon as Deputy Director of DEQ. Her tenure in the office is effective on the date of approval by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission and subject to the provisions of law governing the appointment.

This Order will be filed with the Oregon Secretary of State.

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*Richard Whitman*

Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

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Date

*The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission approves the appointment of Leah Feldon to serve as DEQ Deputy Director under the provisions outlined above and in ORS 468.050 (1).*

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*Ed Armstrong*

Chair, Oregon Environmental Quality Commission

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Date

CC:

Oregon Secretary of State

Leah Feldon (Personnel file)

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