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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

# WATER-RELATED TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Monday and Tuesday, June 14-15, 2010
Heritage Hall, Main Building, Lake Region State College
1801 College Drive North
Devils Lake, North Dakota

**Monday, June 14, 2010**

1:00 p.m. The committee will meet at the entrance to the Main Building, Lake Region State College, 1801 College Drive North, Devils Lake, to tour the Devils Lake region

5:00 p.m. Recess

**Tuesday, June 15, 2010**

9:00 a.m. The committee will reconvene at Heritage Hall, Main Building, Lake Region State College, 1801 College Drive North, Devils Lake

Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the March 15, 2010, meeting

## ECONOMIC AND EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF FLOODING IN THE DEVILS LAKE BASIN

9:05 a.m. Presentations by local officials concerning the economic and emotional impact of flooding in the Devils Lake Basin, including:

- Ms. Karen Hausmann - Agricultural issues
- Mr. Fred Bott, Mayor, Devils Lake - City of Devils Lake and community issues
- Ms. Trish McQuoid, Mayor, Minnewaukan - City of Minnewaukan and community issues
- Mr. Kyle Blanchfield - Business community of the Lake Region issues
- Mr. Jeff Frith - Economic impact of losing productive farmland and roads to a rising Devils Lake
- Representatives of Lake Region Human Service Center - The emotional impact of Devils Lake flooding and impact to the Devils Lake community of continued Devils Lake flooding
- Mr. Nels Halgren - Impact to rural utilities
- Mr. Dick Johnson - Difficulty in administering 911 services in the Devils Lake region
- Ms. Myra Pearson, Chairman, Spirit Lake Nation - Hardships experienced by the Spirit Lake Nation as a result of Devils Lake flooding

10:00 a.m. Break

## STATE WATER COMMISSION

10:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Engineer and State Water Commission concerning:

- Infrastructure protection;

- Upper basin storage;
- Extended storage acreage program;
- Illegal drains;
- Closing drains and the effect on the level of Devils Lake; and
- The west end outlet, expected capacity, and anticipated effect on Devils Lake levels

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION,**
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Dave Glatt, Chief, Environmental Health Section, State Department of Health, concerning:

- Devils Lake and Sheyenne River water quality issues;
- Sulfate issues;
- Clean Water Act issues and impact of *South Florida Water Management District v. Miccosukee Tribe of Indians*;
- Other water quality issues;
- Natural overflow contingency plans; and
- Emergency rules to address water quality issues

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Skip Vecchia, Statistician, United States Geological Survey, concerning sulfate rules, pumping rates, and future flood risk for the Devils Lake Basin

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mark Ewens, Data Acquisition Program Manager, National Weather Service, concerning weather conditions and cycles in the Devils Lake Basin

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and comments by other interested persons in attendance concerning Devils Lake Basin water issues

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Senators Tom Fischer (Chairman), Arden C. Anderson, Joan Heckaman, Gary A. Lee
Representatives Rick Berg, Duane DeKrey, Curt Hofstad, Jon Nelson, Darrell D. Nottestad

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