State of Oregon
DEQ Department of Environmental Quality

Temperature Total Maximum Daily Loads Replacement project: Middle Columbia-Hood (Miles Creeks) Subbasin

Advisory Committee Meeting 2 Summary

Location virtual meeting (Zoom) and in person at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum, 5000 Discovery Dr., The Dalles, OR 97058

Sept. 10, 2026, 10 a.m. PT

The video recording of this meeting is available from DEQ upon request. Email MiddleColumbia.TemperatureTMDL@DEQ.oregon.gov with your request for the video.

List of attendees

Rule advisory committee members

Name	Affiliation	Present
Todd Reinwald	U.S. Forest Service	Absent
Wes Noone	Bureau of Land Management	Present
Janna Guzman	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Present
Nina Caldwell	Oregon Department of Agriculture	Present
Rebecca McCoun	Oregon Department of Forestry	Present
Ivan Hartert	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department	Present
Joshua Chandler	City of The Dalles	Present
Jeremy Eiesland	City of Dufur	Present
Andrea Rogers	City of Mosier	Present
Daniel Dougherty	Wasco County	Present
Scott Baker	Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District	Present
Andrea Klaas	Port of The Dalles	Present
Shilah Olson	Wasco SWCD	Present
Amy Kaser	Kaser Diamond K, Inc.	Present
Drake Gilbert	Wasco County Watershed Councils	Absent
Stuart Wilson	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation	Present

DEQ staff: Becky Talbot, Smita Mehta, Karissa Willits, Ryan Michie, Michele Martin, Trina Mayberry, and Mack Lannigan

Agenda

Time	Topic
10 a.m.	Welcome, introductions, meeting agenda
10:10 a.m.	Draft Total Maximum Daily Load, updated with input from RAC 1
10:50 a.m.	Draft Water Quality Management Plan, update with input from RAC 1
11:30 a.m.	Draft Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement and rule language
11:50 a.m.	Wrap up, next steps
Noon	Adjourn meeting

Meeting summary

Michele Martin, DEQ: Meeting introduction, agenda covering meeting materials that DEQ posted on Thursday, August 27, 2026, in advance of the meeting, meeting logistics and ground rules, background, scope, schedule and a roll call of rule advisory committee members.

Becky Talbot, DEQ: Becky summarized technical elements of the TMDL and what changed from the first Rule Advisory Committee meeting. Becky then paused for questions. There were no questions or comments at that time.

Karissa Willits, DEQ: Karissa summarized components of the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and what changed from the first Rule Advisory Committee meeting.

Wes Noone, BLM: Streamside evaluation – are you using standard definition of streamside areas and is it defined in any documentation? Suggest using riparian areas because BLM has land in that area, but if there are streamside areas; having more of a standard definition of streamside areas would help.

Ryan Michie, DEQ: In other projects we have used the high water line, in statute, and that is one approach we have used in the past.

Ivan Hartert, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department: Shade Gap analysis – how do DMAs get shade gap analysis approval if doing it themselves?

Ryan Michie, DEQ: If you are not identified in the WQMP as required to do a shade gap, you can do it voluntarily and there is no need for DEQ approval.

Michele Martin, DEQ: Reviewed draft rule language and provided background on the fiscal, economic, and racial equity impacts review. She asked the RAC members for feedback on the following questions:

- Will the draft rule have a significant adverse impact on small businesses? – no response
- If a significant impact is identified, how could DEQ reduce the fiscal impact on small business? – no response
- Will the proposed rule impact racial equity? – no response
- What are additional considerations for environmental justice for this draft rule?
- What types of entities will be impacted by the proposed rule? – no response
- How and to what extent will the proposed rule have a positive, negative, or no impact on these entities?

No comments were made regarding the fiscal and economic, rational equity or environmental justice draft statement.

Amy Kaser, Kaser Diamond K, Inc: Can you very quickly review the new requirements for planting shrubs and trees as far as how many feet wide the riparian buffer will now have to be?

Ryan Michie, DEQ: Not a specific buffer requirement, it's to meet the shade target. If the shade can be met with say, 50 feet of trees, then that is what meets the requirement.

Wes Noone, BLM: Is the streamside evaluation due 18 months after EQC adoption – is that after EPA has approved it?

Karissa Willits, DEQ: EQC adoption will be prior to EPA approval or disapproval.

Michele closed the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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