FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 172 of the State Capitol
September 8 & 9, 2010
AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Sept. 8, 2010

9:30 a.m. **Call to Order -** Rep. Walt McNutt, chairman
* Roll Call
* Approval of draft July 2010 WPIC minutes

9:35 a.m. **Rules discussion - votes needed for committee bill**
* Overview of current rules - Joe Kolman
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action, if any

10:00 a.m. **DNRC water right enforcement**
* Overview of complaints & resolutions - Jan Langel, DNRC
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

10:30 a.m. **Exempt well declaratory ruling**
* Overview of decision-next steps, Director Mary Sexton, DNRC
* Matthew Bishop, Western Environmental Law Center
* Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

11:30 a.m. **Missouri River cottonwood regeneration**
* Introduction - Sen. Hamlett
* Lenny Duberstein, Bureau of Reclamation
* Gary Slagel & Stan Benes, Bureau of Land Management
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

Noon **Lunch**

1 p.m. **Ground Water Investigation Program project demonstrations (Rotunda)**

2:00 p.m. **Water right adjudication/ownership update**
* Director Mary Sexton, DNRC
* Judge Bruce Loble, Water Court
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

2:20 p.m. **Water Court workload**

* Judge Bruce Loble, Water Court
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

3:00 p.m. **Draft WPIC report**

* Overview - Joe Kolman

Bill Drafts

LC9002 - water marketing

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

LC9004 - septic mixing zones

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

LC9005 - local government authority

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Break as needed

LC9999 - attorney fees

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

LC8002 - Use of river beds of navigable rivers

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Other Legislative Proposals

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Findings and Recommendations

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Report Content

* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

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

Recess

Reconvene - Sept. 9, 2010

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

* Roll Call

8:05 a.m. **Mixing zones for petroleum tank release sites**

* Overview of LC7010 bill draft - Hope Stockwell, EQC staff
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

8:35 a.m. **Ground Water Investigation Program - interim wrap up**

* Overview - John Wheaton, MBMG
* Ground Water Assessment Steering Committee study rankings -- Eric Regensburger, chairman
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

9 a.m. **WPIC interim report - continued discussion**

Bill Drafts

LC9002 - water marketing
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
* Assign bill sponsor, if necessary

LC9004 - septic mixing zones
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
* Assign bill sponsor, if necessary

LC9005 - local government authority
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
* Assign bill sponsor, if necessary

Break as needed

LC9999 - attorney fees
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
* Assign bill sponsor, if necessary

Lunch as needed

LC8002 - Use of river beds of navigable rivers
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
* Assign bill sponsor, if necessary

Other Legislative Proposals
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
* Assign bill sponsor, if necessary

Findings and Recommendations
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Report Content
* Public comment
* Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

WPIC interim report - final action
* Final public comment
* Committee questions, discussion and action - including legislation - if any

Administrative matters

Other business

Instructions to staff

Public comment on any matter within the WPIC jurisdiction

Adjourn

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