

# FINAL AGENDA

# WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 152 of the State Capitol  
May 11 & 12, 2010

## AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

### May 11, 2010

- 9:00 a.m.      **Call to Order** - Rep. Walt McNutt, chairman
1. Roll Call
  2. Approval of draft March 2010 WPIC minutes
- 9:05 a.m.      **Drought status update and summer forecast**
1. Jesse Aber, DNRC
  2. Public comment
  3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any
- 9:45 a.m.      **Water right adjudication/ownership update**
1. Director Mary Sexton, DNRC
  2. Judge Bruce Loble, Water Court
  3. Public comment
  4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any
- 10:15           **Break**
- 10:30           **Water marketing bill draft (LC9001)**
1. Introduction & work group report; Rep. McNutt, Sen. Wanzenried
  2. Overview of discussion draft - Joe Kolman
  3. Public comment
  4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any
- 11:30           **Water à la carte - Water and Wastewater Management Options**
1. Overview - Joe Kolman
  2. Public comment
  3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any
- Noon           **Lunch**
- 1 p.m.           **GWIP update and funding status**
1. John Wheaton, John Metesh, MBMG
  2. Public comment
  3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any
- 1:45 p.m.      **Ground water visualization demonstration**
1. John E. Dustman - Summit EnviroSolutions, Inc.
  2. Public comment
  3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

2:45 p.m. **Public comment on any matter within the WPIC jurisdiction.**

3:00 p.m. **North Hills Tour**

GWIP monitoring site - MBMG, John Wheaton, Kirk Waren,  
Controlled ground water area - DNRC, Terri McLaughlin  
Subdivision review - DEQ, Steve Kilbreath  
Lewis and Clark County Water Quality District, Kathy Moore  
Developer, Dean Retz  
Engineer, Jim Taylor

5:00 p.m. **Return from tour - recess**

## **Reconvene - May 12, 2010**

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

1. Roll Call

8:05 a.m. **Stream beds of navigable rivers - effects of Supreme Court decision**

1. Overview - Staff  
2. Director Mary Sexton, DNRC  
3. Public comment  
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

8:30 a.m. **Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission update**

1. Susan Cottingham, RWRCC program manager  
2. Public comment  
3. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

9:15 a.m. **Flathead Basin water availability**

1. Director Mary Sexton, DNRC  
2. Holly Franz, PPL  
3. Public comment  
4. Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

10 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Continued - Water marketing bill draft (LC9001)**

1. Committee questions and discussion  
2. Public comment  
3. Suggestions for report or legislation, if necessary

**Noon Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Continued - Water à la carte - Water and Wastewater Management Options**

1. Committee questions and discussion  
2. Public comment  
3. Suggestions for report or legislation, if necessary

2:00 p.m. **Drafting of WPIC interim report**

1. Overview of deadlines, content, public comment - Joe Kolman

2. Committee questions and discussion
3. Public comment
4. Suggestions for report or legislation, if necessary

- 2:30 p.m.      **Committee discussion other issues**
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
  4. Public comment
- 3:00 p.m.      **Administrative matters**
1. Next meeting - Scheduled July 26-27, Helena
- 3:15 p.m.      **Other business**
- 3:30 p.m.      **Instructions to staff**
- 3:45 p.m.      **Public comment on any matter within the WPIC jurisdiction**
- 4:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**

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