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Room 172, State Capitol Building

Oct. 12, 2016

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Wednesday, Oct. 12

10 a.m. **Call to Order** – Sen. Hamlett

10:05 a.m. Draft legislation: **Limit adverse effects analysis** (LCwp4b) (Tab 1)

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion, questions, and action

10:45 a.m. Draft legislation: **Establish SWAMP** (LCwp82) (Tab 2)

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion, questions, and action

11:30 a.m. Draft legislation: **Allow Water Court review of certain DNRC decisions** (LCwp06) (Tab 3)

- Ms. Thigpen
- Public comment
- Committee discussion, questions, and action

12:15 Break

12:30 p.m. Draft legislation: **Authorize DEQ assumption of dredge and fill permitting** (LCwp81) (Tab 4)

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion, questions, and action

1:15 p.m. **Discussion of exempt wells**

- Montana Supreme Court ruling in *Clark Fork Coalition v. Montana Well Drillers* (Tab 5)
 - Ms. Thigpen
- LCwp7b – Modify permit exemptions for certain ground water appropriations
 - Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion, questions, and action

2 p.m. Draft legislation: **Expand duties of river basin councils** (LCwp83 and LCwp93)
(Tab 6)

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee discussion, questions, and action

2:45 p.m. Selection of committee bill sponsors

- Mr. Mohr
- Public comment
- Committee action

3 p.m. **Adjourn**

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