

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item K, Informational and discussion item: Strategic Directions state government discussion  
October 20-22, 2010, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will provide the commission with information and discussion with representatives from the Governor's office and state natural resource departments. The information and discussion will prepare the commission for its November 2010 retreat, in which it will consider and recommend updates to DEQ's Strategic Directions.

**Why this is important** DEQ, as the state regulatory agency for environmental protection, works closely with its sister agencies within the state natural resources framework. The discussion with representatives with these agencies will help the commission prepare for its retreat and evaluate opportunities for cooperation, cross-agency collaboration and efficiencies in state government when evaluating DEQ's Strategic Directions update for 2012.

**Background and other information** Representatives from the Governor's office and the Oregon Departments of Agriculture, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife and Water Resources were asked to consider their interactions with DEQ, the structure of state natural resource agencies and challenges facing natural resources in Oregon. The panel will focus on opportunities for greater environmental protection and improvement as Oregon faces more and greater environmental challenges over the next 10 to 20 years.

**Next steps** EQC will meet in November 2010 for a special meeting and retreat focused on the 2012 update to DEQ's Strategic Directions. The information and discussions shared during this, and other, items will help inform the commissioners about Oregonian's concerns and priority work for DEQ over the next six, 10 or 20 years. After the commission meets in November, DEQ will begin a process to draft and share its proposed updates throughout 2011 for final EQC review and approval by late 2011.

**Attachments** None

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