

DRAFT AGENDA  
**WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Room 172 of the State Capitol  
Monday Sept. 21, 2009

**AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**

- 9:00 a.m.     **Call to Order** - Rep. Walt McNutt, chairman  
                  1. Roll Call
- 9:05 a.m.     **Drought status in Montana**  
                  1. Jesse Aber - DNRC  
                  2. Committee questions and discussion  
                  3. Public comment
- 9:15 a.m.     **Overview of the term "navigable waters"**  
                  1. Todd Everts, WPIC attorney  
                  2. Committee questions and discussion  
                  3. Public comment
- 9:30 a.m.     **Ground Water Investigation Program update**  
                  1. John Metesh, MBMG  
                  2. Budget Director David Ewer  
                  3. Committee questions and discussion  
                  4. Public comment
- 10:15 a.m.    **Overview of Water Right Adjudication Audit**  
                  1. Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division  
                  2. Committee questions and discussion  
                  3. Public comment
- 10:30 a.m.    **Break**
- 10:40 a.m.    **How water works - a scientific overview**  
                  1. Outside presentations near south entrance of capitol by the Montana  
                  Water Center, DNRC, MBMG, and the Montana Watercourse.
- Noon           **Lunch** (The "How Water Works" presentations will continue through the lunch hour  
                  for those who want to spend more time at the exhibits).
- 1:00 p.m.     **Basics of Montana water law**  
                  1. Michelle Bryan-Mudd, UM law school  
                  2. Committee questions and discussion  
                  3. Public comment
- 2:00 p.m.     **The beneficial use permit process**  
                  1. Mary Sexton/Terry McLaughlin, DNRC  
                  2. Abigail St. Lawrence, private applicants  
                  3. John Bloomquist, agriculture water right holders  
                  4. Ross Miller, municipal applicants

4. FWP, instream water right holders
5. Committee questions and discussion
6. Public comment

3:30 p.m.     **Update on water adjudication and water right transfers**

1. Director Mary Sexton, DNRC
2. Deputy Director Alan Peura, DOR
3. Judge Bruce Loble, Water Court
4. Public comment

4:00 p.m.     **Committee discussion of study priorities**

1. Work plan overview - Joe Kolman
2. Committee questions and discussion
3. Public comment
4. Adoption of work plan

4:30 p.m.     **Administrative matters**

1. Budget overview - Joe Kolman
2. Adoption of interim WPIC meeting dates

4:45 p.m.     **Other business**

4:50 p.m.     **Instructions to staff**

5:00 p.m.     **Public comment on any matter within the WPIC jurisdiction.**

5:30 p.m.     **Adjourn.**

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