Agenda Item: 10-13 Request to Approve the Final Draft of the Lumber River Basin Plan

Explanation: This Lumber River Basinwide Water Quality Plan is the fourth in a series of plans to be developed by the Division of Water Quality at five-year intervals for this basin. The plan underwent an internal review by various groups within the Division of Water Quality, as well as, other divisions within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources between July 17, 2009 and August 31, 2009. The plan was made available for public review between October 17, 2009 and November 30, 2009. The plan was presented at the January 2010 EMC meeting and commission member provided comments. The EMC comments have been taken into account and the plan was revised.

This Basinwide Water Quality Plan is a planning document that will guide the Division's actions in this river basin over the next five years and beyond. The management actions are based on existing rules and policies. Therefore, approval and endorsement of this plan by the Commission would affirm that the management actions set forth in this plan are consistent with the rules adopted by the Commission and with the decision-making policies under which the Division has acted in the past.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the *Lumber River Basinwide Water Quality Plan* be approved and endorsed by the Commission as a guide to water quality program management and implementation by the Division of Water Quality as it carries out its Water Quality Program duties and responsibilities in the Lumber Basin.