

FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 172

9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 22, 2010 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 23, 2010

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

Thursday, July 22, 2010:

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chairman Vincent

9:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Everts

- Adoption of May 6 and 7 EQC meeting minutes
- EQC budget review

9:15 a.m. **HJR 1 -- Study of Biomass**

- Discussion of RECs and RPS – Chairman Greg Jergeson, PSC
- Algae Aqua-Culture Technology – John Murdock
- Biochar Sustainable Obtainable Solutions – Gloria Flora
- Rural Development Partner recommendations – Tracy McIntyre
- Review of public comment – Ms. Nowakowski
- Public comment
- Questions and discussion – EQC
- Committee action, if any
- Directions to staff

(15 minute break to occur at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

11:30 a.m. **HJR 30 -- Study of Fire Suppression**

- Update on fire season
- Public comment
- Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
- Committee action, if any
- Directions to staff

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **SJR 28 -- Study of Recycling**

- Recycling infrastructure grants update – Lou Moore, DEQ
- Review of public comment on draft report – Ms. Nowakowski
- Public comment
- Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
- Committee action, if any
- Directions to staff

- 1:30 p.m. **HJR 15: Tourism and Recreational Access Study**
- Review of public comment on draft report -- Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion – EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
- 1:45 p.m. **Statutory Duties: Legislative Proposals/Request for Drafting**
Introduction -- Mr. Everts
- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. -- DNRC Proposals**
- Dir. Mary Sexton
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion – EQC
 - Committee action on requests for drafting
 - Directions to staff
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. -- DEQ Proposals**
- Dir. Richard Opper
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion – EQC
 - Committee action on requests for drafting
 - Directions to staff
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:15 p.m. **Statutory Duties: DEQ – Nutrient criteria development update**
- George Mathieus, DEQ
 - Public Comment
 - Questions & discussion – EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
- 3:45 p.m. **SB 507 Redrafting Update**
- Introduction – Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion – EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
- 4:15 p.m. **Update: Navigable rivers case (PPL vs. State of Montana)**
- Overview--damages distribution & Land Board action - Jaret Coles
 - Update by LFC -- Sens. Wanzenried and Ripley
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff

- 4:45 p.m. **Statutory Duties: DNRC – Land Banking Report**
- Dir. Mary Sexton
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion – EQC

5:00 p.m. **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**

Friday, July 23, 2010:

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

8:05 a.m. **Rule Review**

- General overview – Mr. Everts
- Update on CECRA rulemaking – Dir. Opper, DEQ
- Public comment
- Questions & discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any
- Directions to staff

8:45 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- SB 97 Petroleum Tank Release Fund**

- Overview of Fund's financial status -- Ms. Stockwell
- Update on rulemaking – Sandi Olsen, DEQ
- Mixing zone proposal update – Ms. Stockwell
- Public comment
- Questions & discussion – EQC
- Committee action, if any
- Directions to staff

9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. **Agency Oversight: Dept. of Ag -- Compliance & enforcement report**

- Introduction – Mr. Everts
- Departmental presentation -- Amy Bamber
- Public comment
- Questions & discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:30 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ - water quality standards/Libby Dam**

- Introduction of topic - Chairman Vincent
- Richard Opper, DEQ; Brian Marotz, FWP, Bruce Measure, NWPC; Jason Flory, USFWS; Olton Swanson, Army Corps
- Public comment
- Questions & discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any
- Directions to staff

11:30 a.m. **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee -- Mr. Kolman**

- 11:45 a.m. **Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee -- Ms. Nowakowski**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Grizzly Management -- Delisting and scat tracking methods**
- Introduction -- Ms. Stockwell
 - FWP perspective -- Dr. Rick Mace
 - USFWS perspective -- Chris Servheen, Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator
 - Eric Klepfer, Montanore Project
 - Public Comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
- 2:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: FWP Spotted Dog land acquisition**
- Departmental overview -- Dep. Dir. Art Noonan
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m. **Continued Council discussion of any study recommendations & possible legislation – if necessary**
- Discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
- 4:45 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 4:50 p.m. **Other Business**
- 4:55 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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