

Agenda for the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission meeting

October 20-22, 2010

DEQ headquarters: 811 SW 6th Avenue Portland, room EQC-A on the 10th floor

Wednesday, October 20

The commission will convene at approximately 8:30 a.m.

A. Informational and discussion item: Stakeholders

Representatives from environmental groups, municipal and local governments, industry organizations and business interests will respond to and discuss two framing questions:

1. What will be Oregon's major environmental challenges in 20 years?
2. What is DEQ's role in response to these issues?

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B. Public forum for Strategic Directions

This item is scheduled at 10:45 a.m. Time allotted for this item is one hour, and may be extended or reduced at the commission's discretion

The commission will open a forum for any member of the public or organization to comment on DEQ's Strategic Directions process and content. All people wishing to comment will be asked to complete a request-to-speak form.

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The commission will recess for an informal lunch from approximately 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

C. Informational and discussion item: EPA

Dennis McLerran, EPA Region 10 Administrator, will discuss Oregon's major environmental challenges in 20 years, DEQ's response to these issues, EPA's planning and vision and other environmental concerns.

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D. Informational and discussion item: Government-to-government discussion with tribes

The nine federally recognized tribal nations present in Oregon are invited to hold a government-to-government discussion with the commission on Oregon's major environmental challenges in 20 years and DEQ's responses.

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E. Informational item: Information technology

DEQ staff will present information on the information technology and systems at DEQ and information on a vision for systems improvements and efficiencies.

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F. Informational and discussion item: Land use

DEQ staff and government planners will discuss land quality issues and a geographic approach to land use and environmental protection.

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The commission will recess at approximately 4:45 p.m. until Thursday, October 21.

DEQ staff and commissioners may attend an informal dinner in downtown Portland. The dinner is not a part of the formal meeting agenda, and no commission business will be discussed.

Thursday, October 21

The commission will reconvene at approximately 8:30 a.m.

G. Action item: Adopt minutes of the August 18-19, 2010, regular commission meeting

The commission will review, amend if necessary and approve minutes from the August 18-19, 2010, regular EQC meeting.

H. Action item: Magar contested case

The commission will hear and take action on a contested case.

I. Action item: Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program rules

DEQ staff will propose amended rules for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan program. The commission will review and take action on the proposed rules regarding loans to communities for water quality improvements.

J. Informational and discussion item: Strategic Directions communication discussion

Staff from DEQ's Office of Communication and Outreach will present on DEQ's communications strategies, challenges and vision for future communications.

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K. Informational and discussion item: Strategic Directions state natural resource agencies discussion

Representatives from the Governor's natural resource office, Department of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, Water Resources Department and Department of Fish and Wildlife will discuss Oregon's major environmental challenges in 20 years and DEQ's role in response to these issues.

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Lunch and executive session

The commission will met in executive session from approximately noon to 1:30 p.m. to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current or potential litigation against DEQ. This executive session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), (h).

L. Action item: Combined sewer overflows in Astoria

DEQ water quality staff will present amendments to a stipulation and final order concerning Astoria's combined sewer overflows for the commission's consideration and action.

M. Informational item: Water quality 401 program proposed fee increase

DEQ water quality staff will present information about a proposed fee increase for the 401 program permits. DEQ expects the proposed fee increase to come for commission approval in December 2010.

N. Informational and discussion item: Urban nonpoint pollution

DEQ water quality staff will present information about and discuss nonpoint pollution from urban sources.

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O. Informational and discussion item: Economics and funding

Robert Costanza, director of Portland State University's Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices, will discuss ecological economics and models for funding for natural resource and state agencies.

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The commission will recess at approximately 5 p.m. until Friday, October 22

Friday, October 22

The commission will reconvene at approximately 8:30 a.m.

P. Public forum

Time for this item is allotted at one hour, and may be extended or reduced at the commission's discretion.

At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 22, members of the public are invited to address the commission on any issue of environmental concern of interest. No comments may be presented on DEQ rulemakings for which the public comment period has closed. All people wishing to comment must complete request-to-speak forms and the commission may limit times based on the number of people wishing to comment.

People wishing to comment remotely may do so by telephone at three DEQ offices around Oregon. Those offices, to be determined, will be open and DEQ staff will be present to facilitate the process at 8 a.m.

Q. Action item: Greenhouse gas reporting rules

DEQ air quality staff will present proposed rules for the greenhouse gas reporting program. The commission will review and take action on the proposed rules.

R. Informational and discussion item: Public health

Representatives from the Oregon Department of Human Services will discuss Oregon's major environmental issues in 20 years and DEQ's role in response to these issues.

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S. Informational item: Climate change

Angus Duncan, chair of the Oregon Global Warming Commission, will the "Roadmap to 2020," outlining Oregon's goals and vision for meeting its greenhouse gas reduction goals by 2020 and making improvements beyond this date. This item is fifth in a series of informational items on climate change.

The commission will recess for an informal lunch from approximately noon to 1 p.m.

T. Informational item: Oregon's Economic Revitalization Team

Ray Naff, Governor's office staff and director of the Oregon Economic Revitalization Team, will present information on ERT, its mission, benefits to small communities and state agencies and the team's goals and objectives in the 2009-11 biennia.

U. Informational and discussion item: Department of Justice

Attorney General John Kroger will discuss Oregon's major environmental issues in 20 years, DEQ's role in response to these issues and the relationship between the Department of Justice and DEQ for the prosecution and prevention of environmental violations and crimes.

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V. Informational and discussion item: ASCFME union

Representatives from ASCFME Local 3336, the union representing DEQ's staff, will present information and discuss Oregon's major environmental challenges and DEQ's role in response to these issues.

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W. Director's dialogue

Director Pedersen will update the commission on agency activities and projects of interest.

X. Commissioner reports

The commissioners will discuss any topics or information not covered during the regular meeting.

The commission will adjourn at approximately 3:45 p.m.

The next commission meeting is December 9-10 in Portland.