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## Water Policy Interim Committee

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FINAL agenda

## Water Policy Interim Committee

March 15-16, 2022

Room 152

Agenda times are approximate

### Tuesday, March 15

1 p.m. Call to order

- Roll call
- Meeting overview—Mr. Mohr

1:05 p.m. Water research (85-2-105, MCA): Water Information System

- Troy Blandford, GIS specialist and WIS manager, Montana State Library
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

1:30 p.m. Report from Stream Gauge Oversight Work Group (2-15-3308, MCA)

- Paul Azevedo, chief, Water Management Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

2 p.m. Water rights on BLM lands (*Tab 3*)

- Ron Stoneberg, supervisor, Valley County Conservation District
- Ms. Hach
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

3 p.m. Adjudication Advisory Committee: Proposed legislation (*Tab 4*)

- John Bloomquist, chairman, Adjudication Advisory Committee
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

3:30 p.m. Narrative nutrient standards: Update and explanation of an adaptive management program

- Amy Steinmetz, administrator, Water Quality Division (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

4:30 p.m. Agency rulemaking and ballot initiative update

- Joe Carroll, legislative attorney, Legal Services Office
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

5 p.m. Recess

### **Wednesday, March 16**

8:30 a.m. Reconvene

8:35 a.m. Implementation of State Water Plan (85-1-203, MCA) *(Tab 5)*

- Paul Azevedo, chief, Water Management Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

9 a.m. Update on Comprehensive Review of Water Administration and Management

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

9:30 a.m. Update on state drought plan *(Tab 6)*

- Valerie Kurth, water resource planner, Water Management Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

10 a.m. Study of Flathead River erosion (SJ28): Statewide erosion and statewide boating issues

- Statewide erosion issues
  - Jeff Ryan, Lewis and Clark Conservation District (LCCD)
  - Karl Christians, Missouri River Conservation District Council and LCCD
  - Tenlee Atchison, Cascade Conservation District
  - Becky Clements, Gallatin Conservation District
  - Mark Siderius, Flathead Conservation District
  - Rich Janssen Jr., department head, Natural Resources (CSKT)
- Statewide boating issues
  - Phil Kilbreath, program manager (Recreation and Commercial Wildlife Program (FWP))
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

11:15 a.m. Study of selenium standards for Lake Koocanusa (HJ37): Update from Special Committee

- Sen. Sales, presiding officer of HJ37 special committee
- Steven Ruffatto, chairman, Board of Environmental Review
- Chris Dorrington, director, Department of Environmental Quality
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if necessary

12:15 p.m. Administrative matters

- Mr. Mohr
- Future meeting locations, dates
- Direction to staff

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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