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FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172
July 12-13 2012

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** - Sen. Hamlett
• Roll Call
- 9:05 a.m. **Numeric Nutrient Standards Report (75-5-313, MCA)**
• George Mathieus, DEQ
• Public comment
• Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9:20 a.m. **TMDL Update for Threatened or Impaired Water Bodies (75-5-703, MCA)**
• George Mathieus, DEQ
• Public comment
• Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. **Stream Flows and Drought Update**
• Wayne Berkas, USGS
• Tim Davis, DNRC
• Public comment
• Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9: 45 a.m. **Water Right and Water Access Valuation Reports**
• Jeanne Holmgren, DNRC
• Public comment
• Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **2013 Agency Legislation**
• Introduction, Joe Kolman, staff
• Tim Davis, DNRC
• Bill Schultz, DNRC
• Richard Opper, DEQ
• Public comment

- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

11:15 a.m. **Water Issues Related to Oil and Gas Development**

- Tim Davis, DNRC
- Richard Opper, DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Noon **Lunch**

1 p.m. **Update on Revisions to Beneficial Use Permit and Change Forms**

- Tim Davis, DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

1:30 p.m. **Hydrogeology Related to Exempt Wells**

- John Metesh and John Wheaton, MBMG
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

2:15 p.m.. **Exempt Well Study**

- Study update, Joe Kolman
- Bill drafts
- Draft report
- Findings and recommendations
- Public comment
- Instructions to staff

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

Recess for the day

Reconvene Friday, July 13

9:00 p.m. **Ground Water Investigation Program Project Updates**

- John Wheaton and Ginette Abdo, MBMG
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

9:45 a.m. **Water Right Adjudication Update**

- DNRC - Tim Davis
- Montana Water Court - Judge Loble
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

10:00 a.m. **Rule Review**

- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
- Public comment

- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

10:15 a.m.

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- John Metesh, MBMG
- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

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Break

11:00 a.m.

Exempt Well Study (continued)

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Other business

Administrative matters

Instructions to staff

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Adjourn

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