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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Nick Lelack, Community Development Director
RE: BOCC Work Session with DEQ

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a list of current Community Development Department (CDD) / Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) joint projects.

1. Deschutes County CDD is a DEQ “contract county” for the agency’s Onsite Wastewater Management Program (septic systems). This means CDD administers DEQ’s Onsite program, which includes, but is not limited to, issuing permits, conducting inspections, and enforcing state rules and requirements.
2. Coordinate groundwater protection efforts with DEQ staff regarding the permitting of protective on-site wastewater systems and well sampling.
3. Coordinate and jointly implement DEQ’s Operation and Maintenance Program for Alternative Treatment Systems and other technologies/systems requiring maintenance.
4. Coordinate and jointly implement DEQ’s Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Individual Permit program. A WPCF is a disposal system that disposes of wastes and wastewater onto or beneath the ground surface with no direct discharge to surface waters. Examples of such projects are located in Tumalo State Park, Green Acres RV Park, and Thousand Trails.
5. Coordinate and jointly implement the South Deschutes / North Klamath County Groundwater Protection: Report and Recommendations such as preparing and processing the Goal 11 Exception application (joint County/DEQ application in partnership with the Department of Land Conservation and Development), and tracking the status of the proposed ATT Moratorium (Deschutes County may not independently impose a moratorium on ATT systems).

In addition, in 2013 CDD participated on the DEQ Onsite Septic Budget Note Workgroup.