

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission and Environmental Quality Commission

FROM: Paul R. Cleary, WRD Director
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SUBJECT: Background Information for Commission Discussion
Joint Meeting of the WRC and EQC, June 6, 2002

Your joint meeting presents an exceptional opportunity to explore the complex nature of the laws that govern water use and protect water quality in Oregon. The areas of intersection are where our agencies strive to work together and help Oregonians steward the state's waters. In preparation for your meeting, our staff have provided background information on the topics we plan to cover. We hope this information helps focus your discussion on potential opportunities for greater coordination between water quantity and water quality management in Oregon.

This packet includes:

- An Overview of Water Quantity and Water Quality Authorities
- A description of Interagency Coordination, related to the 1997 Water Quality and Quantity Task Force
- A description of total maximum daily load (TMDL) Development, with a focus on the Umatilla Basin TMDL
- A description of a Water Reuse Initiative
- A summary of current Challenges and Opportunities

Please contact any of the staff listed in these reports if you have questions or would like to discuss these topics in advance of the meeting.