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FINAL agenda

Water Policy Interim Committee

Sept. 20-21, 2022

Room 137

Agenda times are approximate

Tuesday, Sept. 20

1 p.m. Call to order

- Roll call
- Meeting overview—Mr. Mohr

1:05 p.m. Agency rulemaking update

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

1:15 p.m. Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (85-1-621, MCA)

- Autumn Coleman, chief, Resource Development Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

1:45 p.m. ARPA infrastructure update

- Ms. Coleman
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

2:15 p.m. Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA)

- Hon. Russ McElyea, chief judge, Montana Water Court
- Sara Calkins, administrator, Montana Water Court
- Nate Ward, chief, Water Rights Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

2:45 p.m. Update on CSKT compact

- Objections process
 - Hon. Stephen Brown, associate chief judge, Montana Water Court
- Unitary Management Board (85-20-1901, -1902)
 - Lt. Gov. Kristen Juras
- Land exchange
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- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

3:15 p.m. TMDL list update (75-5-703, MCA)

- Andy Ulven, supervisor, Watershed Management Section (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

3:45 p.m. Update on development of narrative nutrient standards

- Amy Steinmetz, administrator, Waste Management and Remediation Division
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

4:15 p.m. Hydroelectric potential report (85-1-501, MCA)

- Brian Holling, chief, Water Projects Bureau (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

4:30 p.m. WOTUS update

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

4:45 p.m. Comprehensive Review of Water Administration and Management

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

5:30 p.m. Recess

Wednesday, Sept. 21

9 a.m. Study of Flathead River erosion (SJ28)

- Panel: recreational boaters
 - Don Collins, Montana Bass Federation
 - Denise VanArtsdale, Flathead River user
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action, if any
- Review of submitted public comment
 - Mr. Mohr
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action, if any
- Preliminary findings of Flathead Conservation District study
 - Beau Downing, environmental services manager, Tetra Tech
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action, if any
- Consideration of committee recommendations
- Approve final report

10 a.m. Final stream gauge report, proposed legislation

- Paul Azevedo, chief, Water Management Bureau (DNRC)
- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

10:30 a.m. Consider proposed agency legislation

- Amanda Kaster, director, DNRC
- Sonja Nowakowski, administrator, Air, Energy and Mining Division (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

11 a.m. Propose areas of study to 2023-24 WPIC

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

11:30 a.m. Study of selenium standards for Lake Koocanusa (HJ37) *(Tab 9)*

- Review of submitted public comments
 - Committee staff
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action, if any
- Follow on Aug. 12 Board of Environmental Review meeting

- Michael D. Russell, legal counsel, BER
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action, if any
- Report from HJ37 special committee
 - Sen. Sales
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and action, if any
- Consideration of committee recommendations
- Approve final report

12:30 p.m. Administrative matters

- Consideration of October meeting
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and action, if any

1 p.m. Adjourn