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Wednesday, May 14, 2014

12:30 p.m.

Call to Order - Roll Call
Chairman Brenden

Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman

- Adoption of EQC Minutes from March 2014 (Tab 1)
- Interim Update

12:40 p.m.

Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 2)

- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

12:55 p.m.

Natural Resource Trends (Tab 3)

- Background - Mr. Kolman
- Data examples - Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

1:10 p.m.

SJ 4 - Study of Virginia City, Nevada City, Reeder's Alley (Tab 4)

- SJ 4 work group April meeting report - Sen. Keane and work group members
- Review bill draft (LC MHC1) recommended by work group - Ms. Kurtz
- Intent language on use of General Fund (Section 22-3-1003) - Ms. Thigpen
- Public Comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

- 2:10 p.m. **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Tab 5)**
- Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council update - Ms. Stockwell & Rep. Welborn
 - Earmarked license funds and projected FWP expenditures - Sue Daly, FWP
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:10 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:25 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 3:35 p.m. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management**
- 3:40 p.m. • SJ15 Work Group Report - Rep. White, other members
- Federal land management committees and task forces in other western states (15 minutes each)
- Wyoming - Sen. Eli Bebout, chair Federal Natural Resource Management Committee
- EQC Questions
- 3:55 p.m. • Idaho - Sen. Chuck Winder, chair Federal Lands Interim Committee; attorney Bill Myers
- 4:00 p.m. • Utah - Rep. Keven Stratton (invited); Representative of Public Lands Coordinating Office (invited)
- Nevada - Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl, chair Nevada Land Management Task Force
- 4:45 p.m. • Mineral County Working Forest Data - Dr. James D. Arney
- 5:00 p.m. • Forested Counties/Resource Advisory Group update, Mineral County Commissioner Duane Simons
- 5:15 p.m. • Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any
- 5:30 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, May 15, 2014

- 8:15 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**
Ms. Nowakowski
- 8:20 a.m. **State Water Plan Update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC Water Resources Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 8:35 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update** -- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:50 a.m. **FWP Wolf Management Update** (Tab 6)
- Director Jeff Hagener and Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:20 a.m. **Grizzly Management Update** (Tab 7)
- FWP Director Jeff Hagener and Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:50 a.m. BREAK
- 10:05 a.m. **Sage Grouse Management Plan Update**
- Tim Baker, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisory
 - FWP Director Jeff Hagener
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:35 a.m. **Bison Management Update**
- FWP Director Jeff Hagener and Pat Flowers, Region 3 Supervisor
 - Christian Mackay, Executive Director, Dept. of Livestock
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 11:30 a.m. **Other Business**
Instructions to Staff
- Adjourn**

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