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DRAFT AGENDA  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**  
State Capitol, Room 317  
March 19 and 20, 2014

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

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

- 12:30 p.m.           **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Chairman Brenden
- Administrative Matters** - Mr. Kolman
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from January 2014 (Tab 1)
  - Interim Update
- 12:35 p.m.           **Water Policy Interim Committee Update** -- Mr. Mohr
- 12:40 p.m.           **Request for analysis of proposed CSKT water compact** (Tab 2)
- Reps. Nancy Ballance and Keith Regier
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:10 p.m.            **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses** (Tab 3)
- Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council's preliminary recommendations - Ms. Stockwell, Rep. Jeff Welborn
  - Public Comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m.            **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 3:00 p.m.            BREAK

- 3:15 p.m.            **Bison Management Update**
- David Hallac & Tim Reid, Yellowstone National Park
  - Christian Mackay, Department of Livestock
  - Pat Flowers, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
  - Public Comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

- 4:15 p.m.            **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management (Tab 4)**
- SJ15 Work Group Report - Sen. Fielder, other members
  - Mark Lodine, U.S. Forest Service attorney (INVITED)
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

6:15 p.m.            Recess

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

- 8:15 a.m.            **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**  
Ms. Nowakowski

- 8:20 a.m.            **State Water Plan Update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

- 8:30 a.m.            **Dana Ranch & X Hanging Diamond proposed land exchange (Tab 5)**
- Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Administrator
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

- 8:45 a.m.            **FWP Forest Management Plan Update (Tab 6)**
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

- 9:15 a.m.            **FWP Block Management Program Update**
- Director Jeff Hagener
  - Ed Grady, landowner
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

10:15 a.m.            BREAK

- 10:30 a.m.           **Sage Grouse Advisory Council Update** (Tab 7)
- Rep. McChesney, Sen. Hamlett
  - 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.           **Statutory Administrative Rule Review** (Tab 8)
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:20 p.m.           **DEQ Rulemaking: Nutrient Standards and Variance** (Tab 9)
- George Mathieus, Planning, Prevention & Assistance Division Administrator
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:50 p.m.           **Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program Update** (Tab 10)  
(85-1-621, MCA)
- Alice Stanley, DNRC Resource Development Bureau Chief
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:20 p.m.           **Sand and Gravel Deposit Program update** (82-2-701, MCA)
- John Metesh, Bureau of Mines and Geology Director
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:50 p.m.           **Other Business**  
**Instructions to Staff**
- Adjourn**

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