

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## Tentative Agenda

**WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, October 12, 2017  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order for joint meeting of Water Topics Overview Committee and State Water Commission  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the July 25, 2017, Water Topics Overview Committee meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford
- 9:10 a.m. Chairman's remarks
- 9:15 a.m. Introductions of commission and committee members
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Kelvin Hullet, Market Manager, Economic Development and Government Programs, Bank of North Dakota, regarding water project funding options
- 9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dean Karsky, Rural Water Division Manager, United States Bureau of Reclamation, regarding municipal, rural, and industrial water project funding for North Dakota
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jaret Wirtz, Executive Director, Western Area Water Supply Authority, regarding an update on the Western Area Water Supply Project
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Larry Bares, Chairman, Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors, regarding an update on the Southwest Pipeline Project
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Tim Freije, NAWS/SWPP Section Chief, State Water Commission, regarding an update on the Northwest Area Water Supply Project
- 10:55 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, City of Fargo, regarding an update on the Fargo flood control project and \$66.5 million cost-share request
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Ken Royse, Chairman, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, and Dr. Mahoney regarding an update on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project
- 11:55 a.m. Luncheon recess
- 12:55 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Garland Erbele, State Engineer, regarding the request for proposals for State Water Commission life cycle economic analysis guidelines and process, an update on drought funding, Devils Lake Basin issues, and Western Area Water Supply Authority industrial study update
- 1:25 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Ryan Ackerman, President and CEO, Ackerman-Estvold, regarding progress on the Mouse River flood control project
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by Mr. David Laschkewitsch, Director, Administrative Services, State Water Commission, regarding purpose funding budget information and balances
- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Eric Volk, Executive Director, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, regarding an update on rural water systems and railroad crossing fees
- 2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Bethany Kurz, Principal Hydrogeologist and Laboratory Analysis Group Lead, Energy and Environmental Research Center, regarding industrial water treatment technologies

- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Erbele regarding an update on the light detection and ranging mapping study in Ward County
- 2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Matt Sprenger, Project Leader, Devils Lake Wetlands Management District, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, regarding United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements
- 3:05 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Darin Langerud, Division Director, Atmospheric Resources, State Water Commission, regarding weather modification expenditures and benefits
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Roger E. Neshem, Member, Ward County Weather Modification Board, regarding weather modification issues
- 3:25 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Blake Crosby, Executive Director, North Dakota League of Cities, regarding water project funding
- 3:35 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Gary Thompson, Chairman, Red River Joint Water Resource District, regarding rural flood control
- 3:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Committee Members**

Representatives: Jim Schmidt (Chairman), Dick Anderson, Tracy Boe, Chuck Damschen, Michael Howe, Bob Martinson, Alisa Mitskog, Jon O. Nelson, Mark Sanford, Roscoe Streyle, Denton Zubke

Senators: Jonathan Casper, Curt Kreun, Gary A. Lee, Larry J. Robinson, Donald Schaible, Ronald Sorvaag

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