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DRAFT AGENDA **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL** State Capitol, Room 317 January 8 and 9, 2014

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Chairman Brenden
- 9:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Kolman
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from September 2013 (Tab 1)
 - EQC Budget Overview
 - Staff update
- 9:10 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update** -- Mr. Mohr
- 9:15 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**
Ms. Nowakowski
- 9:20 a.m. **State Water Plan Update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
 - Public Comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:35 a.m. **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses** (Tab 2)
- Update on Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council - Ms. Stockwell, FWP Personnel, and Rep. Jeff Welborn
 - Nonconsumptive users - Ms. Stockwell
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- The Wyoming Experience: Proposed license changes and budget cuts - WY Game and Fish Department Director Scott Talbott
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

1:10 p.m. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management** (Tab 3)

- SJ15 Work Group Report - Sen. Fielder
- Panel discussion:
 - Comparison of Conditions - State vs Federal Lands
 - Laws affecting Ownership, Jurisdiction, Management
 - Solutions to Effect Desired Improvements
 - Tom France, National Wildlife Federation attorney
 - Ken Ivory, Utah state representative
 - Peter Kolb, MSU Extension forestry specialist
 - Doyel Shamley, natural resource consultant
 - John Tubbs, DNRC director
 - Martha Williams, UM Law School professor
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

5:30 p.m. Recess

Thursday, January 9, 2013:

8:00 a.m. **SJ 4 - Study of Virginia/Nevada Cities and Reeder's Alley** (Tab 4)

- Work Group report - Ms. Kurtz, Sen. Keane, Work Group members
- Montana Heritage Commission website/inventory demonstration - Elijah Allen, MHC Operations Manager
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

9:00 a.m. **Septic Inspection at Time of Transfer** (Tab 5)

- Review of HB 483 (2013) - Ms. Kurtz, Rep. Lieser
- Other state examples - Ms. Kurtz
- Regulatory structure in Montana - DEQ representative
- Panel discussion: Is a statewide law regarding septic inspection at the time of transfer of property appropriate for Montana?
 - Beth Norberg, Registered Sanitarian, Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department
 - Mike Koopal, Executive Director, Whitefish Lake Institute
 - Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m.	Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General overview – Ms. Thigpen • Exempt Well Rulemaking - Tim Davis, DNRC • Public Comment • Questions/discussion - EQC • Committee action, if any
11:00 a.m.	EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement (Tab 7) Integrated Waste Management Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie Rouse, DEQ • Public comment • Questions/discussion -- EQC • Committee action, if any
11:15 a.m.	EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement (Tab 8) Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Update (HB 613, 2011) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update - Rebecca Ridenour, DEQ • Public comment • Questions/discussion -- EQC • Committee action, if any
11:30 a.m.	Clean Water Act update (Tab 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA, invited • Public comment • Questions/discussion -- EQC • Committee action, if any
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1:00 p.m.	Trust land cabin site update (Tab 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Grimm, DNRC • Public comment • Questions/discussion -- EQC • Committee action, if any
1:30 p.m.	EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement (Tab 11) Compliance and Enforcement Reports (75-1-314, MCA) Introduction - Mr. Mohr Department of Agriculture - Director Ron de Yong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • EQC questions, discussion, and action, if any DEQ - Director Tracy Stone-Manning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • EQC questions, discussion, and action, if any DNRC - Director John Tubbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • EQC questions, discussion, and action, if any
2:15 p.m.	Results of Block Management Performance Audit

- Joe Murray, Legislative Audit Division
- Ken McDonald, FWP
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. **Sage Grouse Advisory Council Update** (Tab 12)

- Ken McDonald, FWP
- Sen. Hamlett, Rep. McChesney
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m. **Bison Management** (Tab 13)

- Pat Flowers, FWP
- Christian Mackay, DOL
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:00 p.m. **Fort Smith Water Supply** (Tab 14)

- Tom Livers, DEQ
- David Cook, Department of Labor & Industry
- Tim Donovan, resident
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

Other Business
Instructions to Staff

Adjourn

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