



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 12/15/15
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 12/2/15

Agenda Title: **Board Briefing on Air Quality Concerns in Hayden Island / Jantzen Beach Area**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: December 15, 2015 **Time Needed:** 45 minutes
Department: Health **Division:** _____
Contact(s): David Blair, CoS, D2 (Matt Hoffman, MCHS 8-7848)
Phone: 541.410.6121 **Ext.** 8 9725 **I/O Address:** _____
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Panel consisting of OR DEQ; US EPA; OR Health Authority, and Multco Health - air quality staff; and 3 residents of Hayden Island / Jantzen Beach. Presenters TBD.

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board? None

This is a Briefing to examine the issues, the results of investigations to date, and strategy going forward regarding noxious and obnoxious air pollution being suffered by residents of Hayden Island and Jantzen Beach. Residents are concerned about how to secure a coherent governmental response to effectively investigate the source of the pollution, and then to compel appropriate remediation.

<http://www.kgw.com/story/news/2015/09/15/baffling-smell-hayden-island-continues-make-people-sick/72345752/>

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Residents are either suffering from obnoxious odors, at best, or acute respiratory distress, at worst. The source of these odors and emissions is under investigation.

Oregon DEQ is the lead agency for the investigation (David Monro, 503.229.5160); Mr. Monro is working with US EPA on the investigation.

EPA is providing significant assistance by providing air monitoring equipment available via the CERCLA (superfund) program.

Oregon Health Authority and Multnomah Air Quality officials will also attend.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

Federal and DEQ funds are being spent to investigate the odors / emissions; County funds are not requested at this time.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Multnomah County does not have direct authority over this matter. This Briefing is to convene the various Federal and State agencies with jurisdiction over air quality, and to hear from the affected citizens. The format would be as follows:

Seat two panels: one of citizen representatives, and one of agency representatives (EPA, DEQ, OHA, and Multnomah County Air Quality).

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The primary jurisdictional agencies are OR DEQ and US EPA.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Loretta Smith /s/

Date:

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