

FINAL AGENDA

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE**

State Capitol, Room 137

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16, 2006

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

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** -- Rep. McNutt, Chair
- 8:35 a.m. **Administrative Matters**
- 8:40 a.m. **HJR 10 Fire Work Group Update** -- Ms. Kurtz, LSD
- 8:50 a.m. **HJR 10 Wildland-Urban Interface Panel Discussion**
- What is the WUI?
 - What is unique about fire suppression in the WUI?
 - What means are available to property owners to mitigate fire in the WUI?
 - Are there potential legislative options to mitigate fires in the WUI?
 - Subcommittee instruction to staff and panel: Should legislation be pursued?
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Appropriations 101** -- Ms. Smith, LFD
- 10:45 a.m. **Montana University System and Common Schools** --
Ms Swift, MUS, and Ms. Bramer, OPI
- comparison of the relationship between trust and general fund funding
 - similarities and differences regarding appropriations process
- 11:15 a.m. **Morrill Act** -- Ms. Evans
- review and discuss draft legislation
 - carryover money from one fiscal year to the next
 - retroactive payments
 - 2003-2005 administrative costs born by other trusts
 - public comment
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **DNRC Trust Lands Administration - alternative funding scheme** -- Ms. Evans
- review and discuss draft language
 - public comment

- 2:30 **Statewide Land Management Issues** -- Ms. Evans
- 2:45 p.m. **Surface Water/Ground Water Update** -- Director Sexton, DNRC
- domestic well exemption
 - definition of augmentation
 - basin closures
 - potential legislation
- 3:15 p.m. **Contract Timber Harvest Work Group Update** -- Ms. Evans
- discussion of white paper
 - potential legislation
 - public comment
- 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 4:15 p.m. **"Updated" Water Adjudication Chronology** -- Ms. Evans
- 4:30 p.m. **Discussion on Draft Findings/Recommendations** -- Ms. Evans
- Identify initial DRAFT findings and recommendations for report.
 - public comment
- 5:15 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 5:30 p.m. **Other Business**
- 5:45 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 6:00 p.m. **Adjourn**