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FINAL AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 172
September 11 and 12, 2013

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Chairman Brenden
- 8:05 a.m. **Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman**
- Adoption of EQC Minutes from June 19-20
 - EQC Budget Overview
- 8:10 a.m. **Finalization of Interim Work Plan**
- Review - Mr. Kolman
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
 - Public Comment
 - Committee action
- 8:20 a.m. **State Water Plan Update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
 - Public Comment
 - Committee action
- 8:35 a.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review**
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
 - Exempt Well Rulemaking - Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Questions/discussion - EQC
 - Public Comment
 - Committee action
- 9:30 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update -- Mr. Mohr**
- 9:35 a.m. **BREAK**

- 9:45 a.m. Travel to Reeder's Alley (Helena) for tour -- EQC members meet vans on south side of Capitol in the horseshoe drive
- 10:00 a.m. **SJR 4 Study: Tour of Reeder's Alley, downtown Helena** - led by Ellen Baumler, Interpretive Historian, Montana Historical Society
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Reeder's Alley for EQC members
- 12:30 p.m. Return to Capitol
- 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. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management**
- Introduction, Mr. Kolman
 - History and policy overviews of federal land management
 - Martin Nie, University of Montana
 - Jay O'Laughlin, University of Idaho
- 1:55 p.m. • Federal management responsibilities and issues
- Tom Schmidt, Northern Region Deputy Regional Forester
 - Theresa Hanley, BLM Associate State Director
- 2:25 p.m. • Private land management perspective
- Doug Mote, Mote Lumber
- 2:40 p.m. • Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Introduction of Ten Mile Project and Tour Preview**
- Ron Alles, Helena City Manager
 - Bill Avey, Supervisor Lewis and Clark National Forest
- 3:45 p.m. BREAK
- 4:00 p.m. **Depart for EQC Tour of Ten Mile Watershed (Helena)**

Thursday, September 12, 2013:

- 8:00 a.m. **SJ 4 - Study of Virginia/Nevada Cities and Reeder's Alley**
- Introduction - Ms. Kurtz, Sen. Keane
 - Fiscal reports - Kris Wilkinson, Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFD
 - Reeder's Alley maintenance - Elijah Allen, Director of Operations, Montana Heritage Commission
 - Virginia City/Nevada City season review - Mr. Allen
 - MHC financial overview - Mr. Allen
 - Inventory project, contract - Mr. Allen
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any

- 9:00 a.m. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management**
- Mr. Kolman
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 609 - Study of DFWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses**
- Introduction, Ms. Stockwell
 - Overview of FWP's current fiscal situation - Sue Daly, FWP
 - Hunting/fishing license trends - Hank Worsech, FWP
 - Licensing in other states - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Fire Season Update (Tab 10)**
- Financial Overview - Roger Lloyd, LFD
 - Bob Harrington, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 1:45 p.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement
Petroleum Tank Release Site Closure Update (HB 613, 2011)**
- Update - Rebecca Ridenour, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Agency Oversight: State Parks and Recreation Board Update &
Update on Bannack State Park**
- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:20 p.m. **EQC Statutory Reporting Requirement
FWP Maintenance Account Report**
- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m.

Sage Grouse Advisory Council Update

- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
- Sen. Hamlett, Rep. McChesney
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m.

Bison Management Update

- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

3:45 p.m.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update

- Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP
- Ray Beck, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

4:15 p.m.

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Other Business
Instructions to Staff

Adjourn

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