

FINAL AGENDA

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

State Capitol, Room 102

8:30 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2005 and 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, 24, 2005

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.**

**Monday, May 23, 2005:**

8:30 a.m.            **Call to Order - Roll Call / Introductions of Council Members -**  
Rep. McNutt

8:35 a.m.            **Administrative Matters**  
1.     Staff Introductions  
2.     EQC Budget Overview

8:45 a.m.            **Council and Staff Responsibilities**  
1.     Purpose of the EQC/ Statutory Duties - Mr. Everts  
2.     EQC Draft Rules and Procedures - Mr. Kolman  
3.     EQC Decisionmaking Process - Mr. Everts  
4.     EQC Subcommittee Formation Criteria - Ms. Evans  
5.     Staff/Council Mission, Responsibilities, and Role - Mr.  
         Everts

9:30 a.m.            **Agency Presentations**  
1.     Department of Environmental Quality  
2.     Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
3.     Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

10:30 a.m.           **BREAK**

10:45 a.m.           **Water Adjudication Process Oversight**  
1.     Explanation of HB 22 contingent voidness and alternatives  
2.     Department of Natural Resources and Conservation update  
3.     Montana Water Court Update

11:45 a.m.           **Election of the EQC Chair and Vice Chair**

12:00 p.m.           **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m.            **Montana Water Center Update**

1:30 p.m.            **Drought Update**

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- 2:00 p.m.            **Introduction and Review of Interim Work Plan Options**  
1.     Work Plan Option Matrix Introduction - Mr. Everts  
2.     Review of Individual Work Plan Elements - EQC Staff  
3.     Public Comment
- 3:30 p.m.            **Appointment of House Bill 790 EQC Members - Chair and Vice Chair**
- 3:45 p.m.            **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**
- 4:00 p.m.  
- 5:30 p.m.         **House Bill 790 EQC Subcommittee Meeting to Recommend At-Large Subcommittee Appointments to the Chair and Vice Chair**
- 6:30 p.m.            **No Host Dinner at the Marysville House to Honor Outgoing EQC Members**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2005:**

- 8:30 a.m.            **Reconvene EQC Meeting**
- 8:35 a.m.            **Continue Review and Discussion of Work Plan (Including Public Comment)**
- 9:30 a.m.            **Adoption of Work Plan Options**
- 9:45 a.m.            **Adoption of Interim EQC Calendar**
- 10:00 a.m.          **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 10:30 a.m.          **Other Business**
- 10:45 a.m.          **Instructions to Staff**
- 11:00 a.m.          **Adjourn**
- 11: 15 a.m. -  
12:00 p.m.         **Other Subcommittee (if any) Organizational Meetings**

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