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## FINAL agenda Environmental Quality Council

Jan. 18-19, 2024  
Room 317

Agenda times are approximate

### Thurs., Jan. 18

10 a.m. Call to order, roll call

- Chairman Gunderson

10:05 a.m. Meeting overview

- Jason Mohr, committee staff

10:15 a.m. HJ18 (Study remediation of Smurfit-Stone mill site)

- Update on Dec. 13 technical working group meeting
  - Jason Mohr
- Outfalls (pipes) from site into river
  - Ryan Weiss, deputy trust lands administrator, Forestry-Trust Lands Division (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11 a.m. Report on Orphan Share state special revenue account funds (75-10-743, MCA)

- Amy Steinmetz, division administrator, Waste Management and Remediation Division (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11:30 a.m. Report on sanitation in subdivisions (76-4-116)

- DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

Noon Lunch

- 1 p.m. Report on sale of state land cabins and sites (77-2-366)
- DNRC
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 1:30 p.m. Update on Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program
- Greg Lemon, administrator, Communication and Education Division (FWP)
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 2 p.m. Effect of wolverine listing under Endangered Species Act
- Dustin Temple, director, FWP
  - Sarah Clerget, chief legal counsel, FWP
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 2:30 p.m. Update from Fish and Wildlife Commission hunting season-setting
- Brian Wakeling, chief, Game Management Bureau (FWP)
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 3 p.m. Update on Climate Pollution Reduction grants
- DEQ
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Administrative rule review
- Joe Carroll, committee legal staff
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 4 p.m. Wildlife crossings: Funding and future plans
- Dwane Kailey, chief operating officer, MDT
  - Tom Martin, chief, Environmental Services Bureau (MDT)
  - Ken McDonald, administrator, Wildlife Division (FWP)
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

Fri., Jan. 19

- 9 a.m. State drought plan
- Valerie Kurth, water resource planner, Planning, Implementation and Communications Bureau (DNRC)
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion



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9:30 a.m. Panel on state-federal cooperation and Good Neighbor Authority

- *TBD*
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10:30 a.m. Policy issues related to coal mining reclamation

- Sonja Nowakowski, administrator, Air, Energy and Mining Division (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11 a.m. Federal agency and court decisions related to coal mining and reclamation

- Chris Dorrington, director, DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11:30 a.m. Update on Interstate Mining Compact Commission

- Dan Walsh, chief, Mining Bureau (DEQ)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

Noon Director's reports (including HB190 annual plans)

- Dustin Temple, director, FWP
- Chris Dorrington, director, DEQ
- Amanda Kaster, director, DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

12:30 p.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of EQC

12:45 p.m. Administrative matters

- Position of environmental analyst
  - Jerry Howe, executive director, Legislative Services Division
  - Committee discussion, action
- Directions to staff

1 p.m.          Adjourn

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