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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
State Capitol, Room 317
September 10 and 11, 2014

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order - Roll Call
Chairman Brenden

Administrative Matters - Mr. Kolman

- Adoption of EQC Minutes from September 2014 (Tab 1)
- Interim Update

8:10 a.m.

Petroleum Tank Release Program/Fund Coordination Update

- Tom Livers, DEQ
- Terry Wadsworth, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund
- Mike Trombetta, DEQ
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

8:40 a.m.

Sage Grouse Management Plan Update

- Tim Baker, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisor
- FWP Director Jeff Hagener
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

9:30 a.m.

BREAK

9:40 a.m.

SJ 4 - Study of Virginia City, Nevada City, Reeder's Alley (Tab 2)

- Ms. Kurtz
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

- 9:55 a.m. **Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Update**
- Ms. Nowakowski
- 10:00 a.m. **ETIC request for joint subcommittee on EPA carbon rule (Tab 3)**
- Sen. Cliff Larsen, ETIC Chair
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 609 - Study of FWP Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Tab 4)**
- Review of public comment on draft report and proposed legislation
- Ms. Stockwell
 - FWP Budget Update - Director Jeff Hagener
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **Devolution of Canada Lands to NW Territories**
- Martin Goldney, Chief Negotiator for the Government of the
Northwest Territories on the Devolution of Lands and Resources
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **SJ 15 - Study of Federal Land Management (Tab 5)**
- Overview - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and
that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 1:30 p.m. **Review of Agency Legislative Proposals (Tab 6)**
- Overview - Mr. Kolman
- DNRC -- Director John Tubbs**
- Public Comment
 - EQC questions, discussion, action, if any
- 2:10 p.m. **DEQ -- Director Tracy Stone-Manning**
- Public Comment
 - EQC questions, discussion, action, if any
- 2:50 p.m. BREAK

- 3:05 p.m. **FWP** -- Director Jeff Hagener
- Public Comment
 - EQC questions, discussion, action, if any
- 3:45 p.m. **State assumption of dredge and fill permit program (Tab 7)**
- Overview. Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 5:00 p.m. Recess for day

Thursday, September 11, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. **Bison Management Update**
- Dr. Martin Zaluski, DOL
 - Jeff Hagener, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m. **Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update**
- Linnaea Schroeer, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. **Statutory Administrative Rule Review (Tab 8)**
- General overview – Ms. Thigpen
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:15 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee Update -- Mr. Mohr**
- 9:30 a.m. BREAK
- 9:45 a.m. **State Water Plan Update (Tab 9)**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

10:15 a.m..

Fire Season Update

- Bob Harrington, DNRC
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

10:30 a.m.

Endangered Species Act ruling on State Forests (Tab 10)

- Sonya Germann, DNRC
- Tim Bodurtha, USFWS
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion/next steps -- EQC
- Committee action, if any

11:00 a.m.

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

11:15 a.m.

Other Business

- Final EQC action on reports or proposed legislation not already acted upon

Instructions to Staff

Adjourn

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