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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 317
January 8 and 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Chairman Brenden
- 9:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman**
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from September 2013 (Tab 1)
 - EQC Budget Overview
 - Staff update
- 9:10 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update -- Mr. Mohr**
- 9:15 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**
Ms. Nowakowski
- 9:20 a.m. **State Water Plan Update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
 - Public Comment
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:35 a.m. **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Tab 2)**
- Introduction - Ms. Stockwell
 - The Wyoming Experience: Proposed license changes and budget cuts - WY Game and Fish Department Director Scott Talbott
 - FWP Budget Overview - Sue Daly, Financial Div. Administrator
 - Update on Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council - Ms. Stockwell, Sue Daly, and Rep. Jeff Welborn
 - Nonconsumptive users - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

(a 15-minute break will occur at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 1:10 p.m. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management** (Tab 3)
- SJ15 Work Group Report - Sen. Fielder
 - Panel discussion:
 - Comparison of Conditions - State vs Federal Lands
 - Laws affecting Ownership, Jurisdiction, Management
 - Solutions to Effect Desired Improvements
 - Tom France, National Wildlife Federation attorney
 - Ken Ivory, Utah state representative
 - Peter Kolb, MSU Extension forestry specialist
 - Doyel Shamley, natural resource consultant
 - John Tubbs, DNRC director
 - Martha Williams, UM Law School professor
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 5:30 p.m. Recess

Thursday, January 9, 2013:

- 8:00 a.m. **SJ 4 - Study of Virginia/Nevada Cities and Reeder's Alley** (Tab 4)
- Work Group report - Ms. Kurtz, Sen. Keane, Work Group members
 - Montana Heritage Commission website/artifact inventory - Elijah Allen, MHC Operations Manager
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. **Septic Inspection at Time of Transfer** (Tab 5)
- Review of HB 483 (2013) - Ms. Kurtz, Rep. Lieser
 - Other state examples - Ms. Kurtz
 - Regulatory structure in Montana - Barbara Kingery, PE, DEQ
 - Panel discussion: Is a statewide law regarding septic inspection at the time of transfer of property appropriate for Montana?
 - Beth Norberg, Registered Sanitarian, Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department
 - Mike Koopal, Executive Director, Whitefish Lake Institute
 - Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK

- 10:15 a.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review** (Tab 6)
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
 - Exempt Well Rulemaking - Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement** (Tab 7)
Integrated Waste Management Plan Update
- Bonnie Rouse, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement** (Tab 8)
Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Update (HB 613, 2011)
- Update - Rebecca Ridenour, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Clean Water Act update** (Tab 9)
- EPA, invited
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Trust land cabin site update** (Tab 10)
- John Grimm, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement** (Tab 11)
Compliance and Enforcement Reports (75-1-314, MCA)
Introduction - Mr. Mohr
Department of Agriculture - Director Ron de Yong
- Public comment
 - EQC questions, discussion, and action, if any
- DEQ** - Director Tracy Stone-Manning
- Public comment
 - EQC questions, discussion, and action, if any
- DNRC** - Director John Tubbs
- Public comment
 - EQC questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 2:15 p.m. **Results of Block Management Performance Audit**
- Joe Murray, Legislative Audit Division
 - Ken McDonald, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. **Sage Grouse Advisory Council Update (Tab 12)**
- Ken McDonald, FWP
 - Sen. Hamlett, Rep. McChesney
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Bison Management (Tab 13)**
- Pat Flowers, FWP
 - Christian Mackay, DOL
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:00 p.m. **Fort Smith Water Supply (Tab 14)**
- Tom Livers, DEQ
 - David Cook, Department of Labor & Industry
 - Tom Donovan, resident
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and
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- Other Business**
 Instructions to Staff
- Adjourn**

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