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Re: First meeting of the ETIC: Orientation and Preparation

Dear Council Members,

Here's hoping you have recovered from the legislative session and are ready for a productive 2005-06 interim! The ETIC interim will begin in Roundup on June 20-21. This is a very important meeting because the committee reviews, discusses, and adopts its draft work plan for the whole interim session. This work plan prioritizes study and oversight topics, allocates staff and committee resources, and establishes an interim meeting date calendar.

Other highlights of this two-day organizational meeting will be:

- Elections / orientation
- Speakers' presentations
- A chance to hear public comment on ETIC priorities
- A tour of the Bull Mountain Mine

A note about lodging: We all will be staying at the Big Sky Motel. *Each of you please call the motel [406/323-2303] to make your own bookings* depending upon the distance you must travel and how many nights you chose to stay. Keep in mind that the meeting convenes Monday the 20th at 10:30 and adjourns after the mine tour about 1:30 on Tuesday the 21st.

This mailing packet also includes:

- The June 20-21, 2005 agenda
- Joint study resolutions SJR 36 and SJR 39
- ETIC minutes (of September 9-10, 2004) not adopted by the committee

The ETIC staff is looking forward to working with all of you throughout the interim. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or the other staff.

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