

FINAL AGENDA
WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE
Hamilton Fairgrounds — Art Building, Hamilton, MT
Tuesday, January 15, 2008-Wednesday, January 16, 2008

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

Tuesday, January 15, 2008:

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters**
1. Minutes
2. WPIC budget overview — Mr. Kolman
3. Meeting schedule — Mr. Kolman
- 9:10 a.m. **Water Marketing — Committee Direction**
1. Committee Discussion regarding pieces of water marketing to focus on
2. Public Comment
3. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Water Right Application process**
1. Discussion of existing water right application process, similarities and differences in the HB 831 process, and change applications — Terri McLaughlin, DNRC
2. Applicant Perspective — Lee Wolfe, Applicant
3. Committee Questions
4. Public Comment
5. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 831 Implementation Update — John Tubbs, DNRC**
1. Update
2. Policy issues, problems, or proposals
3. Committee Questions
3. Public comment
4. Committee discussion and action (if any)
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 831 Case Study Progress — John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology**
1. Case study site locations and contact progress
2. Other case study information and progress
3. Committee Questions
4. Public Comment
5. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. **Follow up on exempt well issues requested by committee at Choteau meeting**
1. Department of Natural Resources Numbers — John Tubbs

2. Montana Association of Realtors Numbers — Michael Nicklin
 3. Committee Questions
 4. Public Comment
 5. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 2:00 p.m. **Water Reservation for Department of Transportation** — Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5005
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **Adjudication related issues** — Mr. Kolman
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5008
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Water Right Enforcement** — Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5003
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. **Accelerated permitting process — HB 831** — Mr. Kolman
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5001
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 5:00 p.m. **Committee Discussion and Analysis of days topics**
- 5:30 p.m. **WPIC Meeting Recess**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008:

- 8:00 a.m. **Reconvene WPIC Meeting**
- 8:05 a.m. **Notice of Intent to Drill** — Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5002
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 8:30 a.m. **Ground water quality** — Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5004
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Permitting process disconnect — water rights and subdivisions** — Mr. Kolman
1. Working bill draft presentation, LC5006
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. **Data study program** — Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation — including funding options, LC5007
 2. Committee Questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Fish, Wildlife, and Parks process for determining instream flow levels and when fishing closures are necessary** — FWP Staff
1. Committee Questions
 2. Public Comment
 3. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 a.m. **Committee Discussion and Analysis of days topics**
1. Prioritization of topics
 2. Work Plan assessment
- 2:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 2:30 p.m. **Other Business**
- 2:45 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

The website address for this interim is:

http://leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/2007_2008/water_policy/default.asp