

State of Oregon

Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: October 8, 2010

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item F, Informational item: Strategic Directions discussion on DEQ's role in responding to land use-related pressures
October 20-22, 2010, EQC meeting

Purpose of item This item will provide an overview of the ways DEQ becomes involved in land use related issues, Oregon's land use system and DEQ's role in working with other agencies to address land use-related pressures. Staff from DEQ, the Department of Land Conservation and Development and a local land use planning advisor will discuss land use issues in Oregon. This item is part of the discussion for DEQ's update to its Strategic Directions for 2012-2018.

Why this is important As the state environmental regulatory agency, DEQ is often involved in environmental issues that may stem from land use decisions and actions. Understanding and working with the other agencies and organizations that deal directly with land use planning and regulation in Oregon can help DEQ make strong environmental decisions. The guest presenters are asked to discuss Oregon's land use system and comment on two questions:

1. What will be Oregon's land use related pressures and issues in 20 years?
2. What will be DEQ's role in responding to those pressures?

Attachments None

Approved:

Division: _____

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