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FINAL AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL Room 317, Capitol July 18-19, 2022

NOTE: AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Monday July 18, 2022

Field Trip (Tab 1)

- 10:00 a.m. Meet at Montana State Prison
- Tour pheasant rearing operation, DFWP & Department of Corrections
 - State Buildings Energy Conservation Program, DEQ & DOC
 - Lunch at State Prison
- 1:00 p.m. Leave State Prison
- 1:30 p.m. Clark Fork Remediation Site, DEQ & Natural Resource Damage Program

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** – Chair Lang
- 8:35 a.m. **Administrative matters** – Mr. Kolman
- Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
 - Water Policy Interim Committee
- 8:45 a.m. **HJ 27 Conservation District Funding (Tab 2)**
- Overview of draft report and legislation – Mr. Kolman
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action if any
- 9:15 a.m. **Trapping Update (Online training: Incidental Trapping)**
- Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action if any
- 10:00 a.m. **Habitat Montana Update (Tab 3)**
- Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action if any

- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Fire Season & Water Supply Update**
- Sonya Germann, Forestry Division Administrator, DNRC
 - Michael Downey, Drought Program Coordinator, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action if any
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Opencut Mining Update**
- History of statutory changes, Mr. Kolman
 - Current Program update, Opencut Supervisor Whitney Bausch, DEQ
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Rule Review (Tab 4)**
- Mr. Carroll, EQC attorney
 - Questions/discussion – EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action if any
- 2:30 p.m. **Agency updates from Directors**
Department of Environmental Quality
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- 2:45p.m. **Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks**
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- 3:00 p.m. **Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- 3:15 p.m. **Other business**
- Next Steps for HJ27 Conservation District Study
 - Agenda items for September meeting
 - Instructions to staff
- 3:30 **Public comment on any matter not on agenda but within the jurisdiction of EQC**

Adjourn

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