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To: Water Policy Interim Committee
From: Joe Kolman
Regarding: Meeting Aug. 12-13

Greetings,

The Aug. 12 meeting starts at 9 a.m. in Room 152 of the Capitol.

The meeting resumes the 13th at 8 a.m. The meeting will be televised statewide.

Please bring the draft report and bill drafts you received at the beginning of July. You should also bring copies of the MBMG report and the Nicklin study from the last meeting. (Copies also are on the web site).

Reading materials enclosed include:

- * An agenda.
- * The public comment received on the report, draft legislation and findings. Comments on the MBMG report and the Nicklin study also are enclosed. By the meeting date, I will have gone through it all and arranged it according to topic.
- * Legislation proposed by the DNRC and the DEQ and approved by the EQC. (Some are water-related).
- * By request of Sen. Juneau, a draft bill that would extend the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission. This is an agenda item.
- * A memorandum of understanding between the DNRC and the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the scope of work for conducting activities leading to preparation and execution of a contract for a municipal, residential, and industrial water supply from Hungry Horse Reservoir. This was discussed during the presentation on water marketing at the March 2008 meeting.
- * The most recent water leasing report from FWP. This relates to water marketing and is statutorily required to be presented to the EQC. That presentation was made last month.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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