

Agenda for the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission meeting

August 18-19, 2010

DEQ headquarters: 811 SW 6th Avenue Portland, room EQC-A

Wednesday, August 18

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

A. Regular commission business: Adopt minutes of the June 16-17, 2010 regular meeting

The commission will review and adopt the minutes from the June 16-17, 2010 regular meeting

B. Action item: Water quality rulemaking fee increase

DEQ will propose a 3.5 percent fee increase for water quality permits, based on program funding needs and operations.

C. Informational item: Oregon's groundwater

DEQ will present information about groundwater and groundwater quality in Oregon, sources of groundwater contamination, the regulatory and voluntary programs DEQ implements to protect groundwater quality and the relative effectiveness of those programs.

D. Informational item: Combined sewer overflows in Astoria

DEQ will inform the commission of proposed amendments to the stipulation and final order between the city of Astoria and the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission regarding combined sewage overflows to Alderbrook Lagoon, Young's Bay and the Columbia River.

E. Action item: Noble contested case hearing

The commission will hear a contested case concerning a land quality violation.

F. Action item: Grabhorn contested case hearing

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The commission will recess for a one-hour lunch at approximately 12:20 p.m.

G. Informational item: The effects of climate change

Dr. Thomas Peterson, research meteorologist at NOAA's National Climatic Data Center and chair of the World Meteorological Organization's Commission for Climatology, will present on the effects of climate change. This is the fourth presentation in a series of informational items on climate change.

H. Informational item: Water quality human health criteria update

DEQ will update the commission on the development of rules and other approaches for implementing revised human health water quality standards for toxic pollutants, which DEQ expects to propose for adoption in mid 2011. DEQ will ask for additional input the commission may have on implementation policies.

I. Action item: Agency toxics prevention and reduction strategy

DEQ will ask the commission to consider a resolution providing direction to DEQ on the development and implementation of a comprehensive toxic chemical and pollutant reduction strategy. DEQ staff will also present a brief progress report on the development of the strategy.

The commission will recess at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Thursday, August 19

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

J. Public forum

Members of the public are invited to discuss any environmental issue with the commission during this time. Speakers must sign a registration sheet and are asked to limit comments to five minutes. No comments may be presented on proposed rules or actions for which the public comment period is closed.

K. Action item: Field burning rules

DEQ will propose rules to implement 2009 legislation that greatly reduces the practice of open field burning in the Willamette Valley and establishes new rules for emergency field burning and critical non-burn areas.

L. Informational item: Status and activity update for the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility

DEQ will update the commission on activities and projects at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

M. Action item: 2011 Agency Request Budget certification and legislative updates

DEQ will update the commission on DEQ's 2011-13 legislative agenda and will ask Chair Blosser to certify DEQ's Agency Request Budget on behalf of the commission.

N. Action item: Air quality temporary rulemaking for PM 2.5 and ACDP

DEQ will propose temporary rules for PM 2.5 and ACDP as part of streamlining and efficiency measures for the Air Quality Division.

O. Action item: Air quality toxics benchmark concentrations rulemaking

DEQ will propose rules for several air toxics benchmark concentrations, based on a review of existing benchmarks, consultation with DEQ's Air Toxics Science Advisory Committee and federal updates.

P. Informational item: Director's dialogue

Dick Pedersen, DEQ director, will share updates on various DEQ programs and projects, relevant environmental actions at the state and federal level and other topics of interest to the commission.

Q. Commissioner reports

The commissioners will share any updates or information not discussed during the regular meeting agenda.

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