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TO: Council Members
FR: EQC Staff
RE: June 29-30 Environmental Quality Council Meeting

June 14, 2017

Greetings EQC members. These are the materials for the **June 29-30** meeting. Please bring these materials to the meeting.

The meeting begins with a tour of AIS inspection facilities at Canyon Ferry Reservoir. Please gather at 8:45 a.m. on the south side of the Capitol in the horseshoe parking area to hitch a ride in the EQC vans. We ordered a variety of sack lunches. We convene at the Capitol for the afternoon meeting.

Casual wear is appropriate for the entire first day.

At this meeting, the Council reviews, discusses, and adopts a draft work plan for the interim. The EQC's work plan prioritizes study and oversight topics, allocates staff and Council resources, establishes an interim meeting date calendar, and generally sets the tone for the interim.

Enclosures include:

- a draft agenda;
- the *Council Member's Guide to the Environmental Quality Council*;
- EQC minutes from last interim for adoption; (Tab 1)
- EQC draft rules and procedures; (Tab 2)
- a history of EQC leadership; (Tab 3)
- the draft EQC Work Plan and Work Plan Decision Matrix; (Tab 4)
- agency program evaluation materials; (Tab 5)
- Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management 2016 Annual Report; (Tab 6)
- sage grouse conservation program materials; (Tab 7)
- Orphan share remedial action update; (Tab 8)
- cabin and home site sales report; (Tab 9)
- a summary of natural resource laws and vetoes from the 2017 Legislature; (Tab 10)
- Montana invasive species framework
- Brucellosis management performance audit

Hope Stockwell and I will be the main staff members working with the Council this interim. Sonja Nowakowski, Jason Mohr, and Trevor Graff will contribute significantly. We all look forward to working with you. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

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