
Date: Jan. 4, 2019

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Richard Whitman, Director

Subject: Agenda item M, Informational item: Budget and Legislative updates
Jan. 24-25, 2019, EQC meeting

Purpose of item DEQ will present updates on budgetary and legislative activities since the Nov. 15-16, 2018 EQC meeting.

Governor's Recommended Budget highlights Governor Brown released her Governor's Recommended Budget in late November 2018. Within that budget, Governor Brown presented her vision for Oregon's environment, which includes actions to:

- Protect air and water quality
- Address climate change
- Ensure a clean and abundant water supply

DEQ's programs have regulatory authority for many activities that would fulfill Governor Brown's vision. DEQ will implement these activities and programs to focus on the agency's core work, build partnerships and support communities across Oregon.

During the staff presentation, DEQ will discuss what proposed policy option packages, indicating new or updated work for the agency, were included and which were not included in the Governor's Recommended Budget.

2019 Session The 2019 Oregon Legislative Session is scheduled to begin Jan. 22, 2019. DEQ will present verbal updates about committee schedules, projected Ways and Means presentations and other legislative matters at the commission meeting.

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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