

FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 172

8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2010 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2010

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

Thursday, March 4, 2010:

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call** - Chairman Vincent

8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters** - Mr. Everts
1. Adoption of January 7 and 8 EQC meeting minutes
2. EQC budget review

8:10 a.m. **Fiscal Considerations: Natural Resource Issues**
1. Overview -- Barb Smith, LFD
2. Public comment
3. Questions & discussion – EQC
4. Committee action, if any
5. Directions to staff

9:00 a.m. **HJR 1 -- Study of Biomass**
1. Dave Sjoding, Northwest CHP Application Center
2. Douglas Beer, Access Energy Technologies
3. Chad DeLong, Tracy McIntyre -- follow-up to September forestry study presentation
4. Review of draft report -- Ms. Nowakowski
5. Public comment
6. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
7. Committee action, if any
8. Directions to staff

(a 15 minute break will occur at approximately 10:00 a.m.)

11:50 a.m. **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee** -- Mr. Kolman

11:55 a.m. **Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee** -- Ms. Nowakowski

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **HJR 30 -- Study of Fire Suppression**
1. Overview of HJR 30 activity and discussion of next steps -- Leanne Kurtz, LSD
2. Fiscal considerations specific to fuels mitigation and fire suppression -- Barb Smith, LFD
3. Trees and water, an overview - Bob Harrington, DNRC
4. Public comment
5. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
6. Committee action, if any
7. Directions to staff

- 2:15 p.m. **SJR 28 -- Study of Recycling**
1. Review of draft report & draft recommendations worksheet -- Ms. Nowakowski
 2. Public comment
 3. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
 4. Committee action, if any
 5. Directions to staff

2:45 p.m. **BREAK**

3:00 p.m. **Discussion of other possible study direction & legislation**

1. HJ 15: Tourism and Recreational Access Study
 - Overview -- Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
2. Environmental Public Health Tracking
 - Overview -- Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff
3. Any unfinished discussion from earlier in the day
 - Questions & discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
 - Directions to staff

4:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: DNRC -- Cabinsite Leasing**

1. Review of legal issues raised in January -- Mr. Everts
2. Agency comment
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any
6. Directions to staff

5:00 p.m. **RECESS OF EQC MEETING**

Friday, March 5, 2010:

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

8:05 a.m. **Rule Review --**

1. General overview, Mr. Everts
2. CECRA: DEQ
 - response to EQC letter
 - update on working group status
 - review of CECRA rulemaking economic impact statement
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any

- 8:45 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- 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
- 9:00 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- Compliance & Enforcement Report**
1. Introduction – Mr. Everts
 2. Overview – DEQ
 3. Public comment
 4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
 5. Committee action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Agency Oversight: DEQ -- Opencut Mining Program**
1. Introduction – Mr. Kolman
 2. Judy Hanson, DEQ
 3. Public comment
 4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
 5. Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. **Agency Oversight: FWP – Wolf Management**
1. Department presentation
 - Litigation update, if any
 - Response to questions raised at January EQC
 - cost of management, state & federal funding
 - accuracy of population count
 - case-by-case analysis of agency response to depredation
 - would allowing ranchers to kill wolves without a permit impact general hunting season quota
 - impacts of wolves on ungulate populations
 - presence of tapeworm in wolves and agency efforts on public education & outreach
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: FWP – Wolf Management (continued)**
2. Department presentation continued, if necessary
 3. Public Comment
 4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
 5. Committee action, if any
 6. Directions to staff
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**

- 3:15 p.m. **HJR 1 Biomass Study (continued)**
1. Policy recommendations from Biomass Working Group
 Bob Harrington, DNRC
 2. Public Comment
 3. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
 4. Committee action, if any
 5. Directions to staff
- 4:00 p.m. **Continued Council discussion of any study recommendations
& possible legislation** – if necessary
1. Discussion – EQC
 2. Public comment
 3. Committee action, if any
 4. Directions to staff
- 4:40 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is
within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 4:50 p.m. **Other Business**
- 4:55 p.m. **Instructions to Staff**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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