
Date: November 23, 2009

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Dick Pedersen, Director

Subject: Agenda item N, informational item: 2011 budget and legislative agenda update
December 10-11, 2009 EQC Meeting

Purpose of item This item updates the Environmental Quality Commission on the status of the Department of Environmental Quality's 2011-13 legislative agenda that includes the base budget, ten percent reduction options, budget policy packages that make up the Agency Request Budget and DEQ's legislative concepts, which, if approved for drafting and pre-session filing, will become draft bills for legislative consideration. This informational item informs the commission of ideas DEQ is considering for legislative concepts and budget policy packages that will have more definition in early 2010 and provides an update on recently developed ten percent reduction options for general and lottery fund work. These reduction options will be available at the December meeting.

Background Every two years, state agencies must develop legislative concepts and budget policy packages as part of the legislative and budget development process. This discussion is a continuation of a conversation on the 2011 legislative agenda from the October 2009 EQC meeting. The development process will continue into and throughout 2010 in preparation for the 2011 legislative session.

Key deadlines in this process include:

- April 2010: DEQ must submit draft legislative concepts to the Department of Administrative Services
- September 2010: DEQ must submit its Agency Request Budget to the Department of Administrative Services and the governor's office on Sept. 1, 2010. This budget submittal includes the base budget, ten percent reduction options and the budget policy packages.

The Legislative Fiscal Office requested a list of budget reduction options at a ten percent cut level for general and lottery funds in anticipation of the special legislative session in Feb. 2010. DEQ, and all state agencies, will submit this list Nov. 30, 2009.

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At each 2010 commission meeting, DEQ will present updates and seek input on the development of the 2011 legislative agenda to engage the commission in the development of legislative concepts, ten percent reduction options, budget policy packages and the base agency budget. The commission chair must certify the 2011-13 Agency Request Budget for submittal to DAS and the governor's office by Sept. 1, 2010 at the August EQC meeting.

Attachments

A. DEQ's 2011-13 legislative agenda development timeline

Approved:

Division: _____

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