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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Kenneth L. Holmlund, on January 29, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317C Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Keane (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Legislative Branch
Hannah Winn, 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: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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08:32:23 Chair Holmlund
08:34:03 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a05\)](#)

08:35:54 Chair Holmlund
08:36:20 Rep. Keane joined the meeting.

Agency Presentations:

08:36:31 Mark Bostrom, Montana Department of Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a08\)](#)

08:47:50 Sen. Ellis
08:48:19 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
08:48:59 Anna Miller, Montana Department of Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
08:49:44 Sen. Welborn
08:50:05 Anna Miller, DNRC
08:50:29 Rep. Keane
08:50:42 Anna Miller, DNRC
08:51:12 Rep. Keane
08:51:29 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:08:33 Rep. Keane
09:08:45 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:08:59 Rep. Keane
09:09:05 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:09:51 Sen. Ellis
09:10:21 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:10:31 Sen. Ellis
09:11:10 Rob Miller, LFD
09:11:22 Sen. Welborn
09:11:41 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:12:06 Sen. Welborn
09:13:18 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:19:54 Rep. Keane
09:21:18 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:21:41 Rep. Keane
09:22:11 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:22:22 Rep. Keane
09:22:34 Vice Chair Ankney
09:22:46 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
09:23:57 Jan Langel, Montana Department of Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
09:41:24 Rep. Keane
09:41:37 Jan Langel, DNRC
09:41:54 Brian Holling, Montana Department of Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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09:42:41 Rep. Keane
09:42:53 Brian Holling, DNRC
09:43:25 Rep. Keane
09:43:42 John Tubbs, Director, Montana Department of Resources and Conservation
(DNRC)
09:46:49 Rep. Keane
09:47:09 Jan Langel, DNRC
09:47:23 Sen. Ellis
09:48:05 Jan Langel, DNRC
09:50:10 Sen. Ellis
09:50:34 Jan Langel, DNRC
09:52:33 Vice Chair Ankney
09:53:16 Jan Langel, DNRC
09:53:38 Chair Holmlund

09:54:38 Recessed
10:05:44 Reconvened

10:05:48 Vice Chair Ankney

Public Comment:

10:06:30 Dan McGowan, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a10\)](#)

10:12:11 Chair Holmlund left the meeting

10:18:49 Laurie Curtis, Upper Columbia Conservation Commission, Flathead
Conservation District, Whitefish Lake Institute

10:21:49 Ed Lieser, Flathead Basin Commission

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a11\)](#)

10:25:25 Rep. Keane

10:25:47 Jennifer Downing, Big Hole Watershed Committee

10:27:40 Mark Suta, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

10:29:47 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority, Water Rights Coalition,
Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators, Montana Water Resources
Association (MWRA)

10:32:52 Jim Simpson, Lake County Conservation District, Montana Association of
Conservation Districts (MACD), Soil and Water Conservation Districts of
Montana Flathead Basin Commission

10:37:14 Jane Holzer, Director, Montana Salinity Control Association, (MSCA)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a12\)](#)

10:39:38 Greg Jergeson, Blaine County Conservation District

10:44:38 John W. Camden, Montana Rural Water Systems

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a13\)](#)

10:45:46 Glenn Oppel, Central Montana Regional Water Authority

[EXHIBIT\(jnh17a14\)](#)

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10:46:57 Mike Hansen, Gallatin Conservation District, Montana Association of
Conservation District (MACD), Montana Soil and Water Conservation District,
Missouri River Conservation District
10:49:31 Kevin Durocher, Montana Rural Water Systems
10:50:48 Jim Magone, Self
10:51:36 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
10:51:58 Jeff Ryan, Lewis and Clark Conservation District
10:54:07 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Water Coalition
10:54:40 Gail Cicon, Liberty County Conservation District
10:56:12 Jeff Kemp, Swan Lakers
10:57:30 Phil Matson, Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS), Upper Columbia
Conservation Commission
10:59:58 Mike Koopal, Whitefish Lake Institute, Flathead Basin Commission, Upper
Columbia Conservation Commission, Montana Watershed Coordination Council
11:01:13 Scott Brown, Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA), Cascade County
Conservation District
11:02:06 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
11:02:45 Dean Rogge, Garfield County Conservation District
11:04:46 Dan Rostad, Boulder River Watershed Association, Sweetgrass County
Conservation District, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council
11:07:45 Dawn Youngbauer, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD),
Rosebud Conservation District, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council
11:08:21 Rachel Frost, Missouri River Conservation District Council
11:10:06 Abigail St. Laurence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association
11:11:48 Karen Laitala, Powell County Weed Board, The Blackfoot Challenge
11:12:24 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
11:12:35 Chair Holmlund returned to meeting.
11:13:44 Steve Wanderaas, McCone County Conservation District
11:14:51 Julie Spencer, Montana Rural Water Systems
11:15:44 Greg Mohr, Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority
11:16:31 Richard Janssen, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Flathead Basin
Commission
11:17:27 Phil Matson, FLBS, Upper Columbia Conservation Commission

EXHIBIT(jnh17a15)

11:18:13 Vice Chair Ankney
11:18:21 Director Tubbs, DNRC
11:18:31 Vice Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:18:39

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jnh17aad.pdf](#))