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## FINAL AGENDA **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL** State Capitol, Room 172 Tuesday, May 24, 2011

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2011:

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call / Introduction of Council Members - Senior Senator**
- 8:35 a.m. **Administrative Matters - Mr. Everts**
- Staff Introductions
  - Adoption of EQC Minutes from last interim  
July 23 and Sept. 13 & 14, 2010
  - EQC Budget Overview
- 8:50 a.m. **Council and Staff Responsibilities - Staff**
- 9:30 a.m. **Agency Overview Presentations**
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - Director Mary Sexton
  - Department of Environmental Quality - Director Richard Opper
  - Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - Deputy Director Art Noonan
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. **Election of the EQC Chair and Vice Chair**
- 11:00 a.m. **Introduction and Review of Interim Work Plan Options**
- Work Plan Option Matrix Introduction - Mr. Everts
  - Review of Individual Work Plan Elements - EQC Staff
  - Overview of statutory duties added by 2011 Legislature - Ms. Stockwell
  - Public Comment

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Continue Review and Discussion of Work Plan (Including Public Comment)**
- 1:45 p.m. **Adoption of Work Plan Options**
- 2:00 p.m. **Adoption of Interim EQC Calendar**
- 2:15 p.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review**
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement - Water Adjudication Process Oversight**
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Update - DNRC Staff
  - Montana Water Court Update - Judge Loble
  - Associate Water Judge - Lois Menzies, Court Administrator
- 3:45 p.m. **EQC Statutory Oversight Function - Wolf Delisting Update -**  
Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- 4:45 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 4:55 p.m. **Other Business**  
**Instructions to Staff**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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