

FINAL AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 172 of the State Capitol

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 & Wednesday, April 30, 2008

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

April 29, 2008:

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Administrative Matters** - Chairman Elliott
1. Roll Call
 2. Approval of March minutes
 3. Introduction of Sen. Murphy
 4. Election of new vice chair
- 10:10 a.m. **State Water Plan**
1. Background & Update - Rich Moy, DNRC
 2. Committee questions
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee discussion and action, if any
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 831 Implementation Update**
1. Terri McLaughlin, DNRC
 2. Committee questions
 3. Public comment
 4. Committee discussion and action, if any
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 831 case study progress/future funding options**
1. John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
 2. Committee questions
 3. Public Comment
 4. Committee discussion and action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. **Enforcement options**
1. Water Court -- Judge Bruce Loble
 2. DNRC -- Candy West
 3. Attorney General -- Sarah Bond
 4. Gallatin County Attorney -- Marty Lambert
 5. Lezlie Kinne -- Water commissioner, Gallatin County
 6. Committee questions
 7. Public comment
 8. Committee discussion and action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Draft Findings and Recommendations**
1. Introduction - Joe Kolman, staff
 2. Committee discussion
 3. Public comment
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda but is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC.

5:30 p.m. **WPIC Meeting Recess**

April 30, 2008: -- WPIC meeting resumes -- Room 172 State Capitol

8 a.m. **Ruby Valley Groundwater Management Plan**

1. Engineering perspective - Scott Payne, Kirk Engineering
2. Local policy perspective - Ann Schwend, Ruby Watershed Coordinator, Madison County Planning Board
3. Committee questions
4. Public comment
5. Committee discussion and action, if any

9:00 a.m. **Review of WPIC Work Group Activity**

1. Summary/LC5014 - Joe Kolman, staff
2. Comment from work group participants
3. Committee questions
4. Public comment
5. Committee discussion and action, if any

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Discussion drafts**

1. LC5001 - Accelerated permitting process
2. LC5003 - Enforcement
3. LC5012 - MDT water reservations
4. LC5007 - Data study through MBMG
5. LC5009 - Discharge permits
6. Public comment

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

1:00 p.m. **Discussion drafts/Findings and Recommendations**

1. Continued discussion
2. Public comment
3. Instructions to staff

3:30 p.m. **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda but is within the WPIC jurisdiction.

4:00 p.m. **Administrative Matters**

1. WPIC budget overview - Joe Kolman, staff
2. Meeting schedule

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn.**

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