

FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

University of Montana-Western, Swysgood Technology Center, Great Room
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2007 and 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2007

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

Tuesday, July 10, 2007:

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call / Introductions of Water Policy Interim Committee Members**
- 10:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters**
1. Staff introductions
2. WPIC budget overview
- 10:15 a.m. **Election of the WPIC Chair and Vice Chair**
- 10:45 a.m. **Committee and Staff Responsibilities**
1. House Bill No. 304 statutory responsibilities
2. Responsibilities resulting from other legislation
3. WPIC decisionmaking process
4. Staff/Committee mission, responsibilities, and role
- 11:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:45 a.m. **Introduction and Review of Work Plan Options**
1. Work Plan Matrix introduction
2. Review of individual Work Plan elements
 a. House Bill No. 304 tasks
 b. Irrigated agriculture
 c. House Bill No. 831 water quality tasks
3. Public comment
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH** (on your own — dining facilities are open)
- 1:00 p.m. **The Hydrologic Cycle and the Water Balance** — Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)
- 1:45 p.m. **Load Bus for Madison/Jefferson Overview and Tour of Beaverhead Valley**
Stops to include:
Clark Canyon Dam
East Bench Irrigation Diversion
Tash Ranch
Schuett Farms
Cottom Farms

5:30 p.m.

WPIC Meeting Recess

Wednesday, July 11, 2007:

8:00 a.m.

Reconvene WPIC Meeting

8:05 a.m.

Discussion and Adoption of Work Plan Options

1. Public comment

9:00 a.m.

Adoption of Interim WPIC Calendar

1. Public comment

9:15 a.m.

Review and Discuss Current Montana Water Law and Case Law Related to Closed Basins — Staff

1. Committee questions and discussion
2. Public comment

9:45 a.m.

Surface Water/Ground Water in Montana — Ms. Evans

1. Committee questions and discussion
2. Public comment

10:15 a.m.

Alternatives for Management of Water

1. Other states water management strategies — Ms. Evans
 - a. Idaho
 - b. Colorado
 - c. Washington
 - d. Arizona
2. Water management alternatives in Montana including use of aquifer recharge — panel discussion
 - a. Agency perspective — Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) — Rich Moy
 - b. Subdivision perspective — Montana Department of Environmental Quality — Steve Kilbreath
 - c. Consultant perspective — PBS & J — John Westenberg
 - d. Hydrogeologist perspective — Nicklin Earth and Water — Michael Nicklin
 - e. Legal perspective — Mr. Bill Hritsco
3. Public comment

12:15 p.m.

Lunch (on your own - dining hall is open)

1:15 p.m.

Alternatives for Applying the Use of Mitigation, Augmentation, and Aquifer Recharge in Montana

1. Current law — Ms. Evans
2. Panel discussion
 - a. Agency perspective — DNRC — John Tubbs (Invited)
 - b. Consultant perspective — Water Rights Solutions — David Schmidt
 - c. Hydrogeologist perspective — HKM Engineering — Jim Potts
 - d. Legal perspective — Moore, O'Connell & Refling, Michael Cusick
3. Public comment

- 3:00 p.m. **HB 831 Case Study Progress** — MBMG
1. Summary of existing ground water study data
 2. Other case study information including location of sites
 3. Committee questions and discussion
 4. Public comment
- 4:00 p.m. **HB 831 Implementation Update** — DNRC
1. Committee questions and discussion
 2. Public comment
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 5:00 p.m. **Other Business**
- 5:15 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Please Note: Our website address for this interim is :

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