



# Water Policy Interim Committee

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## DRAFT agenda Water Policy Interim Committee

May 20-21, 2024

Room 172

Agenda times are approximate

### Monday, May 20

1 p.m. Call to order—Chairman Walsh

- Roll call

1:05 p.m. Meeting overview

- Committee staff

1:15 p.m. Summary of *Schutter* decision

- Committee legal staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

1:45 p.m. Sanitation review and septic system approval after *Broadwater Co.* decision (tentative)

- DEQ
- DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

2:15 p.m. HB520: Study of private ponds

- Follow up on fry inspections, importation penalties, import licenses
  - FWP
- Next steps
  - Committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

2:45 p.m. Update to Governor's Drought and Water Supply report of April 15

- DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

3:15 p.m. Update from Water Pollution Control Advisory Council

- WPCAC presiding officer
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

3:45 p.m. Update on spring levels at Flathead Lake

- Energy Keepers
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

4:15 p.m. Triennial review of water quality standards

- DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

4:45 Update of TMDL list (75-5-703)

- DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

5 p.m. Recess

Tuesday, May 21

8 a.m. Reconvene

8:05 a.m. Proposed administrative rules

- Committee review of rules
  - Committee legal staff
- Update on narrative nutrient rule timeline
  - DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

8:30 a.m. Potential water resources in prairie snow

- Central Agricultural Research Center (Montana State Univ.)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

9 a.m. Update on Comprehensive Water Review

- DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

9:30 a.m. Adjudication report (85-2-281)

- DNRC
- Water Court
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10 a.m. Update on Water Rights Information System improvements, function

- Chairman Walsh
- DNRC
- Montana Water Court
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10:30 a.m. Update from Water Resources Division: distribution projects/red books, updated manuals and procedures

- DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11 a.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of WPIC

11:15 a.m. Administrative matters

- Directions to staff

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

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