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August 25, 2008

TO: Council Members

FR: Todd Everts, EQC Staff

RE: The upcoming September 8 and 9, 2008, EQC meeting

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

Enclosed you will find the following September EQC meeting materials, including:

- ⇒ EQC meeting agenda
- ⇒ EQC May meeting minutes
- ⇒ EQC requested Climate Change draft report
- ⇒ LC 6000 - LC 6011 climate change bill drafts
- ⇒ Public comment received on Climate Change draft report and bill drafts
- ⇒ HJR 57 Conservation Easement draft report. This is the revised and edited report. The appendixes did not change, except that public comment is now included. The underlined portion in the report was what the EQC directed staff in July to include.
- ⇒ DEQ and DFWP legislative bill draft proposals
- ⇒ LC274 contingent voidness cleanup legislation

## **AGENCY BILL DRAFT PROPOSALS**

In order to facilitate the orderly drafting of executive branch bill drafts and to allow legislative oversight of agency bill draft proposals, each agency assigned to the EQC for oversight purposes is required to present descriptions of proposed legislation to the EQC. At a predetermined EQC meeting, each agency presents the descriptions of their proposed legislation. The EQC reviews and discusses the legislative proposals and then makes a formal decision as to whether the proposed legislation should be requested for drafting purposes only. The EQC's decision to "request" on behalf of the agency that a bill be drafted does not mean that the EQC necessarily endorses the bill draft, nor does it mean that the bills are "by request of the EQC." It simply gets the requests into the bill drafting system so that the bill drafts can be drafted and pre-introduced prior to the legislative session. The agency will be responsible for finding a legislator to actually carry the bill during the session. This does not mean that the EQC has to request that all of an agency's bill draft proposals be drafted. In the past, the EQC has

occasionally made the decision not to request that an agency proposal be drafted. This is a golden opportunity for the EQC to provide comments and constructive criticism regarding agency policy proposals.

On the morning of September 9th you will be hearing from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Included in this mailing are the agency requested bill draft proposals that each agency would like you to consider for drafting purposes. These are the proposals that have been approved by the Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP).

### **EQC BILL DRAFT SPONSORS**

Chairman Wanzenried has requested that each legislative EQC member review the potential list of EQC legislation (i.e., climate change legislation and contingent voidness legislation) and think about whether you would like to sponsor that legislation during the upcoming session should that legislation pass out of the EQC in September.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me (406 444-3747), Joe Kolman (406 444-9280), Sonja Nowakowski (406 444-3078), or Hope Stockwell (406 444-1640).