

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: May 30, 2013

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item L, Informational item: Recognition for Chair Blosser
June 19-20, 2013, EQC meeting

Why this is important Chair Blosser's term expires June 30, 2013, and this item will celebrate his service on the commission over the past eight years.

Background Chair Blosser began his EQC service in January 2006 and was reappointed to a second full term in July 2009. During his tenure, Chair Blosser has overseen numerous momentous commission actions, including:

- 2006: Passed the first low-emission vehicle rules for Oregon, ahead of a similar 2011 federal program
- 2007: Approved ozone management plans to improve air quality in the Portland metropolitan areas
- 2008: Revised and improved water quality standards, in the form in a ten-fold increase in the fish consumption rate, to be more protective for all Oregonians
- 2009: Implemented new regulations for regional haze, which led to significant pollution emission reductions and the planned phase-out of coal-fired power plants in Oregon
- 2010: Provided millions of dollars to communities for wastewater system upgrades and repairs, with an emphasis on "green" infrastructure and local materials, through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program
- 2011: Implemented the Heat Smart program to remove old, polluting woodstoves and improve air quality in many rural parts of Oregon
- 2012: Approved the final destruction of all chemical weapons at the Umatilla facility, with the land to be reused by the community after facility cleanup and closure.

DEQ appreciates the service and commitment of the members of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, and has benefitted from the leadership of Chair Blosser.

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