

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 20, 2015 at 8:01 AM, in Room 317B Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch  
Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 1/9/2015

00:00:53 Chair Cuffe

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)**

**Presentation on Bridger Pipeline Spill near Glendive**

00:01:24 Eugene Pizzini, Public Water Supply Section, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:08:33 Chair Cuffe

00:09:06 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a01)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:25 Chair Cuffe

00:09:32 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:11:18 Chair Cuffe

00:11:31 Rep. Tropila

00:12:10 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:12:56 Chair Cuffe

00:13:09 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:13:52 Chair Cuffe

00:13:58 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:14:10 Chair Cuffe

00:14:15 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:14:53 Chair Cuffe

00:14:55 Sen. Ripley

00:15:17 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:16:25 Sen. Ripley

00:16:34 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:17:49 Sen. Ripley

00:18:35 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:20:03 Sen. Ripley

00:20:07 Chair Cuffe

00:20:09 Rep. Tropila

00:20:25 Chair Cuffe

00:20:40 Rep. Peppers

00:20:45 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:21:31 Chair Cuffe

00:21:45 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:21:50 Chair Cuffe

00:21:53 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:22:02 Chair Cuffe

00:22:04 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:22:15 Chair Cuffe

00:22:17 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:22:42 Chair Cuffe

00:23:08 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:23:28 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

00:23:55 Chair Cuffe

**Montana Surface Water**

00:24:04 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a02)**

00:27:48 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:54 Rep. Hagstrom  
 00:28:09 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ  
 00:29:20 Rep. Hagstrom  
 00:29:33 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ  
 00:29:50 Rep. Hagstrom  
 00:29:56 Sen. Ripley  
 00:30:33 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ  
 00:32:16 Sen. Ripley  
 00:32:45 Chair Cuffe  
 00:32:50 Eugene Pizzini, DEQ  
 00:32:57 Chair Cuffe

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

**Montana Association of Conservation Districts**

00:33:12 Pam Smith, Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
 00:33:27 Jeff Wivholm, Sheridan County, President, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) on behalf of all conservation projects  
 00:34:06 Chair Cuffe

**Garfield County Conservation District**

00:34:10 Pam Smith, DNRC  
**EXHIBIT(jlh12a03)**  
 Chair Cuffe left.  
 00:34:25 Chair Ripley  
 00:34:37 Tom Wankel, Garfield County Conservation District, and Little Dry Waters Users Association

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a04)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:26 Sen. Ripley  
 00:36:34 Tom Wankel, Garfield County  
 00:36:43 Chair Ripley  
 00:36:48 Tom Wankel, Garfield County  
 00:37:02 Rep. Hagstrom  
 00:37:16 Tom Wankal, Garfield County  
 00:37:38 Matt Johnson, Engineer, Garfield County Conservation District and Little Dry Waters Users Association  
 00:39:00 Rep. Hagstrom  
 00:39:06 Rep. Peppers  
 00:39:15 Matt Johnson, Engineer  
 00:39:45 Chair Ripley

**Malta Irrigation District, Peoples Creek Diversion**

00:40:01 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 00:40:16 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineer, WWC Engineering  
 00:43:26 Tara Taborsky, Malta Irrigation District

00:43:49 Chair Cuffe returned.  
00:44:14 Sarese Pankratz, Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and Ereaux Water Users  
Company  
00:45:22 Chair Cuffe

**East Bench Irrigation District, Main Canal Gate Automation**

00:45:34 Pam Smith, DNRC  
00:46:00 Dennis Miotke, Project Manager, East Bench Irrigation District, Dillon

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:51:10 Rep Peppers  
00:51:14 Dennis Miotke, Project Manager  
00:51:42 Chair Cuffe  
00:52:00 Dennis Miotke, Project Manager  
00:52:20 Chair Cuffe

**Glen Lake Irrigation District, Costich Drop Rehabilitation Project**

00:52:29 Pam Smith, DNRC  
00:52:51 Steve Curtis, Chairman, Glen Lake Irrigation District

**[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a05\)](#)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:07 Chair Cuffe  
01:00:56 Steve Curtis, Chairman  
01:01:00 Chair Cuffe  
01:01:04 Steve Curtis, Chairman  
01:01:57 Sen. Sesso  
01:02:10 Steve Curtis, Chairman  
01:03:04 Sen. Sesso  
01:03:11 Steve Curtis, Chairman  
01:03:44 Sen. Sesso  
01:03:55 Steve Curtis, Chairman  
01:04:13 Chair Cuffe  
01:04:25 Steve Curtis, Chairman  
01:04:29 Chair Cuffe  
01:04:43 Robbie Neihart, WWC Engineering  
01:05:07 Sen. Sesso  
01:05:22 Robbie Neihart, WWC Engineering  
01:05:38 Chair Cuffe  
01:05:45 Robbie Neihart, WWC Engineering

