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To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item N, Informational item: The Politics of Climate Change
April 29-30, 2010 EQC meeting

Purpose of item Jessica Shipley, a Solutions Fellow at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, will present on the policy and politics of efforts to combat climate change. Among the topics to be covered will be: federal legislation and regulations; California's program, including AB 32; international agreements and the results of the Copenhagen meeting. The session will provide the Environmental Quality Commission with insight on the current political framework and on what to expect in the coming months.

Background This session is the second in the series of climate change informational items, to be presented at regularly planned commission meetings in 2010. The first informational item focused on the science of climate change, while future items will address the effects of climate change and actions currently underway in Oregon to combat climate change.

In her role as a Solutions Fellow at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Jessica Shipley assists the Vice President of Innovative Solutions on state-level policy and on agriculture- and forestry-related climate issues. She is also involved in researching and communicating technology solutions for reducing greenhouse gases in a variety of sectors and assisting with Pew policy work on forestry and agricultural offsets.

Ms. Shipley received her Master's in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, where she specialized in environmental and energy policy. Her graduate work included projects in state and local climate policy design, greenhouse gas and economic modeling, and transmission and renewable energy development. Prior to graduate school she worked in sustainable forest management certification. Ms. Shipley holds a B.S. in Environmental Economics and a minor in Forestry from U.C. Berkeley.

Next steps DEQ staff welcomes topic suggestions and presenter recommendations for the series as we continue to prepare for upcoming EQC meetings. Climate change topics identified so far range from impacts and technologies to Oregon programs, actions, plans and possibilities.

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