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FINAL AGENDA  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**  
State Capitol, Room 317  
May 14 and 15, 2014

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

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

- 12:30 p.m.           **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Chairman Brenden
- Administrative Matters** - Mr. Kolman
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from March 2014 (Tab 1)
  - Interim Update
- 12:40 p.m.           **Statutory Administrative Rule Review** (Tab 2)
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:55 p.m.           **Natural Resource Trends** (Tab 3)
- Background - Mr. Kolman
  - Data examples - Mr. Mohr
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:10 p.m.           **SJ 4 - Study of Virginia City, Nevada City, Reeder's Alley** (Tab 4)
- SJ 4 work group April meeting report - Sen. Keane and work group members
  - Review bill draft (LC MHC1) recommended by work group - Ms. Kurtz
  - Intent language on use of General Fund (Section 22-3-1003) - Ms. Thigpen
  - Public Comment
  - Committee discussion and action, if any

- 2:10 p.m.            **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Tab 5)**
- Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council update - Ms. Stockwell & Rep. Welborn
  - Earmarked license funds and projected FWP expenditures - Sue Daly, FWP
  - Public Comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:10 p.m.            BREAK
- 3:25 p.m.            **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 3:35 p.m.            **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management**
- 3:40 p.m.            • SJ15 Work Group Report - Sen. Fielder, other members
- Federal land management committees and task forces in other western states (15 minutes each)
- Wyoming - Sen. Eli Bebout, chair Federal Natural Resource Management Committee
- EQC Questions
- 3:55 p.m.            • Idaho - Sen. Chuck Winder, chair, Federal Lands Interim Committee; attorney Bill Myers
- 4:00 p.m.            • Utah - Rep. Keven Stratton, Public Lands Caucus;
- Nevada - Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl, chair Nevada Land Management Task Force
- 4:45 p.m.            • Mineral County Working Forest Data - Dr. James D. Arney
- 5:00 p.m.            • Forested Counties/Resource Advisory Group update, Mineral County Commissioner Duane Simons
- 5:15 p.m.            • Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any
- 5:30 p.m.            Recess

**Thursday, May 15, 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

- 8:35 a.m.           **Water Policy Interim Committee Update** -- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 8:50 a.m.           **FWP Wolf Management Update** (Tab 6)
- Director Jeff Hagener and Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:20 a.m.           **Grizzly Management Update** (Tab 7)
- FWP Director Jeff Hagener and Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:50 a.m.           BREAK
- 10:05 a.m.          **Sage Grouse Management Plan Update**
- Tim Baker, Governor's Office
  - FWP Director Jeff Hagener
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:35 a.m.          **Bison Management Update**
- FWP Director Jeff Hagener and Pat Flowers, Region 3 Supervisor
  - Christian Mackay, Executive Director, Dept. of Livestock
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m.          **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 11:30 a.m.          **Other Business**  
**Instructions to Staff**
- Adjourn**

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