



## Water Policy Interim Committee

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DRAFT AGENDA (as of May 18, 2015)

# WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172

June 1-2, 2015

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 1 p.m.      **Call to Order** - Sen. Chas Vincent
- Roll Call
  - Committee member introductions
  - Approval of minutes from October 2014
- 1:10 p.m.      **Staff introductions, WPIC overview** – Mr. Mohr
- 1:20 p.m.      **Adoption of rules** (*Tab 1*) – Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
  - Committee discussion and action
- 1:25 p.m.      **Review of 2015 water legislation** (*Tab 2*) – Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 1:45 p.m.      **Agency overviews**
- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – Director John Tubbs
  - Department of Environmental Quality – Director Tom Livers
  - Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks – Director Jeff Hagener
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
- 2:30 p.m.      **Break**
- 2:45 p.m.      **Election of WPIC chair and vice chair** (*Tab 3*)
- 3:15 p.m.      **Discussion of interim priorities** (*Tab 4*)
- Overview of draft work plan – Mr. Mohr
  - Overview of administrative rulemaking – Ms. Thigpen
  - Public comment
  - Committee discussion



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4 p.m.

#### Public comment

- Representatives of organizations or other members of the public interested in water issues may introduce themselves to the committee or provide comment on any matter related to water policy
- Committee questions

4:30 p.m.

**Recess** for day. Reconvene at 9 a.m.

### Tuesday, June 2

9 a.m.

#### Reconvene

9:05 a.m.

#### Water supply outlook (Tab 5)

- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
- Mike McLane, water conservation specialist, Fisheries Bureau, FWP
- Public Comment
- Committee questions and discussion

9:30 a.m.

#### Water right adjudication update (75-5-313, MCA) (Tab 6)

- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
- Russ McElyea, chief water judge, Montana Water Court -
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

10 a.m.

#### Overview of Ground Water Programs (85-1-203, MCA) (Tab 7)

- John Metesh, director and state geologist, Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Ginette Abdo, senior research hydrologist and program manager, Ground Water Investigation Program
- John LaFave, senior research hydrologist and program manager, Ground Water Assessment Program
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

10:45 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m.

#### Numeric Nutrient Standards Report (75-5-313, MCA)

- Eric Urban, bureau chief, Water Quality Standards Section, DEQ
- Public Comment
- Committee questions and discussion



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- 11:15 a.m.     **Future federal water quality standards**
- Eric Urban, bureau chief, Water Quality Standards Section, DEQ
- 11:30 p.m.     **CSKT compact implementation update**
- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
  - Status of *FJBC v. State* – Ms. Thigpen
  - Committee questions and discussion
- Noon           **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.     **Adoption of committee work plan**
- Committee discussion and action
- 2 p.m.         **Administrative matters**
- Budget overview -- Mr. Mohr
  - Adoption of interim WPIC meeting dates -- Mr. Mohr
    - Public comment
    - Committee discussion and action
- 2:45 p.m.     **Public Comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC**
- 3:00 p.m.     **Other business**
- 3:15 p.m.     **Instructions to staff**
- 3:30 p.m.     **Adjourn**

*Meeting attendees who may need services or accommodations should contact Jason Mohr (406-444-1640 or [jasonmohr@mt.gov](mailto:jasonmohr@mt.gov)) at least 5 working days before the meeting.*