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**FINAL AGENDA**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**  
**Room 137, Capitol**  
**January 24-25, 2022**

NOTE: AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

**Monday, January 24, 2022**

- 10:00 a.m.            **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Chair Lang
- 10:05 a.m.            **Administrative matters** – Mr. Kolman
- 10:10 a.m.            **Water Policy Interim Committee update**
- Mr. Mohr
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee update**
- Mr. Graff
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m.            **HJ 27 study of conservation district funding**
- Overview of revenue and expenditures; key programs – Mr. Kolman
  - Days of Lives in CDs
    - Gallatin County
    - Garfield County
  - CD Convention Report: Sen. Lang, Rep. Marler, Mr. Hamlett
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Next Steps for Study
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.            Lunch

- 1:00 p.m.      **Chronic Wasting Disease/hunting update**
- DFWP
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m.      **Elk management plan/shoulder season**
- DFWP
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:15 p.m.      Break
- 2:30 p.m.      **DFWP reorganization and parks update**
- DFWP
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:15 p.m.      **Rule Review**
- Joe Carroll
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:30p.m.      **Bison update**
- Marty Zaluski, state veterinarian
  - DFWP
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:45 p.m.      **Demonstration of Natural Heritage Program integration of MEPA documents**
- Mr. Kolman, Mr. Maxell
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 4:15 p.m.      **Public comment on any matter not on agenda but within the jurisdiction of EQC**

**Recess**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**



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8:00 a.m.

## **Wildland Fire & Air Quality**

- Health effects of smoke
  - DPPHS
  - Katelyn O'Dell, George Washington University
- Air Quality reports, DEQ
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

9:00 a.m.

## **Fire season & water supply update**

- Sonya Germann, Forestry Division Administrator, DNRC
- Michael Downey, Water Planning Section Supervisor, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

## **Federal Land Management and State Coordination**

- Leanne Martin, Regional Forester, United States Forest Service
- Sonya Germann, DNRC
- DFWP
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

Noon

**Lunch**

1:00 p.m.

## **Compliance and enforcement reports**

- Depts. Of Ag, DEQ, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

1:45 p.m.

## **Litigation Reports**

- DNRC/DEQ/FWP
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

2:15 p.m.      **Agency updates**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

- Questions/discussion – EQC

2:30 p.m.      **Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks**

- Questions/discussion – EQC

2:45 p.m.      **Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**  
Questions/discussion -- EQC

3:00 p.m.      **Other business**

- Instructions to staff
- Public comment on matter not on in agenda but within the jurisdiction of EQC

**Adjourn**

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