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DRAFT AGENDA  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**  
State Capitol, Room 317  
September 10 and 11, 2014

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**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m.                   **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Chairman Brenden
- Administrative Matters** - Mr. Kolman
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from September 2014 (Tab 1)
  - Interim Update
- 8:10 a.m.                   **Petroleum Tank Release Program/Fund Coordination Update**
- Mike Trombetta, DEQ
  - Terry Wadsworth, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 8:40 a.m.                   **Sage Grouse Management Plan Update**
- Tim Baker, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisor
  - FWP Director Jeff Hagener
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m.                   **SJ 4 - Study of Virginia City, Nevada City, Reeder's Alley (Tab 2)**
- Ms. Kurtz
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:15 a.m.                   **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**
- Ms. Nowakowski

- 9:30 a.m. BREAK
- 9:45 p.m. **ETIC request for joint subcommittee on EPA carbon rule** (Tab 3)
- Sen. Cliff Larsen, ETIC chair
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses** (Tab 4)
- Overview - Ms. Stockwell
  - FWP Budget Update - Sue Daly, FWP
  - Public Comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Devolution of Canada Lands to NW Territories**
- Martin Goldney, Chief Negotiator for the Government of the Northwest Territories on the Devolution of Lands and Resources
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management** (Tab 5)
- Overview - Mr. Kolman
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 1:30 p.m. **Review of Agency Legislative Proposals** (Tab 6)
- Overview - Mr. Kolman
- DNRC** -- Director John Tubbs
- Public Comment
  - EQC questions, discussion, action, if any
- 2:10 p.m. **DEQ** -- Director Tracy Stone-Manning
- Public Comment
  - EQC questions, discussion, action, if any
- 2:50 p.m. BREAK

- 3:00 p.m.            **FWP** -- Director Jeff Hagener
- Public Comment
  - EQC questions, discussion, action, if any
- 3:50 p.m.            **State assumption of dredge and fill permit program (Tab 7)**
- Overview. Mr. Kolman
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 5:00 p.m.            Recess for day

**Thursday, September 11, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m.            **Bison Management Update**
- Christian Mackay, DOL
  - Jeff Hagener, FWP
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m.            **Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update**
- Linnaea Schroeer, FWP
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m.            **Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 8)**
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 9:15 a.m.            **Water Policy Interim Committee Update -- Mr. Mohr**
- 9:30 a.m.            BREAK
- 9:45 a.m.            **State Water Plan Update (Tab 9)**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any

- 10:15 a.m..           **Fire Season Update**
- Bob Harrington, DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m.           **Endangered Species Act ruling on State Forests (Tab 10)**
- DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m.           **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 11:15 a.m.           **Other Business**
- Final EQC action on reports not already acted upon
- Instructions to Staff**
- Adjourn**

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