**Glen Lake Irrigation District, Costich Drop Rehabilitation Project, Continuation:**

01:06:00 Doug Benford, Glen Lake Irrigation  
01:07:16 Joe Purdy, Glen Lake Irrigation  
01:07:50 Chair Cuffe  
01:08:09 Shawn Higley, Engineer, WWC Engineering  
01:08:56 Chair Cuffe

**Huntley Project Irrigation District Project, Feasibility Study**

01:09:23 Pam Smith, DNRC  
01:09:42 Chair Cuffe  
01:09:57 Tom Wilson, Assistant Manager, Huntley Project Irrigation District

01:12:09 Chair Cuffe left.  
 01:14:11 Chair Ripley  
 01:14:43 Tammy Kust, Grant Writer, Huntley Project Irrigation District  
 01:16:17 Chair Ripley

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

01:16:24 Sen. Sesso  
 01:16:36 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 01:17:07 Sen. Sesso  
 01:17:24 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 01:17:38 Sen. Sesso  
 01:17:50 Todd Wilson, Assistant Manager  
 01:18:01 Chair Ripley  
 01:18:06 Tom Wilson, Assistant Manager  
 01:18:20 Rep. Tropila  
 01:18:37 Tom Wilson, Assistant Manager  
 01:19:17 Chair Ripley

**Town of Cascade, Cascade Missouri River Reclamation**

01:19:26 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 01:19:42 Jodi Campbell, Clerk, Cascade  
 01:23:13 Chair Cuffe

**Missoula County Weed District, Montana Biological Weed Control Coordination Project**

01:23:33 Pam Smith, NRC  
 01:24:21 Bryce Christians, Supervisor, Missoula County Weed District  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a06\)](#)  
 01:28:27 Chair Ripley

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:36 Rep. Hagstrom  
 01:28:53 Bryce Christians, Supervisor  
 01:29:22 Chair Cuffe returned.  
 01:29:33 Rep. Hagstrom  
 01:29:41 Bryce Christians, Supervisor  
 01:30:07 Chair Cuffe  
 01:30:12 Sen. Sesso  
 01:30:37 Bryce Christians, Supervisor  
 01:31:01 Sen. Sesso  
 01:31:34 Bryce Christians, Supervisor  
 01:31:58 Chair Cuffe

**Liberty County Conservation District, Marias River Bank Stabilization Project, Phase 2**

01:32:11 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 01:32:48 Gail Cicon, Liberty County Conservation District  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a07\)](#)  
 01:33:11 Chair Cuffe  
 01:33:34 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:35:06 Chair Cuffe  
 01:35:11 Rep Tropila  
 01:35:44 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:35:52 Rep. Tripola

01:36:15 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:37:17 Chair Cuffe  
 01:37:22 Rep. Peppers  
 01:37:27 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:37:41 Sen. Ripley  
 01:38:02 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:38:14 Chair Cuffe  
 01:38:31 Sen. Ripley  
 01:38:42 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:38:47 Sen. Ripley  
 01:38:51 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:38:56 Chair Cuffe  
 01:39:02 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer Specialist, Resource Development Bureau,  
 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DVRG)  
 01:40:44 Sen. Ripley  
 01:41:10 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
 01:41:57 Sen. Ripley  
 01:42:06 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
 01:42:21 Sen. Ripley  
 01:42:23 Chair Cuffe  
 01:42:26 Gail Cicon, Liberty County CD  
 01:42:56 Sen. Ripley  
 01:43:04 Chair Cuffe

**Ruby Valley Conservation District, Smith Slough/Smith Ditch Fisheries Enhancement**

01:43:09 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 01:43:25 Jennifer Downing, Executive Director, Big Hole Watershed Committee, and Ruby  
 Valley Conservation District  
 01:49:09 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:49:21 Sen. Sesso  
 01:49:30 Jennifer Downing, Executive Director  
 01:49:49 Chair Cuffe  
 01:49:59 Jennifer Downing, Executive Director  
 01:50:02 Chair Cuffe

**Green Mountain Conservation District, Improving Water Quality and Fish Habitat in the  
 Vermillion River Watershed**

01:50:07 Pam Smith, DNRC  
 01:50:19 Craig Neesvig, Hydrologist, United States Forest Service (USFS), representing  
 Green Mountain Conservation District

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:56:37 Chair Cuffe  
 01:56:52 Craig Neesvig, USFS  
 01:56:57 Rep. Tropila  
 01:57:11 Craig Neesvig, USFS  
 01:58:23 Chair Cuffe  
 01:58:42 Craig Neesvig, USFS  
 01:58:44 Chair Cuffe

01:58:53 Recessed.  
02:13:25 Reconvened.

