

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: May 30, 2013

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item F, Informational item: Innovations in water quality and wastewater treatment systems
June 19-20, 2013, EQC meeting

Why this is important The commission will hear from a group of people representing water-related municipal agencies across Oregon about their projects to improve water quality. The innovative projects demonstrate the many ways Oregonians implement water quality protections.

Background The panel of co-presenters includes:

- Karl Morgenstern, Eugene Water and Electric Board
- Chris Bailey, City of Albany
- Ken Williamson and Bob Baumgartner, Clean Water Services
- Tom Penpraze, City of Corvallis
- Ron Thames, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority
- Michelle Cahill, City of Eugene/MWMC
- Janet Gillaspie, Association of Clean Water Agencies

The co-presenters will each provide information about an innovative project or new approach to water quality protection in various cities and towns across Oregon. These projects range from watershed-based onsite system technical assistance to nature-based wastewater treatment systems in lieu of conventional treatment processes. The information presented is offered as a complement to item G, a tour of Talking Water Gardens, an engineered wetlands used as a wastewater treatment facility in Albany.

EQC involvement No action is requested. The item is an opportunity for the commission to hear directly from people and organizations implementing the water quality protections and standards approved by the commission and regulated by DEQ.

Attachments None

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