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Room 172

Agenda times are approximate

Note: Members of the subcommittee are Reps. Carter, Cohenour, and Walsh (presiding officer); and Sens. Sales and Welborn.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

8:30 a.m. Call to order—Chairman Walsh

- Roll call

8:35 a.m. Meeting overview

- Alexis Sandru, legal staff

8:45 a.m. Overview of Water Right Information System (WRIS): what the database contains; what the database can accommodate; database quality, security, and records retention policies; accuracy and functionality of the query system

- DNRC
- Subcommittee questions

9:30 a.m. Use of and concerns with WRIS

- Montana Water Court
- Subcommittee questions

9:45 a.m. Public comment on WRIS use, suggestions for improvements

- Subcommittee questions

10:30 a.m. Priorities, action plans, resources

- Rep. Walsh
- Subcommittee discussion

11 a.m. Adjourn

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