

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on January 23, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)  
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mary Kulawik, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 154, 1/19/2013; SB 88, 1/17/2013

**HEARING ON SB 154**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:36 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 154, Require new sustainable yield determination.

00:37:09 Sen. Walker entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:36 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:50 Shawn Thomas, Bureau Chief, Trust Lands, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:19 Sen. Tropila

00:40:46 Sen. Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:15 Sen. Vincent

[EXHIBIT\(nas14a01\)](#)

**HEARING ON SB 88**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:12 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 88, Provide for the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument Water Compact.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:52:37 Chris Tweeten, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (MRWRCC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas14a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas14a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas14a04\)](#)

01:04:26 Melissa Hornbein, Staff Attorney, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (MRWRCC)

01:15:52 Matt Knox, Missouri River Stewards (MRS)

01:18:58 Ron Doertner, self

01:20:56 Laurie Riley, Missouri River Conservation Districts Council (MRCDC)

01:22:12 Laura Boyce, self  
 01:23:47 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner

**EXHIBIT(nas14a05)**

01:26:13 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)  
 01:27:38 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
 01:28:49 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
 01:29:49 Rudy Stulc, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:32:26 Bill Schenk, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
 01:33:29 Chad Krause, Hydrologist, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:33:55 Sen. Fielder  
 01:37:02 Chris Tweeten, MRWRCC  
 01:37:18 Sen. Fielder  
 01:39:16 Chad Krause, BLM  
 01:39:50 Sen. Jackson  
 01:44:55 Bill Schenk, FWP  
 01:45:47 Sen. Keane  
 01:45:55 Bill Schenk  
 01:46:05 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:48:44 Chris Tweeten  
 01:49:12 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:50:14 Chad Krause  
 01:51:19 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:51:41 Chris Tweeten  
 01:52:09 Sen. Hamlett  
 01:52:33 Sen. Ripley  
 01:53:23 Chris Tweeten  
 01:54:30 Melissa Hornbein, MRWRCC  
 01:55:00 Sen. Ripley  
 01:55:22 Sen. Fielder  
 01:55:40 Chairman Vincent  
 01:56:01 Sen. Fielder  
 01:56:44 Chad Krause  
 01:57:20 Sen. Brenden  
 01:58:31 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner  
 01:59:06 Sen. Jackson  
 01:59:31 Chad Krause  
 02:00:26 Melissa Hornbein  
 02:01:00 Chairman Vincent  
 02:02:29 Melissa Hornbein  
 02:02:58 Sen. Hamlett  
 02:03:23 Sen. Dick Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:05:00 Sen. Dick Barrett

[EXHIBIT\(nas14a06\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nas14aad.pdf](#))**