

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: March 30, 2012

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item B, Informational item: Formal introduction of two new commissioners
April 25-27, 2012, EQC meeting

Purpose of item The purpose of this agenda item is to formally introduce Ed Armstrong and Morgan Rider, the two newest commissioners.

Background In February 2012, Governor Kitzhaber appointed, and the Oregon Senate confirmed, Ed Armstrong and Morgan Rider as the two newest members of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission. Commissioners Armstrong and Rider replaced Vice-chair Williamson and Commissioner Dodson, who had both extended their terms of service at the governor's request.

Commissioners Armstrong and Rider began their terms of service March 1, 2012, and will serve until June 30, 2015, at which time they are eligible for reappointment to an additional four-year term. Both commissioners have a wealth of environmental knowledge and community involvement, and are strong additions to the commission.

Attachments A. DEQ news release about the appointments

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Morgan Rider and Ed Armstrong Confirmed for Oregon Environmental Quality Commission

*The new commissioners begin service March 1, with terms ending June 30,
2015*

The Oregon Senate has confirmed Morgan Rider of Portland and Ed Armstrong of the Tillamook County community of Hebo as the two newest members of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission. The EQC is a five-member panel responsible for establishing the policies of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Governor John Kitzhaber had nominated Rider and Armstrong for service.

Rider, an environmental engineer and environmental compliance specialist, and Armstrong, a longtime educator who has worked in watershed restoration, will officially begin service on March 1, serving through June 30, 2015. They will replace Commissioners Ken Williamson and Donalda Dodson, whose official terms had expired in 2011 but were extended.

Morgan Rider specializes in strategic corporate sustainability planning, environmental management system development and environmental health and safety compliance. She has managed and performed environmental compliance projects and audits for large commercial clients with national and international assets. Rider has worked extensively with companies in the semiconductor, apparel, aerospace, automotive, forest products, food processing, renewable energy and mining industries, helping them conduct sustainability and life-cycle assessments, and assisting them in reducing resources and minimizing waste.



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Since 2009, Rider has served as sustainability chair for the Pacific Northwest Cleantech Open. Cleantech Open is a national nonprofit dedicated to promoting new ideas into viable clean tech businesses.

Rider has worked as environmental compliance manager for LSI Logic and Nike. She holds a B.S. in civil and environmental engineering from Cornell University and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Oregon.

Ed Armstrong has lived in Oregon for nearly six decades. He grew up in Washington County and served many years in the education field. He received a B.S. degree in biology from Portland State University. He's served as a high school teacher, director of an alternative education program, curriculum director, grant writer, and CEO of a national water treatment company.

Armstrong has served on numerous boards and councils, including the Nestucca Watershed Council, Tillamook and Forest Grove chambers of commerce, Oregon Community Education Association, Forest Grove School Board and Nestucca Valley School Board. He's been involved with watershed restoration projects with students over the years and his work has been recognized and received awards statewide and nationally.

Members of the Oregon Environmental Commission currently include Chair Bill Blosser, Portland; Jane O'Keeffe, Lakeview; Judy Uherbelau, Ashland; Donalda Dodson, Salem; and Ken Williamson, Corvallis. Commissioners typically serve four-year terms, with a two-term limit.

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