

Water Quality Division

Program Updates

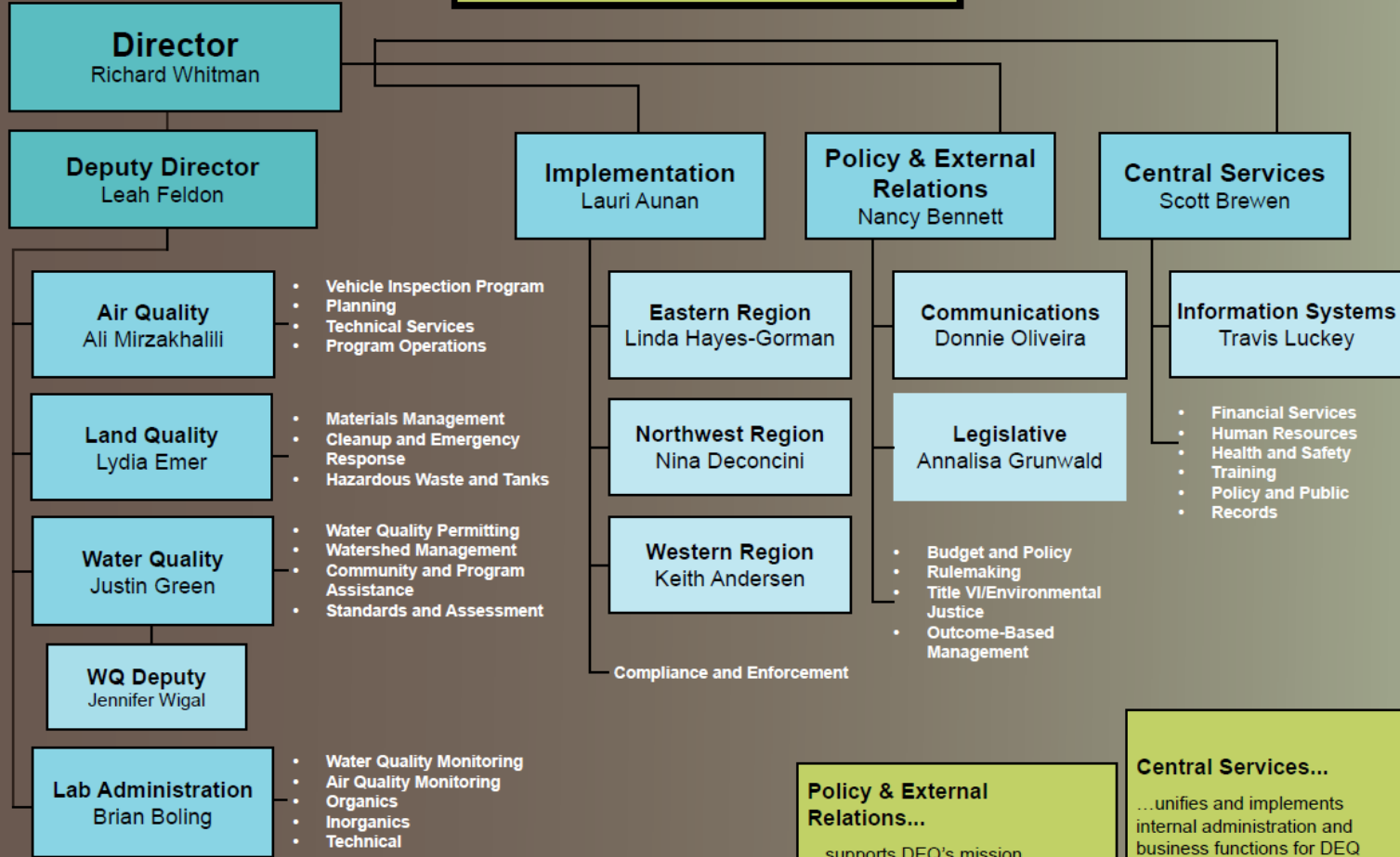
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Introductions

- Justin Green
- Jennifer Wigal
- Lauri Aunan

- Implementation Administrator Role

Leadership Update



Implementation: The Partnership Between Division and Region...

...ensures collaboration between DEQ's regional offices and headquarters and credibility as we continuously improve policy and services for Oregon's communities and the environment.

Policy & External Relations...

...supports DEQ's mission and programs by providing strategic direction in rulemaking, communications, environmental justice and legislative and budget proposals.

Central Services...

...unifies and implements internal administration and business functions for DEQ through Human Resources, Financial Services and Information Services standards, policies and rules.

Reorganization Goals

- Clear decision-making authority and responsibility
- Improved communications internally and externally
- Strengthen relationship between HQ and Regions
- Strong delivery of core work
- Improved protection of Oregon's environmental and public health

Agency Priorities

- Deliver on commitments
 - NPDES permit backlog, process improvements
 - Air Quality permit backlog
 - Implement Cleaner Air Oregon
- Improve how we do business
 - Electronic tools - EDMS
 - Process improvements
 - Communication
- Budget requests for Air, Land and Water
 - Water program ask to reflect true needs of agency

Water Quality Priorities

- Permit Backlog
 - More permits issued by end of June this year than all of last year
- Budget Request
- Temperature Compliance
 - Klamath TMDL
 - TMDL Litigation
 - Permitting
- Mercury Compliance
 - Willamette TMDL
 - Multiple Discharger Variance for Willamette Basin
 - Individual permits

Building on Recent Progress

- Making environmental data available
- Integrated Report Improvements Project
- Developing a prioritized Water Quality Standards workplan (*aka Triennial Review*)
- Hood River TMDL
- NetDMR
- Permit Improvement Project

Water Quality Challenges

- Resources
- Litigation
- Water Quality Standards

Water Quality Opportunities

- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Renewing our partnerships
- Electronic Tools
- Communications
 - Ensuring complete circles of communication internally and externally

Why Choose CWSRF Financing?

- Lower than market interest rates
- Interest rates adjust quarterly and then fixed for life of debt
- Terms up to 30 years
- Up to 100% of eligible costs covered, no match
- Technical assistance
- Incentives
 - ✓ Partial loan forgiveness for smaller/disadvantaged communities and green projects
 - ✓ Interest rate reductions available for non-point source projects paired with point source projects
- Competitive with other funding programs
 - ✓ USDA, Business Oregon, municipal bond market, etc.



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