

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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**Date:** Jan. 28, 2011

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item K, Informational and discussion item: DEQ and ODOT partnerships  
February 16-18, 2011, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will provide the commission with information about water quality project partnerships between DEQ and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Matthew Garrett, ODOT director, will discuss plans for future partnerships with DEQ.

**Background and other information** Transportation projects in Oregon often need permits from DEQ for stormwater or other water quality issues. ODOT and DEQ are collaborating on better processes and management of the water quality concerns associated with road repairs, culvert construction and other transportation-related projects in Oregon. The continued partnership will enhance Oregon's water quality near road facilities, and allow for more streamlined permitting and response processes for both agencies.

Director Pedersen met with the Oregon Transportation Commission Jan. 19, 2011, to discuss this project partnership. Director Garrett will present information to the commission at the February meeting and be available for discussion of this work.

**Attachments** None

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