

Date: March 31, 2011

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item K, Informational item: 2011 budget and legislative agenda update
April 21-22, 2011, EQC meeting

Purpose of item This item updates the Environmental Quality Commission on the status of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's 2011-13 legislative agenda. The agenda includes the base budget, reduction options and budget policy packages that make up the Agency Request Budget and bills that the Oregon Legislature introduced by the in January.

This informational item informs the commission of updates related to the Governor's Balanced Budget, status of legislative bills and the latest information about the 2011 legislative session.

Background State agencies develop legislative concepts and budget policy packages as part of the legislative and budget development process. Today's discussion is a continuation of a conversation on the 2011 legislative agenda from the February 2011 EQC meeting.

Key deadlines in this process include:

- April 11-14, 2011: DEQ Ways and Means budget hearings
- May 11, 2011: The next state budget forecast

Nearly 3,000 bills have been introduced since the beginning of the 2011 Oregon Legislature Session. DEQ is tracking bills relating to its operations and rules. Staff will provide the commission with updates via periodic e-mails and presentations at commission meetings.

The Legislature has directed state agencies to focus the budget Ways and Means presentation on work priorities, key performance measures and proposed General and Lottery Fund reduction options. Should the tentative Ways and Means dates hold for DEQ, staff will be able to provide a complete update for the April 21-22 commission meeting. Most agency bills are now in the committee process. Session rules require that policy bills move out of the chamber of origin by April 21, allowing a status update for agency bills at this commission meeting.

EQC involvement At each 2011 commission meeting, DEQ will present updates to the commission on agency bills, reduction options, budget policy packages and the base agency budget.

Attachments None

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