



# Water Policy Interim Committee

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# FINAL agenda Water Policy Interim Committee

May 20-21, 2024

Room 172

Agenda times are approximate

## Monday, May 20

1 p.m. Call to order—Chairman Walsh

- Roll call

1:05 p.m. Meeting overview

- Jason Mohr, committee staff

1:15 p.m. Summary of *Schutter* decision

- Alexis Sandru, committee legal staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

1:45 p.m. Sanitation review and septic system approval after *Broadwater Co.* decision

- Lindsey Krywaruchka, administrator, Water Quality Division (Dept. of Environmental Quality)
- Anna Pakenham Stevenson, administrator, Water Resources Division (Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

2:15 p.m. HB520: Study of private ponds

- Follow up on fry inspections, importation penalties, import licenses
  - Dr. Eileen Ryce, administrator, Fisheries Division (Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks)
- Next steps
  - Jason Mohr, committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

- 2:45 p.m. Update to Governor's Drought and Water Supply report of April 15
- Dr. Zachary Hoylman, assistant state climatologist, Montana Climate Office
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

- 3:15 p.m. Update from Water Pollution Control Advisory Council
- Amanda Knuteson, presiding officer, WPCAC
  - WPCAC members
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

- 3:45 p.m. Update on spring levels at Flathead Lake
- Brian Lipscomb, CEO, Energy Keepers Inc.
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

- 4:15 p.m. Triennial review of water quality standards
- DEQ
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

- 4:45 Update of TMDL list (75-5-703)
- DEQ
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

5 p.m. Recess

## Tuesday, May 21

8 a.m. Reconvene

- 8:05 a.m. Proposed administrative rules
- Committee review of rules
    - Alexis Sandru, committee legal staff
  - Update on narrative nutrient rule timeline
    - Lindsey Krywaruchka (DEQ)
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

- 9 a.m. Challenges and opportunities of prairie snow
- Dr. Eric Sproles, assistant professor, Montana State Univ. and Central Agricultural Research Center
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion

9:30 a.m. Update on Comprehensive Water Review

- Anna Pakenham Stevenson (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10 a.m. Adjudication report (85-2-281)

- DNRC
- Montana Water Court
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10:30 a.m. Update on Water Rights Information System improvements, function

- Chairman Walsh
- Anna Pakenham Stevenson (DNRC)
- Montana Water Court
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11 a.m. Update from Water Resources Division: distribution projects/red books, updated manuals and procedures

- Anna Pakenham Stevenson (DNRC)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11:30 a.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of WPIC

11:45 a.m. Administrative matters

- Directions to staff

Noon Adjourn

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