

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: April 7, 2010

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item I, Informational and discussion item: EQC retreat
April 29-30, 2010 EQC meeting

Why this is important The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission is the policy and rulemaking board for DEQ. The commission also helps DEQ set priorities and objectives for environmental protection in Oregon. DEQ maintains a strategic directions document that operates on a six-year cycle and is nearing the end of the current document cycle. DEQ plans to update the document through 2011 and work with the commission to evaluate priorities and objectives for the agency.

Background On March 15 and 16, a team of DEQ staff representing all parts of the agency met for a two-day retreat. The team is charged with planning the commission's retreat in late 2010, and will be meeting through spring and summer 2010 to develop a series of informational items and topics of interest for commission consideration and discussion. The EQC retreat and informational items will help DEQ set priorities and update its strategic directions in 2011.

The team members are:

- Gregg Lande, Air Quality Division
- Christine Svetkovich, Water Quality Division
- Tom Roick, Land Quality Division
- Greg Pettit, Laboratory and Environmental Assessment Division
- Melissa Aerne, Management Services Division
- Keith Johnson, Northwest Region
- Zach Loboy, Western Region
- Mitch Wolgamott, Eastern Region
- Jeff Bachman, Office of Compliance and Enforcement
- EQC support crew: Greg Aldrich, Joanie Stevens-Schwenger and Stephanie Clark
- Director Pedersen
- Deputy Director Hammond
- Kerri Nelson, Management Services Division administrator

**Commission
involvement**

The commission will hear a series of informational and discussion items from this planning team at the June and August EQC meetings to prepare for a commission retreat in late 2010. After the commission retreat, the team will continue to work with the commission to develop, review and propose new strategic directions for DEQ's next six-year cycle, 2012-2017.

Approved:

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