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<u>FINAL AGENDA</u>

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 317 January 13 and 14, 2016

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call Sen. Gene Vuckovich

8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Kolman

Adoption of EQC Minutes from Sept. and Nov. 2015 (Tab 1)

8:15 a.m. Water Policy Interim Committee Update - Mr. Mohr

8: 20 a.m. Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update -

Ms. Nowakowski

8:25 a.m. 111(d) EPA Rulemaking Subcommittee Update

Subcommittee members

8:35 a.m. Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 2)

General overview – Ms. Thigpen

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

8:50 a.m. Sage Grouse Conservation Update (Tab 3)

Introduction - Ms. Stockwell

 Conservation program update - Carolyn Sime, Sage Grouse Program Manager

Implementation in permitting

DEQ - Tom Livers, Director

• DNRC - John Tubbs, Director

 Board of Oil and Gas Conservation - Jim Halvorson, Administrator

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

10:20 a.m. BREAK

10:35 p.m. Washington and Oregon State Legislation on Coal Power (Tab 4)

- Introduction Ms. Nowakowski
- Washington Legislation Sen. Doug Ericksen Chairman Senate Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications; Sen. Tim Sheldon, Vice Chairman Senate Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications; Rep. Jeff Morris, Chairman House Technology & Economic Development
- Oregon Legislation Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson, Chairwoman House Energy and Environment
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

11:35 a.m. Orphan Share Remedial Action and Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Updates (Tab 5)

- Jenny Chambers, DEQ Remediation Division Administrator
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

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. FWP Program Evaluation: Hunting Access (Tab 6)

- Overview Ms. Stockwell
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

2:45 p.m. FWP Game Damage Rule Implementation Update

- Alan Charles, FWP Landowner Sportsman Relations Bureau Chief
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:05 p.m. FWP Shoulder Season Update (Tab 7)

- Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Bureau Coordinator
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:25 p.m. County Road Jurisdiction

- Overview -- Ms. Thigpen
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:35 BREAK

3:45 p.m. HJ13 Study - Roads, Land, & Wildlife (Tab 8)

- Overview Mr. Kolman
- Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Bureau Coordinator, FWP
- Eric Johnston, Region 1 USFS, Deputy Director for Renewable Resources
- Rick Hotaling, BLM Western District Manager
- Mark Lambrecht, Director of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Marshall Johnson, Eastern Montana Regional Director, Mule Deer Foundation
- Mac Minard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitter and Guides Association
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Next steps for HJ13 study
- Committee action, if any

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Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. DNRC Program Evaluation: Minerals Management (Tab 9)

- Overview Mr. Kolman
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

8:30 a.m. Year-round Habitat for Yellowstone Bison - EA Decision

- Andy Huff, governor's chief legal counsel
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

9:00 a.m. State Parks Program Update (Tab 10)

- Chas Van Genderen, Parks Division Administrator, FWP
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. DNRC Trust Lands Division FY 2015 Annual Report

- Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Division Administrator, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:45 a.m. FWP Program Evaluation: Nongame, Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Species (Tab 11)

Overview - Ms. Stockwell

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

11:30 a.m. Fire Season Update

Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator, DNRC

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

12:00 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

12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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