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DRAFT AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 172
September 9 and 10, 2015

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

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Sen. Gene Vuckovich
- 8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters**
- Budget review - Mr. Kolman
 - Adoption of EQC Minutes from June 2015 (Tab 1)
 - Overview of Public Involvement - Ms. Thigpen
- 8:20 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update - Mr. Mohr**
- 8:25 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update - Ms. Nowakowski**
- 8:30 a.m. **111(d) EPA Rulemaking Subcommittee Update**
- Final selection of EQC subcommittee members
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
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- 8:35 a.m. **Washington state meeting regarding Colstrip 1 & 2**
- Selection of attendees, if any
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:45 a.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 2)**
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 9:00 a.m. **DNRC Program Evaluation: Agriculture and Grazing (Tab 3)**
- Overview, Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. BREAK
- 10:00 a.m. **Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Update (HB 613, 2011)**
- Rebecca Ridenour, DEQ (Tab 4)
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. **Orphan Share Remedial Action Update (SB 96, 2015) (Tab 5)**
- Jenny Chambers, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. **Sage Grouse Conservation Update (Tab 6)**
- Comparison of state and BLM plans, Ms. Stockwell
 - Jamie Connell, BLM State Director
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Fort Belknap Bison Update**
- Dr. Bill Layton, Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
 - Mark Azure, President Fort Belknap Tribal Council
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **Federal Road Management (HJ13 study) (Tab 7)**
- Overview -- Mr. Kolman
 - George Bain, USFS, Region 1 Director of Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Heritage and Wilderness
 - Jamie Connell, BLM State Director
 - Russ Ehnes, Executive Director, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council
 - Clayton Elliott, Policy Director Montana Wilderness Association
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:55 **Break**

- 3:00 p.m. **Public Access to Federal Land (HJ13 study)** (Tab 8)
- Overview -- Mr. Kolman
 - Alan Charles, FWP, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council staff
 - Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners Association
 - Ray Marxer, former Stockgrowers board member
 - Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation
 - George Bain, USFS, Region 1 Director of Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Heritage and Wilderness
 - Jamie Connell, BLM State Director
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:15 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 4:30 p.m. **Leave Capitol for York area tour (HJ13 study)**
- Reconvene at 8 a.m. Thursday

Thursday, September 10, 2015:

- 8:00 a.m. **DEQ Program Evaluation: Industrial and Energy Minerals** (Tab 9)
- Overview, Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. **FWP Program Evaluation: Wildlife Conflict Management** (Tab 10)
- Overview, Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if anyB
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **FWP Director's Agency Update**
- FWP Director Jeff Hagener
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 p.m. **Trust Land Cabin Site Sales Report** (77-2-366, MCA) (Tab 11)
- Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Administrator, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. **Fire Season Update**
- Bob Harrington, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **Wildland Urban Interface Building Code Update**
- David Cook, DOLI
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Statewide Noxious Weed Control Coordination Program Update**
- Greg Ames, Department of Agriculture (Tab 12)
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:15 p.m. **Review of EQC Work Plan** (Tab 13)
- HJ 13 Study
 - Next steps
 - Proposed survey
 - Other Work Plan Items
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
- 3:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- Other Business**
Instructions to Staff
- 3:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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