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## FINAL AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL Room 137, Capitol September 14-15, 2021

NOTE: AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

### Tuesday, September 14, 2021

8:00 a.m.                    **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Chair Lang

8:05 a.m.                    **Administrative matters** -- Mr. Kolman

8:10 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

### **Agency updates**

8:30 a.m.                    **Department of Environmental Quality**

- Questions/discussion -- EQC

8:40 a.m.                    **Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks**

- Questions/discussion -- EQC

8:50 a.m.                    **Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

- Questions/discussion -- EQC

9:00 a.m.                    Public comment

- 9:15 a.m.                      **Sage grouse conservation**
- Population report - Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Div. Administrator
  - Funding MOU –Quentin Kujala, FWP chief of staff
  - Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team annual report - DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m.                      Break
- 10:15 a.m.                      **Wolf management report**
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:30 a.m.                      **HJ 27 study of conservation district funding**
- Introduction, Mr. Kolman, Ms. Moore
  - Panel Discussion
    - Rebecca Boslough, executive director Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
    - Jim Simpson, MACD president
    - Mark Bostrom, DNRC, administrator DNRC Conservation & Resource Development Division
    - Rich Duesterhaus, National Association of Conservation Districts
    - Kyle Tackett, assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service
  - Questions/discussion – EQC
  - Public comment
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.                      Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.                      Public comment on any matter not on agenda and within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 1:15 p.m.                      **Cabin site sale report**
- Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Division Administrator, DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Questions/discussion -- EQC
  - Committee action, if any
- 1:30 p.m.                      **Historic rights of way update**
- Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Division Administrator, DNRC
  - Public comment
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1:45 p.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 anyw

2:30 p.m.

## **Montana Invasive Species Council annual report**

- Bryce Christiaens, Council Chair
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

## **Feral hog update**

- Dr. James Tansey, Insect/Pest Management, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture
- Martin Zaluski, state veterinarian
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m.

## **Interim Items**

- Overview of Work Plan and interim calendar, Mr. Kolman
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action, if any

Other business

Instructions to staff  
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**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

8:00 a.m.

## **Sanitation procedures report**

- Amy Steinmetz, Water Quality Division Administrator, DEQ
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

- 8:20 a.m. Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 8:30 a.m. Adjourn
- 8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. Attend [Section C Interim Budget Committee](#), Room 422  
Fiscal Year End 2021 Financial Report, LFD Staff
- DNRC
  - FWP
  - DEQ
  - Dept of Livestock
- (Lunch break at noon)
- Dept of Agriculture
  - Dept of Transportation

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