

FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 172

8:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010 and 8:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 8, 2010

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

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010:

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chairman Vincent
- 8:35 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Everts
1. Adoption of September 10 and 11 EQC Meeting Minutes
 2. EQC Budget Review
- 8:45 a.m. **HJR 1 -- Study of Biomass**
1. Background paper review -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Discussion of Biomass Availability
 - Todd Morgan, University of Montana, forestry perspective
 - Brian Spangler, DEQ, agricultural residue perspective
 3. Public Comment
 4. Discussion & Questions -- EQC
 5. Committee action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DNRC -- Potomac land acquisition**
1. Update on acquisition land values -- Dir. Sexton, DNRC
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 4. Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **HJR 15 -- Tourism/Recreational Access Study**
1. Draft study summary -- Ms. Stockwell
 2. FWP Comment, Chas Van Genderen
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 5. Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. **Noxious Weeds Panel Discussion**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Stockwell
 2. Scott Bockness, Montana Weed Control Association
 3. Jed Fitch, Beaverhead County Attorney
 4. Dave Burch, Weed Program Manager, Dept. of Ag
 5. Dave Shulz, Madison County Commissioner
 6. Public Comment
 7. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 8. Committee action, if any

- 2:00 p.m. **SJR 28 -- Study of Recycling**
1. Background paper -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. E-waste discussion
 - State perspective -- Sandra Boggs, DEQ
 - Private perspective -- Brandon Fox, Tatoonine Electronics
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 5. Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: DNRC Homesite/Cabin Leasing Program -- DNRC**
1. Status report -- Dir. Sexton & Jeanne Holmgren
 2. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee action, if any
- 5:00 p.m. **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**
- Friday, January 8, 2009:**
- 8:30 a.m. **Reconvene EQC Meeting**
- 8:35 a.m. **Rule Review -- Mr. Everts**
- 8:45 am. **HJR 30 -- Study of Fire Suppression**
1. Update 2009 fire season costs -- Barb Smith, LFD
 2. Use of unspent suppression appropriation, Bob Harrington, DNRC
 3. National fire policy conference report, Bob Harrington, DNRC
 4. Public Comment
 5. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 6. Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. **Agency Oversight: FWP**
1. Wolf management & litigation update--Bob Lane, FWP
 - Withdrawal of land from Block Management Program
 - Public Comment
 - Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 2. HB 42, Forest Management Plan, status of fuel load assessment
 - Chas Van Genderen, Parks & Ken McDonald, Wildlife
 - Public Comment
 - Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **Environmental Public Health Tracking Update**
1. Introduction -- Ms. Stockwell
 2. Update on status of hospital discharge data collection system
 - Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 - Bob Olson, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association
 3. Participation of federal agency hospitals in data collection

- Dr. Douglas Moore, Indian Health Service
 - Ruth Linfield, RN, MSN, VA Montana Healthcare System
4. Public Comment
 5. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
 6. Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m.

Permitting Primer Publication Update

1. Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski and Ms. Stockwell
2. Overview of similar DEQ effort -- Bonnie Lovelace, DEQ
3. Public Comment
4. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any

1:30 p.m.

Agency Oversight -- SB 97 Petroleum Tank Release Fund

1. Overview of Fund's Financial Status -- Ms. Stockwell
2. Public Comment
3. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
4. Committee action, if any

2:00 p.m.

Update on Water Policy Interim Committee -- Mr. Kolman

2:15 p.m.

Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee -- Ms. Nowakowski

2:30 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 p.m.

Agency Oversight -- DEQ: CECRA Rulemaking

1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Overview -- DEQ staff
3. Public Comment
4. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any

3:45 p.m.

Agency Oversight -- Board of Environmental Review Greenhouse Gas Emission Rulemaking

1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Overview -- DEQ staff
3. Public Comment
4. Questions & Discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any

4:45 p.m.

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

5:00 p.m.

Other Business

5:05 p.m.

Instructions to Staff

5:10 p.m.

Adjourn