

## MINUTES

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Cuffe, on January 21, 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)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch  
Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Political 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 180, 1/16/2015  
HB 105 1/09/2015  
Regional Water Program Updates and Introduction  
Regional Water Program Project Hearings  
Renewable Resources Grants and Loans (RRGL) Project Loans

00:00:07 Chair Cuffe  
00:00:13 Chair Cuffe recessed Hearing on HB5

**Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Regional Water**

00:00:44 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a01)**

00:02:20 Rep. Tropila arrived.  
00:05:57 Chair Cuffe  
00:06:41 Sen. Ripley  
00:06:49 Chair Cuffe  
00:07:09 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
00:07:15 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:25 Sen. Ripley  
00:07:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
00:07:57 Sen. Ripley  
00:08:03 Chair Cuffe

**HEARING ON HB 180**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:12 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 180, Revise regional water laws.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:42 Sen. Sesso arrived.  
00:08:49 Chair Cuffe  
00:09:02 Rep. Smith  
00:11:10 Chair Cuffe  
00:11:20 Rep. Smith  
00:11:45 Chair Cuffe

**Overview / Introduction:**

00:12:15 Anna Miller, Bureau Chief, Loan and Financial Management, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a02)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a03)**

00:15:16 Chair Cuffe  
00:15:19 Rep. Smith  
00:15:23 Chair Cuffe

**Proponents:**

00:15:47 Anna Miller, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a04)**

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a05)**

00:21:03 Chair Cuffe  
00:21:09 Steve Wade, Montana Regional Water Authority  
00:22:50 Chair Cuffe

00:23:23 Joni Sherman, Manager, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a07\)](#)

00:24:40 Chair Cuffe

00:28:24 Gary Amestoy, Dry Red Water Regional Water Project

00:33:02 Chair Cuffe

00:33:06 Gary Amestoy, Dry Red Water

00:34:10 Chair Cuffe

00:34:25 Gary Amestoy, Dry Red Water

00:34:32 Chair Cuffe

00:34:48 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

00:35:04 Monty Sealey, Roundup, Judith Musselshell Project - Central Montana

00:36:15 Chair Cuffe

00:36:23 Ron Devlin, Eastern Montana resident

00:37:34 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:08 Rep. Hagstrom

00:39:00 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:39:54 Rep. Hagstrom

00:39:57 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:40:11 Anna Miller, DNRC

00:41:29 Rep. Hagstrom

00:41:42 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:42:27 Chair Cuffe

00:42:32 Sen. Sesso

00:43:01 Chair Cuffe

00:43:14 Sen. Sesso

00:43:39 Anna Miller, DNRC

00:44:22 Sen. Sesso

00:45:49 Anna Miller, DNRC

00:47:06 Chair Cuffe

00:47:15 Sen. Ripley

00:47:43 Chair Cuffe

00:47:51 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:49:18 Sen Ripley

00:49:26 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:50:30 Rep. Tropila

00:50:59 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:52:19 Rep. Tropila

00:52:36 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:53:32 Chair Cuffe

00:53:36 Sen. Sesso

00:56:11 Chair Cuffe

00:56:18 Sen. Ripley

00:56:48 Chair Cuffe

00:58:31 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:58:59 Sen. Ripley

00:59:05 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:59:10 Cathy Duncan, LFD

00:59:43 Chair Cuffe

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:03 Rep Smith closed the hearing on HB 180.

01:00:32 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:01:35 Rep. Tropila

01:01:47 Chair Cuffe

01:02:10 Sen. Ripley

01:02:30 Chair Cuffe

01:02:51 Recessed.

01:20:35 Reconvened.

01:20:39 Chair Cuffe

01:21:05 Anna Miller, DNRC

01:21:11 Chair Cuffe

**Budget Analysis - Treasure State Endowment Program Regional Water (TSEPRW)**

**Proposal**

01:21:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD

01:31:57 Chair Cuffe

**TSEP Overview and 2015 Biennium Update**

01:32:01 Anna Miller, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a09\)](#)

**Rocky Boy's - North Central Regional Water System**

01:36:06 Larry Bonderud, Chairman, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority,  
and Mayor, Shelby

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a10\)](#)

01:42:09 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:42:24 Rep. Tropila

01:43:45 Anna Miller, DNRC.

01:46:38 Rep. Tropila

01:47:06 Anna Miller, DNRC

01:47:29 Rep. Tropila

01:47:37 Cathy Duncan, LFD

01:49:01 Rep. Tropila

01:49:41 Anna Miller, DNRC

01:50:38 Chair Cuffe

01:50:42 Sen. Sesso

01:52:05 Larry Bonderud, Chairman

01:54:11 Sen. Sesso

01:54:22 Larry Bonderud, Chairman

01:54:37 Sen. Sesso  
 01:54:56 Larry Bonderud, Chairman  
 01:55:05 Sen. Sesso  
 01:55:22 Larry Bonderud, Chairman  
 01:58:41 Chair Cuffe  
 01:58:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
 02:00:32 Anna Miller, DNRC  
 02:02:08 Chair Cuffe  
 02:02:30 Anna Miller, DNRC  
 02:03:31 Chair Cuffe  
 02:03:36 Anna Miller, DNRC  
 02:03:57 Chair Cuffe  
 02:04:03 Anna Miller, DNRC

