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FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172
Tuesday June 21, 2011

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order** - Sen. Debby Barrett, senior senator
- Roll Call
 - Committee member introductions
 - Approval of minutes from September 2010 WPIC
- 8:40 a.m. **Staff introductions and WPIC overview** -- Mr. Kolman
- 8:50 a.m. **Review of 2011 water legislation** -- Mr. Kolman
- Public comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 9:05 a.m. **Agency overviews**
- DNRC - Director Sexton
 - DEQ - Director Opper
 - FWP - Bob Lane
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 9:50 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Election of WPIC chair and vice chair**
- 10:05 a.m. **Water right adjudication update**
- DNRC Update - Director Sexton
 - Montana Water Court - Judge Loble
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 10:40 a.m. **Overview of Ground Water Investigation Program**
- Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology -- John Wheaton
 - Public comment

- Committee questions and discussion
- 11:15 a.m. **Water and state water storage updates**
- Jesse Aber, DNRC
 - Kevin Smith, DNRC
 - Public Comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Public comment**
- Representatives of organizations or other members of the public interested in water issues may introduce themselves to the committee.
 - Committee questions
- 1:40 p.m. **House Bill No. 602 -- Exempt Well Study**
- History of the exemption - Mr. Kolman & Ms. Thigpen
 - Overview of exempt wells - DNRC/MBMG
 - Public Comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Discussion of study priorities**
- Overview - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action
- 4:00 p.m. **Administrative matters**
- Budget overview - Mr. Kolman
 - Adoption of interim WPIC meeting dates
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action
 - Overview of rules - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action
- 4:15 p.m. **Other business**
- 4:20 p.m. **Instructions to staff**

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