

## FINAL AGENDA

### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

State Capitol, Room 102  
3:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, Sept. 14, 2007

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.**

**[EQC Agency Oversight Subcommittee Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 102]**

#### **EQC MEETING:**

##### **Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007:**

3:00 p.m.      **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chairman Dave Wanzenried

3:05 p.m.      **Administrative Matters**

1.      Adoption of June 28 and 29, EQC Meeting Minutes
2.      Adoption of EQC Rules and Procedures
3.      Adoption of EQC Work Plan
4.      EQC Budget Review

3:30 p.m.      **Climate Change Panel Discussion**

1.      Steven Running - UM ecology professor
2.      Phillip Farnes - retired civil engineer, Soil Conservation Service
3.      Joseph Caprio - retired MSU professor, agricultural climatology
4.      James Taylor - attorney, editor Environment and Climate News
5.      Public Comment

6:00 p.m.      **Direction from Council Regarding Climate Change Study**

7:00 p.m.      **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**

##### **Friday, Sept. 14, 2007:**

8:00 a.m.      **Reconvene EQC Meeting**

8:05 a.m.      **Agency Oversight Subcommittee Report** - Senator Shockley

8:15 a.m.      **Update on ETIC Carbon Sequestration Study** - Ms. Nowakowski

8:30 a.m.      **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee Activities** - Ms. Evans

9:00 a.m.      **Water Adjudication Process Oversight**

1.      Department of Natural Resources and Conservation update - Director Sexton
2.      Montana Water Court Update - Judge Loble
3.      Public Comment

- 9:45 a.m.      **Update On Montana's Fire Season/Costs** -Director Sexton
- 10:15 a.m.      **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.      **HJR 57 Conservation Easement/Trust Land**
1.      Introduction/Overview - Mr. Kolman
  2.      Trust Land Management - Mr. Tom Schultz, DRNC
  3.      Conservation Easement Audit - Mr. Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit
  4.      Questions and Discussion - EQC
  5.      Public Comment
  6.      Directions to Staff
- 12:00 a.m.      **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 1:15 p.m.      **Status Report on PPL Montana and Avista Corp. v. State of Montana Lawsuit**
1.      Candy West, Assistant Attorney General, DOJ
  2.      Public Comment
- 1:40 p.m.      **Update on Water Related Research by Other State Entities**
1.      Gretechen Rupp, Director of the Montana Water Center
  2.      Public Comment
- 2:00 p.m.      **Review and Status of Petroleum Release Programs**
1.      Petroleum Technical Section of DEQ - John Arrigo, Acting Bureau Chief
  2.      Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board - Terry Wadsworth, Board Director
  3.      Public Comment
- 3:00 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 3:15 p.m.      **DEQ's Role in Remediation in Light of Recent Supreme Court Decisions in Sunburst School District v. Texaco and Shammel v. Canyon Resources**
1.      Summary of Decisions - John North, Chief Legal Counsel, DEQ
  2.      DEQ Role - John North, Chief Legal Counsel, DEQ
  3.      Public Comment
- 4:15 p.m.      **Other Business**
- 4:25 p.m.      **Instructions to Staff**
- 4:30 p.m.      **ADJOURN**

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