### **North Central Regional Water System**

02:04:11 Steve Wade, North Central Regional Water Authority (NCRWA)

### **Questions from Committee and Responses:**

02:06:15 Chair Cuffe  
 02:06:50 Steve Wade, NCRWA  
 02:08:19 Chair Cuffe  
 02:08:26 Rep. Hagstrom  
 02:08:51 Steve Wade, NCRWA  
 02:09:33 Chair Cuffe  
 02:09:38 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Regional Water Authority (DPRWA)  
 02:12:00 Chair Cuffe  
 02:12:03 Rep Hagstrom  
 02:12:19 Krista Lee Evans, DPRWA  
 02:12:44 Sen. Ripley  
 02:13:08 Krista Lee Evans, DPRWA  
 02:13:36 Sen. Ripley  
 02:13:40 Chair Cuffe  
 02:13:41 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
 02:14:15 Rich Duncan, Regional Water Systems Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
 02:15:17 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
 02:15:57 Rich Duncan, DNRC  
 02:17:28 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
 02:17:44 Chair Cuffe  
 02:17:58 Anna Miller, DNRC

### **Central Montana, Judith-Musselshell Regional Water System**

02:18:38 Monty Sealey, Project Administrator, Central Montana Regional Water System (CMRWA)

### **EXHIBIT(jlh13a11)**

### **EXHIBIT(jlh13a12)**

02:29:13 Jeff Sell, Member, Central Montana Water Authority Board and Mayor, Harlowton  
 02:32:30 Chair Cuffe

**Fort Peck Dry Prairie Regional**

02:32:36 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:33:13 Joni Sherman, Manager, Dry Prairie Rural Water Project

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a13)**

02:35:31 Chair Cuffe

**Dry Red Water Regional Water System**

02:36:01 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:36:10 Gary Amestoy, Dry Red Water Regional Water

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a14)**

02:43:22 Chair Cuffe

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:43:57 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:44:19 Chair Cuffe

02:44:32 Rep. Tropila

02:44:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD

02:46:33 Chair Cuffe

**Renewable Resources Grants and Loans Program****Budget Analysis:**

02:46:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD

02:49:40 Chair Cuffe

02:49:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD

**Overview:**

02:52:53 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:56:09 Chair Cuffe

02:56:18 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:56:37 Chair Cuffe

02:56:58 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:57:13 Chair Cuffe

02:57:22 Anna Miller, DNRC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:03:15 Cathy Duncan, LFD

03:03:24 Anna Miller, DNRC

03:03:33 Cathy Duncan, LFD

03:03:40 Anna Miller, DNRC

03:05:22 Cathy Duncan, LFD

03:06:03 Anna Miller, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a15)****EXHIBIT(jlh13a16)**

03:10:02 Chair Cuffe

03:10:24 Anna Miller, DNRC

03:12:43 Chair Cuffe left.

03:13:54 Chair Ripley

03:14:11 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
(DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a17)**

03:23:08 Chair Cuffe returned.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:25:59 Chair Cuffe  
03:26:01 Bob Fischer  
03:26:48 Chair Cuffe  
03:27:04 Bob Fischer  
03:27:06 Chair Cuffe  
03:27:10 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:27:19 Chair Cuffe  
03:27:23 Bob Fischer  
03:27:29 Chair Cuffe  
03:27:03 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:31:31 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:31:43 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:31:53 Chair Cuffe  
03:31:57 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:32:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:32:54 Chair Cuffe  
03:32:59 Rep. Tropila  
03:33:50 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:34:37 Rep. Tropila  
03:34:53 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:34:57 Chair Cuffe  
03:35:02 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:35:12 Chair Cuffe  
03:35:16 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:35:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:36:15 Chair Cuffe  
03:36:27 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:36:31 Chair Cuffe  
03:36:43 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:37:06 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:38:15 Chair Cuffe  
03:38:23 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:38:49 Chair Cuffe  
03:38:54 Sen. Ripley  
03:39:09 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:39:43 Sen. Ripley  
03:39:47 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:39:53 Rep. Tropila  
03:40:32 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:40:46 Rep. Tropila  
03:40:50 Anna Miller, DNRC  
03:41:32 Rep, Tropila  
03:41:45 Anna Miller, DNRC  
03:42:11 Rep. Tropila

03:42:22 Anna Miller, DNRC  
03:42:34 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:43:00 Anna Miller, DNRC  
03:43:37 Chair Cuffe  
03:43:46 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:45:18 Chair Cuffe  
03:45:31 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:46:06 Chair Cuffe  
03:46:55 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:46:59 Chair Cuffe  
03:47:01 Bob Fischer, DNRC  
03:47:18 Anna Miller, DNRC  
03:48:03 Chair Cuffe

**Committee Business:**

03:48:27 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

**EXHIBIT(jlh13a18)**

03:49:07 Chair Cuffe  
03:49:40 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP  
03:49:43 Chair Cuffe  
03:50:00 Anna Miller, DNRC  
03:50:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:52:24 Chair Cuffe  
03:52:37 Cathy Duncan, LFD  
03:52:43 Chair Cuffe

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:52:56

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Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh13aad.pdf](#))**