

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: Nov. 23, 2015

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item P, Informational item: Clean Water Services Tree for All recognition
Dec. 9-10, 2015, EQC meeting

Why this is important

Clean Water Services would like to recognize DEQ for its role in catalyzing the Tree For All program by making water quality trading possible. Bruce Roll, Watershed Management Department Director for Clean Water Services, will show a video about the program and present the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality with an award.

Background

Tree For All is a partnership of over 30 organizations that plants native trees along Oregon's waterways to improve water quality and ecosystem health. Tree for All has planted more than five million native trees and shrubs along the Tualatin River and its tributaries over the last ten years. This effort was initiated by water quality trading in the 2005 Clean Water Services Watershed National Discharge Pollution Elimination System Permit which included the nation's first trading program for thermal pollution sources. The 2015 Tree for All Challenge planted one million of those trees and shrubs in one year over the winter of 2014-2105.

EQC involvement and next steps

There is no action associated with this item. The commission will be asked to consider proposed permanent rules for water quality trading as part of the regular meeting, but that decision is unrelated to this recognition item.

Attachments

None

*Information provided by staff - report prepared by Stephanie Caldera
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