



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Lease with the Department of Environmental Quality for continued use of an air-monitoring site located at the Deschutes County Road Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Board signature of Document Number 2023-044, a lease with the Department of Environmental Quality for continued use of an air-monitoring site located at the Deschutes County Road Department

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2008, the County and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) entered into an agreement to allow DEQ to install air quality monitoring equipment at the Deschutes County Road Department located at 61150 SE 27th Street in Bend.

This location is ideal for monitoring as it provides unobstructed exposure in many different directions and is situated downwind from possible air pollution sources. The area includes 144 square feet with a 7'x7' prefabricated instrument shelter and an adjacent 30' meteorological tower. The equipment transmits collected data to DEQ.

DEQ leases monitoring sites across the state to operate its air quality monitoring program. Collected data is used to inform the public regarding pollution concentrations and long-term trends from a wide array of airborne pollution sources. DEQ does not pay for monitoring sites, but does provide a flat rate utility payment of \$360/annually.

The lease agreement will be reviewed annually and may be extended by one-year terms by a letter of mutual agreement, and the utility fee may also be amended by mutual agreement as needed. The lease may be terminated at any time by providing sixty (60) days written notice.

Air quality in Oregon can be viewed at <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map> or by downloading the "OregonAir" mobile application.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$360 per year paid to the Deschutes County Road Department via utility reimbursement.

ATTENDANCE:

Deborah Cook, Property Specialist
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