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FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol Building

Oct. 13, 2020

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13

9 a.m. Call to order

- Roll call

9:05 a.m. Proposed Legislative Audit Division audit of water rights information system

- Will Soller, deputy legislative auditor (Legislative Audit Division)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

9:15 a.m. Discussion of SB47 (2019): Clarifying use of river basin councils

- Summary of SB47—Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

9:30 a.m. Draft language for Berkeley Pit exemption

- John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation director
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

9:45 a.m. PD0009: Amending water right ownership update process

- Summary of bill draft—Mr. Mohr
- Summary of GWG discussion—Mr. Mohr and GWG members
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

10:15 a.m. PD0006: Revise weather modification and control statutes

- Summary of bill draft—Mr. Mohr
- MEPA 101—Hope Stockwell (LEPO)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

10:45 a.m. Update on proposed water quality standards for selenium

- Ms. Hach (LSO)
- Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality
- Myla Kelly, Standards and Modeling Section supervisor (DEQ) and Lauren Sullivan, water quality science specialist (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

11:30 a.m. Update on proposed water quality standards for nutrients

- Mr. Davis
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

11:50 a.m. Propose areas of study for 2021-22 WPIC

- Committee questions and discussion

11:55 a.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

Noon Adjourn

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