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## FINAL AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL Room 317, Capitol May 24-25, 2022

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### **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

1:00 p.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** – Chair Lang

1:05 p.m. **Administrative matters** – Mr. Kolman

1:10 p.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**

- Mr. Graff
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Committee action if any

1:20 p.m. **Hell Creek Update**

- Chairman Gerald Gray, Little Shell Tribe  
Director Hank Worsch, FWP  
Rich Jost, DEQ Enforcement Program Case Coordinator
- Darin McMurry & Michele Fromdahl, Army Corps of Engineers
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action if any

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. **HJ 27 Conservation District Funding (Tab 1)**

- Revenue estimates for coal, cannabis – Mr. Schaefer & Mr. Kolman
- Montana Association of Conservation Districts proposal -- Rebecca Boslough, Executive Director
- Discussion Draft Overview – Mr. Kolman
- Questions/discussion – EQC
- Public comment
- Next Steps for Study
- Committee action if any

3:00 p.m. **Future Fisheries Report**, (87-1-272, MCA)

- Eileen Ryce, Administrator FWP Fisheries Division
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action if any

3:30 p.m. **Brown Trout Regulations Update (Tab 2)**

- Eileen Ryce, Administrator FWP Fisheries Division
- 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**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

8:00 a.m. **Rule Review (Tab 3)**

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

8:15 a.m. **Overview of Advisory Councils (Tab 4)**

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

8:30 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update**

- Mr. Mohr
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action if any

8:45 a.m. **DNRC Water Updates**

- Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Water Resources Division Administrator, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action if any

9:00 a.m. **Fire Season & Water Supply Update**

- Sonya Germann, Forestry Division Administrator, DNRC
- Arin J. Peters, Hydrologist, NOAA National Weather Service
- Magdalena Hultstrand, USDA – NRCS, Hydrologist, Montana Snow Survey Program
- Public comment
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10:00 a.m. **Break**



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## 10:15 a.m. Federal Management and State Coordination

- Ryan Newman, Montana Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation
- DNRC – Anna Miller, Deputy Administrator Conservation and Resource Development Division & Paul Azevedo, Water Management Bureau Chief
- FWP – Bill Schenk, Lands Program Manager
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action if any

## 11:30 p.m. Agency updates from Directors

### Department of Environmental Quality

- Questions/discussion – EQC

## 11:45p.m. Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- Questions/discussion – EQC

## 12:00 p.m. Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

- Questions/discussion -- EQC

## 12:15 p.m. Other business

- Next Steps for HJ27 Conservation District Study
- Agenda items for July meeting
- Instructions to staff

## 12:30 p.m. Public comment on any matter not on agenda but within the jurisdiction of EQC

### Adjourn

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