

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: February 1, 2010

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item K, Informational item: The science of climate change
February 18-19, 2010 EQC meeting

Purpose of item Dr. Philip Mote, director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute and Oregon Climate Services, will present on the science of climate change.

Background At the August 2009 commission meeting, division administrators discussed a proposed climate change symposium with the commissioners. The discussion resulted in a plan to include a series of informational items at regularly planned commission meetings rather than a one-day symposium. The series will establish baseline scientific knowledge on climate change to help commissioners make informed policy decisions.

The February presentation, "The Science of Climate Change," will be the first of the 2010 EQC climate change information series. Future topics will include impacts, policies, agreements and technologies at the state and federal level. DEQ will present information about Oregon programs, actions, plans and possibilities. The series of informational items will also help the commission prepare for its September 2010 retreat.

Next steps DEQ, with guests and project partners, will present informational and discussion items on climate change at each commission meeting in 2010.

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Division: _____

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