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**Date:** Nov. 5, 2018

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Richard Whitman, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item C, Informational item: November State Election Outcomes and Legislative updates

Nov. 15-16, 2018, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** DEQ will present updates on the November state elections outcomes and legislative activities since the September 2018 EQC meeting.

**September Legislative Days** On Sept. 24-26, 2018, the Oregon Legislature held its regular interim Legislative Days, an opportunity for engagement between the regular sessions. DEQ presented several committees, including a water quality update to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, a recycling update to the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and an electric vehicle update to the House Energy and Environment Committee. DEQ also secured approval for funding for work on Harmful Algae Blooms through a successful request to the Legislative Emergency Board. This funding will allow DEQ to collect and analyze drinking water samples.

**November elections** DEQ will present verbal updates on the outcomes of the Nov. 6, 2018, elections as part of this informational presentation.

**EQC involvement** There is no request for commission action at this time. DEQ will provide updates on legislative and budget matters at each commission meeting, or as otherwise requested. The commission chair must certify the final Legislatively Approved Budget at the end of the 2019 Legislative Session.

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