FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 152 of the State Capitol
Jan. 13 and 14, 2010

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** - Rep. Walt McNutt, chairman
1. Roll Call
2. Approval of draft September 2009 WPIC minutes
3. Overview of Wednesday agenda - Joe Kolman

9:05 a.m. **Water conference reports**
1. Legislative Council on River Governance - Sens. Barrett and Hamlett
2. Water Law Conference - Sens. Hamlett, Murphy, and Wanzenried
3. Public comment
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

9:20 a.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
5. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

9:45 a.m. **Permitting in closed basins**
1. Terri McLaughlin, DNRC
2. Public comment
3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

10:15a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **New controlled ground water area laws**
1. Anne Yates, DNRC.
2. Public comment
3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

11:00 a.m. **Ground Water Investigation Program update**
1. John Wheaton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
2. Public comment
3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

11:30 a.m. **Update on state water plan**
1. Paul Azevedo, DNRC
2. Public comment
3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

Noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Exempt wells - agency overviews**

1. DNRC - Director Mary Sexton, Jan Langel
2. DEQ - Director Richard Opper
3. FWP - Bill Schenk
4. Public comment
5. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

2:00 p.m. **Water and wastewater in subdivisions**

1. Steve Kilbreath, DEQ
2. Abby St. Lawrence, Realtors
3. Lewis and Clark County Commissioner Derek Brown
4. Ravalli County Commissioner Jim Rokosch
5. Alan English, Gallatin County Water Quality District
6. Public comment
7. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:10 p.m. **Comparison of many wells versus one well**

1. John Metesh, MBMG
2. Eric Regensburger, DEQ
3. Public comment
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

4:00 p.m. **Suggestions or proposals**

1. Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
2. Abby St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors
3. Laura Ziemer, Trout Unlimited
4. Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth
5. Public comment
6. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

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

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Reconvene Jan. 14

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order -** Rep. Walt McNutt, chairman

1. Roll Call
2. Overview of Thursday agenda - Joe Kolman

8:05 a.m. **Overview of CBM and permitting**

1. Board of Oil Gas Conservation - Tom Richmond
2. DNRC - Candy West,
3. DEQ - George Mathieus
4. BLM - Dan Fox
5. EPA - Julie DalSoglio
6. Public comment
7. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

9:30 a.m. **Overview from stakeholders**

1. Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration & Production Co.
2. Art Hayes, Jr., Tongue River Water Users Assoc.
3. Dustin Shaw, Porter Ranch
4. Public comment
5. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **CBM water quantity issues**

1. John Wheaton, senior research hydrogeologist, MBMG
2. Russell Levens, hydrogeologist, DNRC
3. Public comment
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

11:45 **Update on Yellowstone River Compact - Montana v. Wyoming**

1. Jennifer Anders, Montana Attorney General's office
2. Public comment
3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

Noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **CBM water use**

1. Charlie Gephart, soil scientist
2. Kevin Harvey, soil scientist
3. Public comment
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

2:00 p.m. **Mitigation**

1. Bruce Williams, Fidelity - required mitigation agreements
2. Ray Beck, DNRC CBM Protection Program overview
3. Public comment
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

3:00 p.m. **Committee discussion on exempt wells**

1. Identify areas where more information is needed
2. Revisions to work plan, if necessary
3. Suggestions or proposals for report or legislation, if necessary

3:30 p.m. **Committee discussion on CBM wells**

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4:00 p.m. **Committee discussion other issues**

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2. Revisions to work plan, if necessary.
3. Suggestions or proposals for report or legislation, if necessary

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

1. Budget overview - Joe Kolman
2. Next meeting

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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