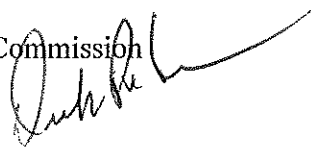


State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** March 11, 2013  
**To:** Environmental Quality Commission  
**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director   
**Subject:** Agenda item G, Informational and discussion item: Climate Friendly Nurseries Project update  
March 20-21, 2013, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will update the commission about the Climate Friendly Nurseries Project, a partnership between the Oregon Association of Nurseries and the Oregon Environmental Council, with assistance from Oregon State University and Ecos Consulting. The commission heard an informational item about the project in early 2011.

**Why this is important** Nurseries are a leading industry in Oregon and are taking a leadership role in mitigating and adapting to a changing climate. By establishing the Climate Friendly Nurseries Project, Oregon's nurseries have an opportunity to reduce energy, resource inputs and greenhouse gas emissions while achieving greater economic efficiency and profitability.

**Background and other information** The Climate Friendly Nurseries Project began in August 2009 and ran through 2012. It is the forerunner in a larger sustainability initiative by the Oregon Association of Nurseries that includes a commitment to reduce industry energy use by 25 percent by 2020, and development of sustainability certification standards for the nursery industry.

**Commission involvement** The Oregon Association of Nurseries and Oregon Environmental Council will share updates and a final report from the project during the meeting.

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