

State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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**Date:** Oct. 15, 2014

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item C, Informational item: DEQ and Department of Forestry shared responsibilities and liaison relationship between the Board and Commission Nov. 5-7, 2014, EQC meeting

**Background** DEQ and the Department of Forestry have a shared regulatory responsibility for the water quality in Oregon's forestlands. In recognition of this relationship, the Board of Forestry and Environmental Quality Commission each establish formal liaison positions in 2013 to enhance communication between the bodies and foster learning among the agencies and boards. The two members serving as liaisons will provide an update on their experiences in these roles and areas of common interest for the parties.

This item will also include updates from DEQ Director Dick Pedersen and State Forester Doug Decker on areas of shared interest for DEQ and Forestry.

Staff from Forestry and DEQ will present information on green infrastructure for stormwater management and urban forestry.

**Next steps and commission involvement** This item is informational and no commission action is expected in relation to this item. The staff presentations will be preparatory material for a tour of urban forestry and green stormwater management locations in Portland on Thursday, November 6.

*Report prepared by Stephanie Caldera from material provided by DEQ and Forestry staff*