

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item V, Informational and discussion item: Strategic Directions ASCFME union discussion  
October 20-22, 2010, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will provide the commission with information and discussion with members and representatives of ASCFME Local 3336, DEQ's union. 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 is a state agency represented by ASCFME Local 3336, and approximately 90 percent of DEQ's workforce is in the union. As part of the process for updating its Strategic Directions for 2012, DEQ asked union representatives and members to present their visions for DEQ in the next six, 10 or 20 years.

**Background and other information** Representatives and members of ASCFME Local 3336 were asked to consider two central questions:

- What will be Oregon's big environmental issues in 20 years?
- What is DEQ's role, as the state regulatory environmental agency, in response to these issues?

**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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