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# DRAFT AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL Room 137, Capitol

Sept. 8-9, 2022

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### Thursday Sept. 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call – Chair Lang

10:05 a.m. Administrative matters – Mr. Kolman

10:10 a.m. Interim Updates

• Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee
• Water Policy Interim Committee

10:20 a.m. Subdivision Review Report (76-4-116, MCA)

• Director Chris Dorrington, DEQ
• Questions/discussion – EQC
• Public comment
• Committee action if any

#### 10:35 a.m. Federal Management and State Coordination

- Environmental Protection Agency
- DEQ
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action if any

#### 11:00 a.m. Department of Environmental Quality Legislation

TAB 2

- Director Chris Dorrington
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action if any

#### 11:15 a.m. HJ 27 Conservation District Funding

TAB 3

- Overview of draft report, legislation, public comment Mr. Kolman
- Questions/discussion EQC
- Public comment
- Committee action if any

Noon	Lunch		
1:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Natural Resource Investigation Program Updates (HB 648)</li> <li>Hydrocarbon and Geology Investigation Program         <ul> <li>Jay A. Gunderson, Montana Bureau of Mines &amp; Geology</li> </ul> </li> <li>Coal Ash Markets Investigation Program         <ul> <li>Mary Craigle, Research and Information Services Bureau Chied Department of Commerce</li> </ul> </li> <li>Questions/discussion – EQC</li> <li>Public comment</li> <li>Committee action if any</li> </ul>		
1:30 p.m.	State Land Exc  • • • •	Changes on Flathead Indian Reservation Lt. Gov. Kristen Juras Public comment Questions/discussion EQC Committee action if any	
1:45 p.m.	Aquatic Invas  • • • •	ive Species Report, (80-7-1006, MCA)  Tom Woolf, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Public comment Questions/discussion EQC Committee action if any	TAB 4
2:00 p.m.	Fire Season &  •  •  •	Water Supply Update  Matt Hall, Forestry Division Administrator, DNRC  Arin J. Peters, Hydrologist, NOAA National Weather Service Public comment Questions/discussion EQC Committee action if any	
2:30 p.m.	Break		
2:45 p.m.	Department of	f Natural Resources and Conservation Legis Director Amanda Kaster, DNRC Public comment Questions/discussion EQC Committee action if any	slation
Recess			
Friday Sept.	9, 2022		
8:00 a.m.	Reconvene		
8:05 a.m.	Rule Review  •  •  •	Mr. Carroll, EQC attorney Questions/discussion – EQC Public comment Committee action if any	TAB 5

8:20 a.m.	Upland Game Bird Enhancement Activities Report (87-1-250, MCA)			
	<ul> <li>Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator</li> </ul>			
	<ul><li>Public comment</li><li>Questions/discussion EQC</li></ul>			
				Committee action if any
	Sage Grouse Population Report, (87-1-201, MCA) TAB 6			
	Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator Public comment			
	<ul> <li>Questions/discussion EQC</li> </ul>			
	Committee action if any			
	Sage Grouse Stewardship Report, (87-5-918, MCA) TAB 7			
	<ul> <li>Mark Bostrom, Administrator Conservation and Resource Development Division, DNRC</li> </ul>			
	Public comment			
	Questions/discussion EQC			
	Committee action if any			
	9:00 a.m.	Wildlife Habitat Improvement Act Report (87-5-807, MCA) TAB 8		
Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator				
Public comment				
<ul> <li>Questions/discussion EQC</li> </ul>				
Committee action if any				
9:30 a.m.	Private Lands/Public Wildlife Council Report TAB 9			
	Chairman Ed Beall			
	Public comment			
	<ul> <li>Questions/discussion EQC</li> </ul>			
	Committee action if any			
10:00 a.m.	Wolf Management Report, (87-1-901, MCA) TAB 10			
	<ul> <li>Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator</li> </ul>			
	Public comment			
	<ul> <li>Questions/discussion EQC</li> </ul>			
	Committee action if any			
10:30 a.m.	Grizzly bear update			
	<ul> <li>Hilary Cooley, USFWS Grizzly Bear Coordinator</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Questions/discussion – EQC</li> </ul>			
	Public comment			
	Committee action if any			
11:00 a.m.	Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Legislation			
	<ul> <li>Sarah Clerget, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP</li> </ul>			
	Public comment			
	<ul> <li>Questions/discussion EQC</li> </ul>			
	Committee action if any			

11:45 a.m. **Agency updates from Directors** 

**Department of Environmental Quality** 

Questions/discussion – EQC

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions/discussion – EQC

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Questions/discussion -- EQC

Other business

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

#### Adjourn

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