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## FINAL AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL State Capitol, Room 172 September 11 and 12, 2013

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

### Wednesday, September 11, 2013

- 8:00 a.m.            **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Chairman Brenden
- 8:05 a.m.            **Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman**
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from June 19-20 (Tab 1)
  - EQC Budget Overview
- 8:10 a.m.            **Finalization of Interim Work Plan (Tab 2)**
- Review - Mr. Kolman
  - Questions/discussion - EQC
  - Public Comment
  - Committee action
- 8:20 a.m.            **State Water Plan Update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
  - Questions/discussion - EQC
  - Public Comment
  - Committee action
- 8:35 a.m.            **Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 3)**
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
  - Exempt Well Rulemaking - Tim Davis, DNRC
  - Questions/discussion - EQC
  - Public Comment
  - Committee action
- 9:30 a.m.            **Water Policy Interim Committee Update -- Mr. Mohr**
- 9:35 a.m.            BREAK
- 9:45 a.m.            Travel to Reeder's Alley (Helena) for tour -- EQC members meet

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- 10:00 a.m.      **SJR 4 Study: Tour of Reeder's Alley, downtown Helena** - led by Ellen Bauml, Interpretive Historian, Montana Historical Society
- 11:30 a.m.      Lunch at Reeder's Alley for EQC members
- 12:30 p.m.      Return to Capitol
- 1:00 p.m.      **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 1:15 p.m.      **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management (Tab 4)**
- Introduction, Mr. Kolman
  - History and policy overviews of federal land management
    - Martin Nie, University of Montana
    - Jay O'Laughlin, University of Idaho
- 1:55 p.m.      • Federal management responsibilities and issues
- Tom Schmidt, Northern Region Deputy Regional Forester
  - Theresa Hanley, BLM Associate State Director
- 2:25 p.m.      • Private land management perspective
- Doug Mote, Mote Lumber
- 2:40 p.m.      • Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m.      **Introduction of Ten Mile Project and Tour Preview**
- Ron Alles, Helena City Manager
  - Bill Avey, Supervisor Lewis and Clark National Forest
- 3:45 p.m.      BREAK
- 4:00 p.m.      **Depart for EQC Tour of Ten Mile Watershed (Helena)**

**Thursday, September 12, 2013:**

- 8:00 a.m.      **SJ 4 - Study of Virginia/Nevada Cities and Reeder's Alley (Tab 5)**
- Introduction - Ms. Kurtz, Sen. Keane
  - Fiscal reports - Kris Wilkinson, Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFD
  - Reeder's Alley maintenance - Elijah Allen, Director of Operations, Montana Heritage Commission
  - Virginia City/Nevada City season review - Mr. Allen
  - MHC financial overview - Mr. Allen
  - Inventory project, contract - Mr. Allen
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m.      **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management (Tab 4)**
- Mr. Kolman

- Public Comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 609 - Study of DFWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Tab 6)**
- Introduction, Ms. Stockwell
  - Overview of FWP's current fiscal situation - Sue Daly, FWP
  - Hunting/fishing license trends - Hank Worsech, FWP
  - Licensing in other states - Ms. Stockwell
  - Public Comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Fire Season Update (Tab 10)**
- Financial Overview - Roger Lloyd, LFD
  - Bob Harrington, DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:45 p.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement (Tab 7)**  
**Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Update (HB 613, 2011)**
- Update - Rebecca Ridenour, DEQ
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: State Parks and Recreation Board Update & Update on Bannack State Park**
- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:20 p.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement (Tab 8)**  
**FWP Maintenance Account Report**
- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. **Sage Grouse Advisory Council Update**
- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

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

3:30 p.m.

**Bison Management Update**

- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:45 p.m.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update**

- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
- Ray Beck, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:15 p.m.

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**Other Business**  
**Instructions to Staff**

**Adjourn**

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