**Lincoln County, Measuring and Modeling the Effects of Mining and Associated Reclamation Activities on Selenium and Nitrate Inputs on Lake Koocanusa**

02:13:28 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2  
02:17:32 Chair Ripley  
02:17:43 Eric Urban, Bureau Chief, Water Quality Planning Bureau, Planning, Prevention and Assistance Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
02:21:40 David Naftz, Research Hydrologist, United States Geological Survey (USGS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:23:13 Sen. Sesso  
02:23:19 Chair Ripley  
02:23:22 Sen. Smith  
02:23:40 Rep. Cuffe  
02:23:47 Sen. Smith  
02:23:53 Rep. Cuffe  
02:25:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
02:25:08 Rep. Cuffe  
02:25:25 Rep Tropila  
02:25:47 Rep. Cuffe  
02:25:59 Chair Ripley  
02:26:20 Rep. Cuffe left.

**Butte-Silver Bow Government, Moulton Reservoir - Reclamation & Protection**

02:26:14 Pam Smith, DNRC  
02:26:43 Matt Vincent, Chief Executive, Butte/Silver Bow County  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a08\)](#)  
02:30:45 Sen. Ripley

**Department of Natural Resources -Basin Commission Watershed Plan**

02:30:55 Pam Smith, DNRC  
02:31:24 Mark Bostrom, Administrator, Conservation Resource Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
02:36:15 Chair Ripley

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:36:27 Rep. Peppers  
02:36:38 Mark Bostrom, DNRC  
02:36:57 Chair Ripley  
02:37:11 Mark Bostrom, DNRC  
02:37:43 Chair Ripley  
02:37:54 Mark Bostrom, DNRC  
02:38:04 Alice Stanley, DNRC

**Park County**

02:40:06 Pam Smith, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a09\)](#)

**City of Bozeman**

02:40:27 Pam Smith, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a10)**

**Sanders County, Middle Clark Fork River, Plains Reach - Channel Stabilization**

02:40:45 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:41:13 John Lawyer, Plains Community and Town of Plains

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a11)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a12)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a13)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a14)**

02:42:09 Chair Cuffe returned.

02:47:08 Chair Cuffe

02:47:31 Greg Eitelberg, Mayor, Plains

02:48:42 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:48:46 Rep. Tropila

02:49:35 John Lawyer, Plains

02:49:52 Rep. Tropila

02:50:18 Sen. Sesso

02:50:31 Rep. Tropila

02:50:36 Chair Cuffe

02:51:13 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:51:50 Chair Cuffe

02:52:11 Cathy Duncan, LFD

02:52:21 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:53:21 Cathy Duncan, LFD

02:53:30 Pam Smith, DNRC

02:53:46 Sen. Sesso

02:54:55 Greg Eitelberg, Mayor

02:55:05 Sen. Sesso

02:55:23 Greg Eitelberg, Mayor

02:55:25 Sen. Sesso

02:55:30 Chair Cuffe

02:55:38 Jeff Dunn, Hydrologist, RESPEC, Sanders County

02:56:33 Chair Cuffe

02:56:45 Sen. Sesso

02:57:41 Greg Eitelberg, Mayor

02:58:28 Sen. Sesso

02:59:32 Greg Eitelberg, Mayor

03:00:14 Chair Cuffe

03:00:50 John Lawyer, Plains

03:03:05 Chair Cuffe

03:03:14 Sen. Ripley

03:04:04 John Lawyer, Plains

03:06:12 Sen. Ripley

03:06:40 John Lawyer, Plains

03:06:44 Chair Cuffe

**Mile High Conservation District, Blacktail Creek Non Point Nutrient Management Project**

03:07:22 Pam Smith, DNRC  
03:07:43 Ted Dodge, Executive Director, Watershed Restoration-Upper Clark Fork Basin  
03:12:31 Chair Cuffe  
03:12:40 Ted Dodge, Executive Director  
03:13:03 Chair Cuffe  
03:13:14 Ted Dodge, Executive Director

**Hill County, Watershed Plan, Beaver Creek Park**

03:13:37 Pam Smith, DNRC  
03:14:07 Mark Peterson, Hill County, representing Hill County and Rocky Boys Indian Reservation

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a15)**

03:19:58 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:20:05 Rep. Tropila  
03:20:32 Mark Peterson, Hill County  
03:21:16 Chair Cuffe  
03:21:42 Mark Peterson, Hill County  
03:22:04 Chair Cuffe  
03:22:12 Mark Peterson, Hill County  
03:22:39 Chair Cuffe  
03:22:43 Mark Peterson, Hill County  
03:22:53 Chair Cuffe  
03:23:02 Mark Peterson, Hill County

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a16)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh12a17)**

**Committee Business:**

03:23:15 Chair Cuffe  
03:23:33 Alice Stanley, DNRC  
03:24:54 Chair Cuffe  
03:26:14 Rep Tropila  
03:26:27 Chair Cuffe  
03:27:44 Cathy Duncan, DNRC  
03:28:13 Rep. Tropila  
03:28:30 Chair Cuffe  
03:28:45 Rep. Tropila  
03:28:50 Chair Cuffe  
03:28:57 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:29:26

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Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh12aad.pdf](#))**