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## Water Policy Interim Committee

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### 62nd Montana Legislature

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# FINAL AGENDA

# WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172  
Sept. 10-11, 2012

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

### Sept. 10, 2012

- 12:30 p.m.     **Call to Order** - Sen. Hamlett
- Roll Call
  - Approval of minutes
- 12:35 p.m.     **Numeric Nutrient Standards Report** (75-5-313, MCA)
- George Mathieus, DEQ
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 12:45 p.m..    **Water Right Adjudication Update**
- DNRC - Mary Sexton, Director
  - Montana Water Court - Judge Loble
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:00 p.m.     **Water Adjudication Advisory Committee** - Exempt from filing claims
- Overview of Committee work -- Judge Loble
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:20 p.m.     **Rule Review**
- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:30 p.m.     **LC8010 - Avulsion**
- Overview -- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 2:00 p.m.     **Break**

- 2:15 p.m.      **Exempt Well Study**
- Overview of report, LC8011 & LC8012 -- Joe Kolman, staff
  - Overview of other proposals
    - Sen. Hamlett - Define combined appropriation
    - Sen. Vincent - Establish stream depletion zones
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
  - Instructions to staff

4:00 p.m.      **Break**

- 4:10 p.m.      **Ground Water Investigation Program Projects**
- John Wheaton
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

**Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

**Recess for the day**

**Reconvene September 11**

- 8:30 a.m.      **Columbia River Treaty -- update**
- Lauren Casey, staff, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 9:00 a.m.      **St. Mary Rehabilitation Project -- update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 9:15 a.m.      **Clark Fork Task Force Report -- update**
- Sen. Verdell Jackson, chairman
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 9:30 a.m.      **Reserved Water Right Compact Commission -- update**
- Bill Schultz, commission administrator
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

9:50 a.m.      **Break**

- 10:00 a.m.      **Exempt Well Study**
- Committee questions and discussion
  - Public comment
  - Committee action on bill drafts
  - Committee action on report

**Other business**

**Administrative matters**

**Instructions to staff**

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**Adjourn**

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