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## WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday, July 12, 2021

Bus Tour

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

### Monday, July 12, 2021

12:30 p.m. Bus tour departs from Capitol

6:00 p.m. Bus tour returns to Capitol

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8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Chairman's remarks

8:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of two background memorandums ([23.9083.01000](#) & [23.9067.01000](#)) regarding the committee's studies for the 2021-22 interim

8:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding available funding and appropriations for water projects

9:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Heide Delorme, Director, Administration Services Division, State Water Commission, regarding the State Water Commission's project status summary

9:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Shaun Sipma, Mayor, City of Minot, regarding the status of the Souris River flood control project

9:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Eric Volk, Executive Director, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, regarding rural water projects and funding

9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Blake Crosby, Executive Director, North Dakota League of Cities, regarding municipal water projects and funding

10:00 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Joel Paulsen, Executive Director, FM Area Diversion Project, regarding the status of the FM Area Diversion Project

10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Loren DeWitz, Chairman, North Dakota Irrigation Association, regarding irrigation projects and funding

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. John Paczkowski, Interim State Engineer, State Water Commission, regarding irrigation regulation and permits

11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Brent Bogar, Senior Consultant, AE2S Nexus, regarding the State Water Commission governance and finance study

11:35 a.m. Lunch with Governor Doug Burgum in the Roughrider Room

12:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Dan Jonasson, Public Works Director, City of Minot, and Mr. Bob Schempp, Chairman, Northwest Area Water Supply Advisory Committee, regarding the status of the Northwest Area Water Supply Project and operations of the advisory committee

- 12:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Merri Mooridian, Administrative Officer/Deputy Project Manager for Red River Valley Water Supply Project Administration, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, regarding irrigation development
- 1:10 p.m. Committee discussion with Mr. Duane DeKrey, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, regarding [ownership](#) of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Representative Jon O. Nelson, Rugby, regarding the All Seasons project easement and funding
- 1:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Mary Massad, Manager/CEO, Southwest Water Authority, regarding the funding and status of the Southwest Pipeline Project
- 2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Tami Madsen, Executive Director, Western Area Water Supply Authority, regarding the funding and status of the Western Area Water Supply Project
- 2:15 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.**

#### **Committee Members**

Representatives: Jim Schmidt (Chairman), Tracy Boe, Chuck Damschen, Jay Fisher, Michael Howe, Bob Martinson, Jon O. Nelson, Marvin E. Nelson, Todd Porter, Matthew Ruby, Denton Zubke

Senators: David Hogue, Michael Dwyer, Joan Heckaman, Jason G. Heitkamp, Jordan Kannianen, Jim P. Roers, Ronald Sorvaag, Mark F. Weber

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