

FINAL AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 102

1:00 p.m., Monday July 14, 2008 and 8:00 a.m., Tuesday July 15, 2008

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

[EQC Agency Oversight Subcommittee meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in Room 102]

[Joint EQC WPIC Subcommittee meeting: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Room 102]

EQC MEETING:

Monday, July 14, 2008:

1:00 p.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Rep. Lambert, Vice Presiding Officer

1:05 p.m. **Administrative Matters**
 1. EQC budget review

1:10 p.m. **Statutorily Required Land Banking Report**
 1. DNRC staff
 2. Public comment
 3. Questions and discussion - EQC

1:40 p.m. **DEQ Legislative Performance Audit Updates**
 1. Legislative Performance Audit staff
 2. DEQ staff response
 3. Public comment
 4. Questions and discussion - EQC

2:40 p.m. **Climate Change Discussion Drafts, and Background**
 1. Presentation of discussion drafts - Staff
 2. Public comment
 3. Questions and discussion - EQC
 4. Council decisions and direction

Climate Change Draft Report and Findings
 1. Presentation of discussion drafts - Staff
 2. Public comment
 3. Questions and discussion - EQC
 4. Council decisions and direction

5:30 p.m. **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**

Tuesday, July 15, 2008:

8:00 a.m. **Reconvene EQC Meeting**

8:05 a.m. **Agency Oversight Subcommittee Report**

1. Report of subcommittee activities - Senator Shockley
2. Subcommittee recommendations, if any.
3. Public comment
4. Council action, if any.

8:30 a.m. **EQC/LFC Joint Petro-Fund Subcommittee Report**

1. Report of subcommittee activities - Senator Story
2. Subcommittee recommendations, if any.
3. Public comment
4. Council action, if any.

9:00 a.m. **EQC/Water Policy Joint Subcommittee Report**

1. Report of subcommittee activities - Senator Story
2. Public comment

9:20 a.m. **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee Activities** - Mr. Kolman

9:30 a.m. **Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Activities** -
Ms. Nowakowski

9:40 a.m. **Fire Suppression Interim Committee Activities** - Ms. Heisel

9:50 a.m. **Water Adjudication Process Oversight**

1. Department of Natural Resources and Conservation update -
Director Sexton
2. Montana Water Court update - Judge Loble (via conference call)
3. Public comment

10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. **Instream Flow Program Report**

1. Mike McLane, DFWP
2. Council questions
3. Public comment

11:15 a.m. **HJR 57 Conservation Easement/Trust Land**

1. Review of public comment - Mr. Kolman
2. Questions and discussion - EQC
3. Public comment
4. Council decisions and direction

- 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**
- 1:15 p.m. **DEQ 2009 Legislative Proposals**
 1. DEQ staff overview of legislative proposals
 2. Council questions
 3. Public comment
 4. Council action to request bill drafts for drafting purposes only
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m. **DNRC 2009 Legislative Proposals**
 1. DNRC staff overview of legislative proposals
 2. Council questions
 3. Public comment
 4. Council action to request bill drafts for drafting purposes only
- 4:15 p.m. **Additional Council Discussion on Climate Change Study (if necessary)**
- 5:00 p.m. **Other Business**
 1. Consideration of contingent voidness clean-up legislation via the Code Commissioner - Mr. Everts
- 5:05 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 5:10 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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