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WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172

March 18, 2014

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Tuesday, March 18

- 8 a.m. Call to Order - Sen. Vincent
- Roll Call
 - Approval of minutes from January 2014 WPIC
- 8:05 a.m. Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA)
- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
 - Douglas Ritter, associate judge, Montana Water Court
 - Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 8:25 a.m. Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program update (85-1-621, MCA)
- Alice Stanley, bureau chief, Resource Development Bureau, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 8:50 a.m. HJ26 study: Colorado judicial test for resolving ditch easement disputes
- Introduction -- Mr. Mohr
 - Scott Miller, attorney with Patrick, Miller, Kropf, Noto, PC (via phone)
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 9:30 a.m. Groundwater studies: The science behind a Stream Depletion Zone (SB346)
- John Metesh, state geologist and director, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 10:30 a.m. Break

- 10:45 a.m. State Water Plan update (85-1-203, MCA)
- Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 11:15 a.m. Agency rule-making update
- Ms. Thigpen
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 11:25 a.m. Proposed administrative rule: Base numeric nutrient standards
- George Mathieus, administrator, Planning, Prevention and Assistance Division, Department of Environmental Quality
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Proposed CSKT reserved water rights compact
- Introduction -- Mr. Mohr
 - Status of Water Use Agreement -- Melissa Hornbein, attorney, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission
 - WUA components, data modeling -- Ethan Mace, surface water hydrologist, DNRC
 - Claims to FIIP water -- John Metropolous, attorney, Flathead Irrigation District
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Public Comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 4 p.m. Other business
- 4:10 p.m. 2015-16 Interim studies
- 4:20 p.m. Administrative matters
- Revisions to work plan, if necessary
 - Budget update
 - Identification of areas where more information is needed
 - Instructions to staff
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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