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FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172
March 6, 2012

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** - Sen. Hamlett
- Roll Call
 - Approval of minutes from January 2012
- 9:05 a.m. **Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program update** (85-1-621, MCA)
- Mary Sexton, DNRC Director
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Water right adjudication update**
- DNRC - Director Sexton
 - Montana Water Court - Judge Loble
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. **Ground Water Investigation Program project updates**
- John Wheaton, MBMG
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. **State Water Plan update** (85-1-203, MCA)
- Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:55 a.m. **Ditch maintenance discussion**
- Overview of Musselshell Ranch v. Joukova, Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 11:15 a.m. **Adjudication standing discussion**
- Overview of TU v. Beaverhead Water, et al, Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Avulsion discussion**
- Overview of SB299 veto, Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Rule review**
- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:15 p.m. **Exempt well options**
- **LC 8000 - Define combined appropriation and require CGWA mitigation**
 - Proponents
 - Opponents
 - Information (affected agencies, entities)
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - **LC 8001 - Require public water and sewer in certain subdivisions**
 - Proponents
 - Opponents
 - Information (affected agencies, entities)
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - **LC 8002- Reduce exempt well rate and volume**
 - Proponents
 - Opponents
 - Information (affected agencies, entities)
 - Committee questions and discussion
- Breaks as needed
- **LC 8003 - Limit exempt appropriation in confined aquifers**
 - Proponents
 - Opponents
 - Information (affected agencies, entities)
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - **LC 8004 - limit exempt appropriation in subdivisions**
 - Proponents
 - Opponents
 - Information (affected agencies, entities)
 - Committee questions and discussion

3:30 p.m.

Next steps in exempt well study

- Budget scenarios for out-of-Helena meetings, Joe Kolman, staff
- Committee questions, discussion, and action on exempt well study and meetings

4:30 p.m.

Other business

Administrative matters

Instructions to staff

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

Adjourn

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