



WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the July 12-13, 2021, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Committee discussion with the State Water Commission regarding 2021 water-related legislation, including Senate Bill No. 2345 (2021), and other topics
- 9:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Andrea Travnicek, Director, Department of Water Resources, regarding activities of the Department of Water Resources
- 9:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Gary Thompson, Chairman, Red River Joint Water Resource District, regarding the Cass County pilot project
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by Representative Jon O. Nelson, Rugby, regarding All Seasons Water Users District funding
- 10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Wade Bachmeier, Chairman, Missouri River Joint Water Board, regarding a work plan and proposal
- 10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Richard Johnson, Commissioner, State Water Commission, regarding the pilot project for the Upper Sheyenne River Basin
- 11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) from Mr. Aaron Carranza, Director, Regulatory Division, Department of Water Resources, regarding the relationship between the Department of Water Resources and water resource boards, and regarding hydrologic unit codes
- 11:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Chris J. Kadrmaz, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Council, regarding the resources trust fund
- 11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Heide Delorme, Director, Administrative Services Division, Department of Water Resources, regarding the project status summary
- 11:30 a.m. Recess
- 12:30 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 the status of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project
- 12:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Shaun Sipma, Mayor, City of Minot, and Mr. David Ashley, Chairman, Souris River Joint Board, regarding the status of the Souris River flood control project
- 1:05 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Kory Peterson, Mayor, City of Horace, regarding water supply issues
- 1:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Kris Bakkegard, Director of Engineering, FM Area Diversion Project, regarding the status of the FM Diversion Project

- 1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Jeb Williams, Director, Game and Fish Department, regarding aquatic nuisance species
- 1:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. David Glatt, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, regarding the state drinking water program
- 2:05 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. James Leiman, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, regarding community development block grants
- 2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Shannon Fisher, Program Manager, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, and Ms. Elizabeth Tokach Duran, Program Manager, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, Department of Environmental Quality; and Ms. DeAnn Ament, Executive Director, Public Finance Authority, regarding affordability of water projects
- 2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Ament regarding progress on implementing legislation relating to bonding
- 3:05 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Claire Ness, Senior Counsel and Code Revisor, Legislative Council, regarding the Water Drainage Committee
- 3:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Travnicek regarding the Northwest Area Water Supply Project
- 3:35 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Blake Crosby, Executive Director, North Dakota League of Cities, regarding municipal water supply and industrial water supply
- 3:50 p.m. Comments from interested persons
- 4:05 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: Michael Dwyer, Joan Heckaman, Jason G. Heitkamp, David Hogue, Jordan Kannianen, Jim P. Roers, Ronald Sorvaag, Mark F. Weber

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