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## FINAL AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

State Capitol, Room 317  
July 25-26, 2018

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### Wednesday, July 25, 2018

- 10:00 a.m.      **Call to Order - Roll Call**  
Sen. Chas Vincent, chair
- 10:05 a.m.      **Administrative matters--Mr. Kolman**
- Budget review
  - Adoption of EQC minutes from [May 29, 30](#) (Tab 1)
- 10:10 a.m.      **Water Policy Interim Committee update --Mr. Mohr**
- Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee update --**  
                    Mr. Graff
- 10:30 a.m.      **Natural Heritage Program funding ([Tab 2](#))**  
Main Agency Users
- Study recap -- Mr. Kolman
    - Main Agency Users
      - Director John Tubbs, DNRC
      - FWP
      - DEQ
      - MDT
    - Ken Bailey, chief financial officer, OPI
    - Commerce Department
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Next steps for study
- 11:15 a.m.      **Libby asbestos superfund liaison report (75-10-1602, MCA)**
- Jenny Chambers, DEQ Waste Management and Remediation Division administrator
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any

- 11:35 a.m. **Report on use of Orphan Share funds for remedial action [\(Tab 3\)](#)**  
(75-10-743(14), MCA)
- Jenny Chambers, DEQ Waste Management and Remediation Division administrator
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **State Parks program evaluation (Tab 4)**
- Parks in Focus update
    - FWP Director Martha Williams; Chairman Vincent
    - Other states' park classification and prioritization of resources - Ben Alexander and Deborah Love
  - [OHV](#) and [snowmobile](#) gas tax allocation proposal, [comments received](#) - Ms. Stockwell
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Next steps for program evaluation
- 2:00 p.m. **Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson task force update**
- FWP Director Martha Williams
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. **FWP Financial Review Advisory Council update**
- Hank Warsech, legislative liaison
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:20 p.m. **Aquatic invasive species program evaluation [\(Tab 5\)](#)**
- FWP update - Director Martha Williams
  - Montana Invasive Species Commission Update - Bryce Christiaens, chair
  - Upper Columbia Conservation Commission Update - Lori Curtis, chair
  - Program funding proposal ([LCaisp](#)) and [comments received](#) - Ms. Stockwell
  - Public Comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Next steps for study

- 4:20 p.m.           **Wolf Management Report** ([Tab 10](#)) 87-1-901, MCA
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 4:45 p.m.           **Chronic wasting disease** ([Tab 7](#))
- Update - Director Martha Williams, FWP
  - Overview of public comment - Mr. Kolman
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Next steps for study
- 5:00 p.m.           **Role of Land Board in conservation easements**
- Director Martha Williams, FWP
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 5:30 p.m.           **Montana State University lab study**
- Staff update - Ms. Albrecht
  - EQC member updates - Rep. Hamlett, Rep. White
  - Proposed letter to congressional delegation
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Next steps for study
- 5:20 p.m.           **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC.

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**Thursday, July 26, 2018**

- 8:00 a.m.           **Sage Grouse conservation program update**
- Habitat Quantification Tool and mitigation policy progress - Carolyn Sime, program manager
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 8:30 a.m.           **Fire-related study topics**
- Options for landowner assessment fees
    - EQC discussion
    - Public comment
    - EQC questions & discussion
    - Next steps for study

- 9:00 a.m. • Initial Attack Report [\(Tab 8\)](#)
- State Forester Sonya Germann, DNRC
  - Deputy Regional Forester Jane Darnell, USFS
  - Regional Director of Fire & Aviation Ralph Rau, USFS
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Next steps for study
- 9:45 a.m. **Update on USFS volunteer issues**
- Joni Packard, volunteer program manager, USFS
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:10 a.m. **Dog training in upland game bird areas [\(Tab 6\)](#) [LCdog3](#)**
- [Overview of public comment](#) - Mr. Kolman
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **Private Land/Public Wildlife Council update**
- Hank Worsech, legislative liaison, FWP
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 11:40 a.m. **[Land banking and cabin site sale reports](#) (77-2-366, MCA)(Tab 11)**
- Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Division administrator
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Natural Resource Damage Program**
- Overview - Harley R. Harris, program manager
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **SJ 5 Study [\(Tab 9\)](#)**
- [Overview of public comment](#) -- Ms. Nowakowski
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any

- 2:15 p.m.            **Statutory administrative rule review** ([Tab 12](#))
- Mr. Walker
  - Public comment
  - EQC questions & discussion
  - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m.            **Review proposed topics for next EQC meeting**
- 3:15 p.m.            **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- Other business**  
                         **Instructions to staff**
- 3:30 p.m.            **Adjourn**

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