



# Water Policy Interim Committee

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FINAL agenda

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July 11-12, 2022

Room 137

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## Monday, July 11

1 p.m. Call to order

- Roll call
- Meeting overview—Mr. Mohr

1:05 p.m. Drought, water supply, and wildfire update

- Kelsey Jencso, Montana state climatologist, Montana Climate Office
- Matt Hall, chief, Fire Protection Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

1:30 p.m. Update from Floodplain Management Program

- Traci Sears, NFIP/CAP coordinator, Water Operations Bureau (DNRC)
- Delia Bruno, division administrator, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

2 p.m. Final work plan from Stream Gauge Oversight Work Group (2-15-3308, MCA)

- Paul Azevedo, chief, Water Management Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

2:30 p.m. Update on Comprehensive Review of Water Administration and Management

- Anna Pakenham Stevenson, administrator, Water Resources Division (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

3 p.m. Study of selenium standards for Lake Koocanusa (HJ37)

- Recommendations from HJ37 special committee
  - Sen. Sales
- Presentation of draft report
  - Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

3:30 p.m. Study of Flathead River erosion (SJ28):

- Presentation of draft report
  - Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

4 p.m. Agency rulemaking update--Temporary water quality standard variances

- Mr. Carroll
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

4:30 p.m. Administrative matters

- Future meeting dates
- Directions to staff

5 p.m. Adjourn

## Tuesday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Leave for field trip Meet at Capitol building

9 a.m. Tour of Lake Helena erosion control project site

11 a.m. Tour of Spokane Creek erosion control project site

Noon Lunch for committee members

12:30 p.m. Return to capitol

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