

DRAFT AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 102

3:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, Sept. 14, 2007

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

[EQC Agency Oversight Subcommittee Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 102]

EQC MEETING:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007:

3:00 p.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chairman Dave Wanzenried

3:05 p.m. **Administrative Matters**

1. Adoption of June 28 and 29, EQC Meeting Minutes
2. Adoption of EQC Rules and Procedures
3. Adoption of EQC Work Plan
4. EQC Budget Review

3:30 p.m. **Climate Change Panel Discussion**

1. Steve Running
2. Phil Farnes
3. Joseph Caprio
4. ???????
5. Public Comment

6:00 p.m. **Direction from Council Regarding Climate Change Study**

7:00 p.m. **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**

Friday, Sept. 14, 2007:

8:00 a.m. **Reconvene EQC Meeting**

8:05 a.m. **Agency Oversight Subcommittee Report** - Senator Shockley

8:15 a.m. **Update on ETIC Carbon Sequestration Study** - Ms. Nowakowski

8:30 a.m. **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee Activities** - Ms. Evans

9:00 a.m. **Water Adjudication Process Oversight**

1. Department of Natural Resources and Conservation update - Director Sexton
2. Montana Water Court Update - Judge Loble
3. Public Comment

- 9:45 a.m. **Update On Montana's Fire Season/Costs** -Director Sexton
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. **HJR 57 Conservation Easement/Trust Land**
1. Introduction/Overview - Mr. Kolman
 2. Trust Land Management - Mr. Tom Schultz, DRNC
 3. Conservation Easement Audit - Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit
 4. Questions and Discussion - EQC
 5. Public Comment
 6. Directions to Staff
- 12:00 a.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
- 1:15 p.m. **Status Report on PPL Montana v. State of Montana Lawsuit**
1. Candy West, Assistant Attorney General, DOJ
 2. Public Comment
- 1:40 p.m. **Update on Water Related Research by Other State Entities**
1. Gretechen Rupp, Director of the Montana Water Center
 2. Public Comment
- 2:00 p.m. **Review and Status of Petroleum Release Programs**
1. Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board - Terry Wadsworth, Board Director
 2. Petroleum Release Section of DEQ - John Arrigo, Acting Bureau Chief
 3. Public Comment
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:15 p.m. **DEQ's Role in Remediation in Light of Recent Supreme Court Decisions in Sunburst School District v. Texaco and Shammel v. Canyon Resources**
1. Summary of Decisions - John North, Chief Legal Counsel, DEQ
 2. DEQ Role - John North, Chief Legal Counsel, DEQ
 3. Public Comment
- 4:15 p.m. **Other Business**
- 4:25 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 4:30 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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