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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 317
May 29-30, 2018

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

Tuesday May 29, 2018

- 9:45 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call
Sen. Chas Vincent, chair
- 9:50 a.m. Administrative matters--Mr. Kolman
- Budget review
 - Adoption of EQC minutes from March [\(Tab 1\) \(a\)](#)
- 9:55 a.m. Water Policy Interim Committee update --Mr. Mohr
- Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee update --
Mr. Graff
- 10:05 a.m. Natural Heritage Program funding [\(Tab 2\)](#)
- Overview of discussion drafts -- Mr. Kolman [\(1\)](#) [\(2a\)](#) [\(2b\)](#) [\(3a\)](#)
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 10:35 a.m. State Parks program evaluation [\(Tab 3\)](#)
- Parks and Recreation Board Update - Angie Grove, chair
 - Parks in Focus update - FWP Director Martha Williams and Chairman Vincent
 - [Parks Audit Report](#) - John Harrington, LAD
 - Good Neighbor policy review - Ms. Stockwell
 - [OHV](#) and [snowmobile](#) gas tax increase proposals - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for program evaluation
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson task force update
- FWP Director Martha Williams
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:15 p.m. Aquatic invasive species program evaluation [\(Tab 4\)](#) [\(a\)](#) [\(b\)](#)
- Montana Invasive Species Commission Update - Bryce Christiaens, chair
 - FWP Update - Director Martha Williams
 - Program funding options - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public Comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 2:30 p.m. BREAK
- 2:45 p.m. Dog training in upland game bird areas [\(Tab 5\)](#)
- Overview of discussion drafts - Mr. Kolman [\(1\)](#) [\(2\)](#)
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:15 p.m. Enforcement of bad actor mining law [\(Tab 6\)](#) [HB581](#) [HB442](#) [HB69](#)
- Director Tom Livers, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:15 p.m. Sage Grouse conservation program update
- Habitat Quantification Tool and mitigation policy progress - Carolyn Sime, Program Manager
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:45 p.m. Mule deer permits [\(Tab 7\)](#) [\(a\)](#)
- Director Martha Williams, FWP
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 5:15 p.m. Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC.

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Wednesday May 30, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. Subdivision sanitation reviews (HB407)
- Tim Davis, DEQ
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 8:30 a.m. Fire-related indicators
- [Update](#) and demonstration - Mr. Kolman
 - Public Comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 9:00 a.m. Fire-related study topics (Tab 8) [\(a\)](#) [\(b\)](#) [\(c\)](#) [\(d\)](#) [\(e\)](#) [\(f\)](#) [\(g\)](#)
- 2018 fire season preview
 - State Forester Sonya Germann
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:30 a.m.
- Options for landowner assessment fees
 - Shauna Helfert, administrator, property assessment division, Department of Revenue
 - DNRC
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:10 a.m. SJ 5 Study [\(Tab 9\)](#)
- Overview of draft report -- Ms. Nowakowski
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. Chronic wasting disease [\(Tab 10\)](#)
- Update - Director Martha Williams, FWP
 - Overview of draft report -- Mr. Kolman
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 11:00 a.m. Overview of federal government agency activity
- Dan Wenk, superintendent, Yellowstone National Park
 - Jon Raby, acting state director, Bureau of Land Management
 - Public comment
 - EQC review and discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. Metal mining initiative ([Tab 11](#)) (a) (b)
- David Brooks, executive director Montana Trout Unlimited
 - Opponents
 - Director Tom Livers, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. Private Land/Public Wildlife update
- Member update
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. Montana State University lab study
- Staff update - Ms. Stockwell
 - EQC member updates - Rep. Hamlett, Rep. White
 - Proposed letter to congressional delegation
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 2:45 p.m. Statutory administrative rule review ([Tab 12](#))
- Ms. Bills
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. Review proposed topics for next EQC meeting
- 3:15 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
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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