

FINAL AGENDA
WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE
Room 152 of the State Capitol
Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 and, **if necessary**, Friday Sept. 12, 2008
AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Sept. 11, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Administrative Matters** - Chairman Elliott
 1. Roll Call
- 9:05 a.m. **Study of Economic Analysis of the Value of Irrigation in Montana**
 1. Alice Stanley, DNRC
 2. Ernie Niemi, consultant ECONorthwest
 3. Committee questions
 4. Public comment
 5. Committee discussion and action, if any
- 9:45 a.m. **EQC/Water Policy Joint Subcommittee Report**
 1. Report of subcommittee activities - Chairman Elliott
 2. EQC bill drafts - Sen. Wanzenried
 3. Public comment
 4. Council discussion and decision (if any)
- 10:15 a.m. **Potential funding sources -- groundwater study and public system loans**
 1. Representative of the Governor
 2. Committee questions and discussion
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee action
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:55 a.m. **HB 831 implementation update**
 1. Terri McLaughlin, DNRC
 2. Committee questions
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee discussion and action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. **Committee discussion of bill drafts--report**
 1. Overview - Joe Kolman, staff
 2. Committee questions and discussion
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee action
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. **Committee discussion of bill drafts--report**
 1. Overview - Joe Kolman, staff
 2. Committee questions and discussion
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee action
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**

- 3:15 p.m. **Committee discussion of bill drafts-report**
1. Overview - Joe Kolman, staff
 2. Committee questions and discussion
 3. Public comment
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5:45 p.m. **Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda but is within the WPIC jurisdiction.**

6:00 p.m. **Recess or adjournment**

IF NECESSARY

Sept. 12, 2008 -- WPIC meeting resumes -- Room 152 State Capitol

- 8:00 a.m. **Committee discussion of bill drafts-report**
1. Overview - Joe Kolman, staff
 2. Committee questions and discussion
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee action

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