
Date: Aug. 12, 2016

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Pete Shepherd, Interim Director

Subject: Agenda item O, Informational and discussion item: Joint meeting of the Water Resources Commission and EQC
Aug. 17-18, 2016, EQC meeting

Purpose of item EQC and the Water Resources Commission will meet for a joint session on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, to discuss areas of shared regulatory responsibility and other relevant topics.

Background The Water Resources and Environmental Quality Commissions have areas of mutual interest. These areas, pertaining primarily to the development and implementation of the state's Integrated Water Resources Strategy create a unique working relationship among the two commissions and their respective state agencies.

During this item, commissioners will hear from the departments about their specific and shared areas of focus, be provided an overview of the Integrated Water Resource Strategy and its implementation to-date and engage in discussion on water issues in Oregon.

As part of the discussion, commissioners are asked to consider several guiding questions:

- What are some of the major challenges facing Oregon's water, in quality and quantity currently?
- What opportunities exist to mitigate, prevent or correct these challenges?
- What would "success" of the IWRS look like for Oregonians? What about "failure"?

Additional resources

- Integrated Water Resources Strategy website
www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/law/integrated_water_supply_strategy.aspx
- 2016 Staff Report on Implementation and the 2017 Update:
http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/vault/vault.aspx?Type=WrdNotice¬ice_item_id=6581

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