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FINAL Friday agenda Environmental Quality Council

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Room 317

Agenda times are approximate

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

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

- Amanda Kaster, director, DNRC
- Wyatt Frampton, deputy administrator, Forestry Division (DNRC)
- Leanne Marten, regional forester, USFS Region 1
- Clayton Elliott, conservation and government affairs director, Montana Trout Unlimited
- Paul McKenzie, vice president and general manager, Stoltze Land and Lumber Co.
- Julia Altemus, executive director, Montana Wood Products Association
- Greg Chilcott, county commissioner, Ravalli County
- Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
- 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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