

Water Policy Interim Committee

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DRAFT AGENDA (as of May 18, 2015)

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172 June 1-2, 2015

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

1 p.m. Call to Order - Sen. Chas Vincent

- Roll Call
- Committee member introductions
- Approval of minutes from October 2014

1:10 p.m. Staff introductions, WPIC overview – Mr. Mohr

1:20 p.m. Adoption of rules (Tab 1) - Mr. Mohr

- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action

1:25 p.m. Review of 2015 water legislation (Tab 2) – Mr. Mohr

- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

1:45 p.m. Agency overviews

- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Director John Tubbs
- Department of Environmental Quality Director Tom Livers
- Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director Jeff Hagener
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. Election of WPIC chair and vice chair (Tab 3)

3:15 p.m. Discussion of interim priorities (Tab 4)

- Overview of draft work plan Mr. Mohr
- Overview of administrative rulemaking Ms. Thigpen
- Public comment
- Committee discussion





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4 p.m. Public comment

- Representatives of organizations or other members of the public interested in water issues may introduce themselves to the committee or provide comment on any mater related to water policy
- Committee questions

4:30 p.m. **Recess** for day. Reconvene at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, June 2

9 a.m. Reconvene

9:05 a.m. Water supply outlook (Tab 5)

- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
- Mike McLane, water conservation specialist, Fisheries Bureau, FWP
- Public Comment
- Committee questions and discussion

9:30 a.m. Water right adjudication update (75-5-313, MCA) (Tab 6)

- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
- Russ McElyea, chief water judge, Montana Water Court -
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

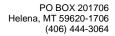
10 a.m. Overview of Ground Water Programs (85-1-203, MCA) (Tab 7)

- John Metesh, director and state geologist, Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Ginette Abdo, senior research hydrologist and program manager, Ground Water Investigation Program
- John LaFave, senior research hydrologist and program manager, Ground Water Assessment Program
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Numeric Nutrient Standards Report (75-5-313, MCA)

- · Eric Urban, bureau chief, Water Quality Standards Section, DEQ
- Public Comment
- Committee questions and discussion





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11:15 a.m. Future federal water quality standards

Eric Urban, bureau chief, Water Quality Standards Section, DEQ

11:30 p.m. **CSKT compact implementation update**

Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC

Status of FJBC v. State – Ms. Thigpen
 Committee questions and discussion

Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Adoption of committee work plan

Committee discussion and action

2 p.m. Administrative matters

• Budget overview -- Mr. Mohr

· Adoption of interim WPIC meeting dates -- Mr. Mohr

Public comment

Committee discussion and action

2:45 p.m Public Comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

3:00 p.m. Other business

3:15 p.m. Instructions to staff

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Meeting attendees who may need services or accommodations should contact Jason Mohr (406-444-1640 or jasonmohr@mt.gov) at least 5 working days before the meeting.