

Date: October 8, 2010

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item R, Informational and discussion item: Strategic Directions public health discussion
October 20-22, 2010, EQC meeting

Purpose of item This item will provide the commission with information and discussion with representatives from state public health division. 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 the state public health division to protect Oregon's environment and Oregonians health by maintaining and protecting its air, land and water quality.

Background and other information Representatives from the state public health division were asked to consider their interactions with DEQ and challenges facing Oregon's environment from a public health position. The discussion will focus on opportunities for greater environmental protection and improvements to public health as Oregon faces more and greater environmental, social and health 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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