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FINAL AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
Libby, MT -- City Hall
952 E Spruce, Ponderosa Room
September 25-26, 2019

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

- 8:15 a.m. Meet at Libby City Hall parking lot - 952 E Spruce
- 8:30 a.m. Tour - Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling/Monitoring
- View discovery site in Libby
 - Test sample collection demonstration at FWP Office located at 385 Fish Hatchery Road
- 10:30 a.m. Depart for Riverfront Park
- 11:00 a.m. Tour - Libby asbestos remediation ([Tab 1](#))
Riverfront Park, 123 City Service Road
- 12:00 p.m. Return to City Hall - Meet in Ponderosa Room
Lunch provided for EQC members
- 1:00 p.m. Call to Order - Roll Call
Chairman Keane
- 1:05 p.m. Discussion of tours
- EQC members
 - Public comment
 - Committee action, if any

- 1:30 p.m. Chronic wasting disease: review of state plan, Libby incident response, education/outreach, upcoming hunting season [\(Tab 2\)](#)
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Review of CSU lab contract and test turnaround times - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. Wolf management report [\(Tab 3\)](#)
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Sage grouse population report [\(Tab 4\)](#)
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. Grizzly bear management update
- Wayne Kasworm, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:00 p.m. **Lake Koocanusa selenium update**
- Myla Kelly, Water Quality Standards Section Supervisor, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:30 p.m. **Pacific Trail**
- Introduction - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 5:00 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 5:10 p.m. Supper on your own
- 7:00 p.m. **SJ20: Wilderness Study Areas** (Tab 5) [\(A\)](#) [\(B\)](#) [\(C\)](#) [\(D\)](#) [\(E\)](#)
- Introduction - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:00 p.m. Recess

Thursday, September 26, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. **Statutory administrative rule review** [\(Tab 8\)](#)
- Mr. Carroll
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:20 a.m. **Agency quarterly financial reports & HB715 study update**
(Tab 9) [\(A\)](#) [\(B\)](#) [\(C\)](#)
- Quinn Holzer, Operations Manager, Legislative Fiscal Division
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m. **Good neighbor authority forestry contracts**
- Doug Turman, Forestry Program Manager, DNRC
 - Jodi Turk, Federal Engagement Forester, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 9:00 a.m. **Fire season & water supply update**
- Doug Turman, Forestry Program Manager, DNRC
 - Melissa Brickl, Hydrologist, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any

- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **Aquatic invasive species agency annual reports (Tab 6)**
- Introduction - Ms. Stockwell
 - [FWP](#) - Paul Sihler, Chief of Staff
 - [DNRC](#) - Stephanie Hester, Invasive Species Program Manager
 - Montana Invasive Species Council Chair Bryce Christiaens
 - Upper Columbia Conservation Commission Chair Lori Curtis
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **State Lab Advisory Committee update ([Tab 7](#))**
- Representatives White and Hamlett
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **Subdivision sanitation report**
- Kevin Smith, Engineering Bureau Chief, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:45 p.m. **Review EQC work plan ([Tab 10](#))**
- Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - Questions/discussion -- EQC
 - Committee action, if any
- 11:55 a.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 12:05 p.m. **Administrative matters**
- EQC budget overview - Mr. Kolman
 - Instructions to staff
 - Research and information requests
 - Agenda items for next meeting

Other business

Adjourn

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