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FINAL AGENDA **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

State Capitol, Room 317 March 19 and 20, 2014

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Call to Order - Roll Call 12:30 p.m.

Chairman Brenden

Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman

Adoption of EQC Minutes from January 2014 (Tab 1)

Interim Update

Water Policy Interim Committee Update -- Mr. Mohr 12:35 p.m.

Request for analysis of proposed CSKT water compact (Tab 2) 12:40 p.m.

Reps. Nancy Ballance and Keith Regier

Public comment

Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC

Committee action, if any

HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Tab 3) 1:10 p.m.

> Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council's preliminary recommendations - Ms. Stockwell, Rep. Jeff Welborn

Public Comment

Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC

Committee action, if any

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and 2:45 p.m.

that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

3:00 p.m. **BREAK**

3:15 p.m. **Bison Management Update**

- David Hallac & Tim Reid, Yellowstone National Park
- Christian Mackay, Department of Livestock
- Pat Flowers, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- Public Comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:15 p.m. SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management (Tab 4)

- SJ15 Work Group Report Sen. Fielder, other members
- Doyel Shamley, Veritas Research Consulting (via phone)
- Randy Phillips, USFS Liaison to the National Association of Counties (via phone)
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

6:15 p.m. Recess

Thursday, March 20, 2014

8:15 a.m. Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update

Ms. Nowakowski

8:20 a.m. State Water Plan Update

- Tim Davis, DNRC Water Resources Division Administrator
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

8:30 a.m. Dana Ranch & X Hanging Diamond proposed land exchange (Tab 5)

- Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Administrator
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

8:45 a.m. **FWP Forest Management Plan Update** (Tab 6)

- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

9:15 a.m. FWP Block Management Program Update

- Director Jeff Hagener
- Ed Grady, landowner
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:15 a.m. BREAK 10:30 a.m. Sage Grouse Advisory Council Update (Tab 7) Rep. McChesney, Sen. Hamlett Public comment Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC Committee action, if any 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC 1:10 p.m. Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 8) General overview - Ms. Thigpen Public comment Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC Committee action, if any 1:20 p.m. **DEQ Rulemaking: Nutrient Standards and Variance** (Tab 9) George Mathieus, Planning, Prevention & Assistance Division Administrator Public comment Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC Committee action, if any Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program Update (Tab 10) 1:50 p.m. (85-1-621, MCA) Alice Stanley, DNRC Resource Development Bureau Chief Public comment Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC Committee action, if any Sand and Gravel Deposit Program update (82-2-701, MCA) 2:20 p.m. John Metesh, Bureau of Mines and Geology Director Public comment Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC Committee action, if any 2:50 p.m. **Other Business** Instructions to Staff

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