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FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 172, State Capitol Building

July 13-14, 2020

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Note: Committee members will attend this meeting via video conference call

Monday, July 13

1 p.m. Call to order

- Roll call

1:05 p.m. Nutrient standards update (75-5-313, MCA) Summary of numeric nutrient standards and variances (75-5-313, MCA)

- Tim Davis, Water Quality Division administrator (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

1:30 p.m. Total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired and threatened water bodies (75-5-703, MCA) (Tab 1)

- Mr. Davis
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

1:45 p.m. Update on SB325 rulemaking

- Mr. Davis
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

2:15 p.m. Study of climate and water rights: Review of draft report

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment

2:30 p.m. Study of climate and water rights: DNRC storage options

- Ann Schwend, water resource planner (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

2:45 p.m. Study of climate and water rights: Committee findings, recommendations, or legislation

- Public comment
- Committee discussion

3 p.m. Recess

3:30 p.m. HJ14: Review of draft report

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

3:45 p.m. HJ14: Cost and process for new Ross Report

- John Tubbs, director (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

4 p.m. HJ14: Committee findings, recommendations, or legislation

- Public comment
- Committee discussion

4:15 p.m. HJ40: Review of draft report

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

4:30 p.m. HJ40: Review and consideration of committee bill draft

- Ms. Hach
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

4:45 p.m. HJ40: Committee findings or recommendations

- Public comment
- Committee discussion

5 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, July 14

9 a.m. Update on technical upgrades to water rights database

- Millie Heffner, Water Rights Bureau chief (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

9:15 a.m. Drought, water supply, wildfire update

- Michael Downey, Water Planning Section supervisor (DNRC)
- John Monzie, Fire Protection Bureau deputy chief (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

9:30 a.m. Update from stream gauge oversight work group (2-15-3308, MCA)

- Paul Azevedo, Water Management Bureau chief (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

10 a.m. Review of benchmarks bill draft

- Ms. Hach
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

10:30 a.m. Review of geocode administrative recommendations, bill draft

- Ms. Hach
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

10:50 a.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

10:55 a.m. Directions to staff

11 a.m. Adjourn

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