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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 172
January 15-16, 2020

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

- 1:00 p.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Rep. Jim Keane, chair
- 1:05 p.m. **Administrative matters** - Mr. Kolman
- 1:10 p.m. **HJ 38 Study of bonding, decommissioning, and remediation for energy facilities** (Tab 1) [\(A\)](#), [\(B\)](#), [\(C\)](#), [\(D\)](#)
- Introduction - Ms. Nowakowski
 - Jenny Chambers, DEQ Waste Management & Remediation Division Administrator
 - Aimee Reynolds, DEQ Contaminated Site Cleanup Bureau Chief
 - Dave Klemp, DEQ Air Quality Bureau Chief
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **SJ20: Wilderness Study Areas** (Tab 2) [\(A\)](#), [\(B\)](#), [\(C\)](#), [\(D\)](#)
- Current and past collaboration efforts
- Brian Kahn, Artemis Common Ground
 - Tony Colter, industry
 - Barb Cestero, TWS staff leading Gallatin Forest Partnership
 - Russ Ehnes, motorized recreation
 - Ben Horan, mountain biker
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 3:00 p.m. **Weyerhaeuser Timber Sale - local perspective**
- Rep. Steve Gunderson, Libby
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **State Trust Land Fiscal Year 2019 in Review**
- Kerry Davant, Deputy Director, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:50 p.m. **SB 299 Sage grouse stewardship act activities/staffing report [\(Tab 3\)](#)**
- Carolyn Sime, Sage Grouse Conservation Program Manager
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:20 p.m. **Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-2024**
- Beth Shumate, Montana State Parks Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:35 p.m. **Trapper education legislation proposal [\(Tab 4\)](#)**
- Rep. White
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:50 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, January 16, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. **Chronic wasting disease study ([Tab 5](#))**
I) Other states' experience and the public health question
- Introduction - Ms. Stockwell
 - Tami Ryan, Wisconsin ([A](#)), ([B](#))
 - Mike Miller, CO (invited) ([A](#)), ([B](#)), ([C](#))
 - Hank Edwards, [Wyoming](#)
 - Ryan Maddox, CDC
 - Jen Miller, DPHHS
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
- 9:30 a.m. II) FWP post mortem on the 2019 hunting season
- Testing statistics - Dr. Jennifer Ramsey, Wildlife Veterinarian
Dr. Emily Almberg, Disease Ecologist
 - Lessons learned/issues that need addressed - Ken McDonald,
Wildlife Division Administrator
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. III) Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Testing Capability Update
- Dr. Greg Juda, VDL Director
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
- IV) Public comment
V) Committee action, if any
- 10:45 a.m. **State Lab Advisory Committee update**
- Steve Baiamonte, General Services Division Administrator
 - Reps. White and Hamlett, Sen. Flowers
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. Feral Swine Summit Update
- Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Department of Livestock
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any

- 11:45 a.m. **Agriculture Indicators**
- Mr. Kolman, Mr. Mohr, LSD
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Aquatic Invasive Species Summit Update**
- Tom Woolf, AIS Bureau Chief, FWP
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **SJ 30 Wildlife location data study (Tab 6)**
- [Overview](#) - Mr. Kolman
 - [Legal aspects](#) - Mr. Carroll
 - [Requests to DFWP](#), Becky Dockter, Chief Legal Counsel & Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator
 - State Library dissemination, Evan Hammer, administrator
 - FWP data demonstration - Justin Gude, Wildlife Research & Technical Services Bureau Chief
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2: 30 p.m. **Statutory administrative rule review (Tab 7) [\(A\)](#), [\(B\)](#), [\(C\)](#)**
- General update - Mr. Carroll
 - Previous EQC objection to DEQ subdivision sanitation fee increase - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. **Compliance and enforcement reports (Tab 8)**
- Overview - Mr. Kolman
 - [Dept of Ag](#)
 - Christy Clark, Agricultural Sciences Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any

DNRC

- Director John Tubbs - Trust Lands
- Jan Langel, Administrator, Water Resources Division
- Sonya Germann, Administrator, Forestry Division
- Jim Halvorson, Administrator, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

DEQ

- Chad Anderson, Enforcement Program Manager
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

4:15 p.m.

Litigation reports (Tab 9)

- Overview - Mr. Kolman
- DNRC - Danna Jackson, Chief Legal Counsel
- DEQ - Ed Hayes, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
- FWP - Becky Dockter, Chief Legal Counsel
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

4:30 p.m.

Bison conservation & management record of decision

- Martha Williams, Director, FWP
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

5:00 p.m.

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

Other business

Instructions to staff

- Research and information requests
- Agenda items for next meeting

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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