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**Date:** July 31, 2013

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item B, Informational item: Welcome and introduction to La Grande and Eastern Oregon University  
Aug. 21-22, 2013, EQC meeting

**Why this is important** The commission has expressed an interest in strengthening the connections among state governments and agencies, including Oregon's higher education sector. Mayor Daniel Pokorney will provide a welcome to La Grande, and Eastern Oregon University President Bob Davies will provide a welcome and introduction to Eastern Oregon University.

**Background** La Grande is home to about 13,000 people in the foothills of the Blue Mountains, and it is the county seat for Union County. As part of the Oregon University System, Eastern Oregon University provides educational resources through campus-based and online courses. The university serves about 4200 students across Oregon, with approximately one-third of students enrolled in campus-based classes at one of 16 regional centers, one-third learning solely online and one-third using a mix of campus and digital classes to complete their educational path.

**EQC involvement** No action is requested. The item is an opportunity for the commission to meet with Mayor Pokorney and President Davies and learn more about La Grande and Eastern Oregon University

**Attachments** None

**Available online**

1. City of La Grande: <http://www.cityoflagrande.org>
2. Eastern Oregon University: <http://www.eou.edu/>

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