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FINAL AGENDA **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

State Capitol, Room 172 March 9 and 10, 2016

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Call to Order - Roll Call 10:00 a.m. Sen. Gene Vuckovich

10:05 a.m. Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman

Adoption of EQC Minutes from January 2016 (Tab 1)

10:15 a.m. Water Policy Interim Committee Update - Mr. Mohr

10:20 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update -**

Ms. Nowakowski

10:25 a.m. 111(d) EPA Rulemaking Subcommittee Update (Tab 2)

Draft letter, subcommittee members

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

10:45 a.m. Washington & Oregon State Legislation Regarding Coal Power

Overview - Ms. Nowakowski

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

11:15 a.m. Orphan Share Remedial Action and Petroleum Tank Release Site

Closure Updates (Tab 3)

Jenny Chambers, Remediation Division Administrator, DEQ

Public comment

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Committee action, if any

11:40 a.m. Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 4) General overview - Ms. Thigpen 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 FWP Program Evaluation: Habitat Management (Tab 5) 1:15 p.m. Overview, Ms. Stockwell Public comment Questions/discussion -- EQC Committee action, if any 2:00 p.m. **Grizzly Bear Delisting Proposal** Matt Hogan, Deputy Regional Director, USFWS (via phone) Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP Public comment Questions/discussion -- EQC Committee action, if any 2:30 p.m. EQC Environmental Indicators update (Tab 6) (75-1-324, MCA) Overview -- Mr. Mohr Public comment Questions/discussion -- EQC Committee action, if any 2:45 p.m. Agency Litigation Reports - (Tab 7) Overview -- Mr. Kolman Questions -- EQC **Public Comment** Committee action, if any 3:00 p.m. **Break** 3:15 p.m. **HJ13 Study -** (Tab 8) Draft Report Overview -- Mr. Kolman Public comment Discussion of Findings & Recommendations -- EQC Next steps for HJ13 study Committee action, if any 5:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, March 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Coordination of permits for environmental projects

- Introduction, Mr. Kolman
- Kristi Ponozzo, Public Policy Director, DEQ
- Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Division Administrator, DNRC
- Jean Riley, Transportation Planning Engineer, MDT
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

8:30 a.m. Sage-grouse Conservation Update

- Carolyn Sime, Sage-grouse Conservation Program Manager
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

9:00 a.m. Compliance and Enforcement Reports (Tab 9) (75-1-314, MCA)

- John Tubbs, DNRC Director
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- John Arrigo, Enforcement Division Administrator, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- Ron de Yong, Agriculture Director
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. DNRC Program Evaluation: Forest Management (Tab 10)

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

11:00 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 Adjourn

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