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

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### 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 Conservation District Funding**

- Overview – Mr. Kolman ([Tab 1](#))
- Days of Lives in CDs
  - Gallatin Conservation District
    - Becky Clements, Administrator
    - Mike Hansen, Supervisor
  - Garfield County Conservation District
    - Dean Rogge, Supervisor
    - Dusty Olson, Administrator
- MACD Convention Report: Sen. Lang, Rep. Marler, Mr. Hamlett ([Tab 2](#))
- 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 Season Update**

- Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

1:30 p.m. **Elk Management Plan & Shoulder Season Update**

- Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. **DFWP Reorganization**

- Director Hank Worsech, FWP
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

3:15 p.m. **Rule Review** **(Tab 3)**

- Joe Carroll, EQC attorney
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

3:30p.m. **Bison Update**

- Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian
- Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

3:45 p.m. **Demonstration of Natural Heritage Program integration of MEPA documents**

- Mr. Kolman
- Bryce, Maxell, Coordinator, Montana Natural Heritage Program
- 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**



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**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

8:00 a.m.

## **Wildland Fire & Air Quality (Tab 4)**

- *Air Quality Reporting*
  - Bo Wilkins, Air Quality Bureau Chief, DEQ
- *Health effects of smoke*
  - Jessie Fernandes, Supervisor, Health Improvement Section Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Bureau, Montana Department of Health and Human Services (Zoom)
  - Erin Landguth, Associate Professor, University of Montana School of Public and Community Health Sciences (Zoom)
  - Katelyn O'Dell, Postdoctoral Researcher, George Washington University (Zoom)
- 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, Forestry Division Administrator DNRC
- Quentin Kujala, Chief of Staff, FWP
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

Noon

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

## **Compliance and Enforcement Reports (Tab 5)**

- Overview – Mr. Kolman
- DEQ

- Director Amanda Kaster, DNRC (Zoom)
- Agriculture
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

1:45 p.m.      **Agency Litigation Reports (Tab 6)**

- Overview – Mr. Kolman
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

2:15 p.m.      **Agency updates from Directors**

**Department of Environmental Quality** – Chris Dorrington

- Questions/discussion – EQC

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

- Questions/discussion – EQC

2:45 p.m.      **Department of Natural Resources and Conservation** – Amanda Kaster (Zoom)

- 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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