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Legislative Council
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WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 10, 2026, meeting
Comments by the Chairman

REQUIRED REPORTS AND UPDATES

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Adam Mathiak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Council, regarding the Tax Reform and Relief Advisory Committee's study of the stripper well oil extraction tax exemption

9:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Reice Haase, Director, Department of Water Resources, regarding:

- The projects the State Water Commission has designated as a project receiving carryover funding, the total amount obligated to a project receiving carryover funding, the total amount of funds not yet obligated to a project receiving carryover funding, and the prioritization of each project seeking cost-share funding
- The plans to implement the recommendations of the department's studies relating to the state's cost-share policies and governance and finance of regional water systems
- An update on Missouri River water usage by stakeholders within and outside the Missouri River Basin
- Recent activities of the department
- Other statewide matters concerning water-related topics

10:30 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives from the Lake Agassiz Water Authority regarding the results of the Department of Water Resources' study of the governance and finance of regional water systems

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Duane DeKrey, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, regarding the results of the Department of Water Resources' study of the governance and finance of regional water systems

11:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Brandon Hicks, Northwest Area Water Supply Project Manager, Department of Water Resources, regarding the results of the Department of Water Resources' study of the governance and finance of regional water systems

11:40 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Jen Murray, Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Southwest Water Authority, regarding the results of the Department of Water Resources' study of the governance and finance of regional water systems

12:00 noon Public comment and committee discussion

12:15 p.m. Recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Marty Haroldson, Director, Division of Water Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, of a report regarding the use of one-time funding for regulation of onsite wastewater treatment systems

1:20 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Darin Hanson, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, Department of Emergency Services, regarding the cybersecurity of critical water infrastructure within the state

1:40 p.m. Presentation by Mr. John Rodenbiker, Director of Cyber Operations, Information Security Division, Information Technology Department, regarding the cybersecurity of critical water infrastructure within the state

2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Haase regarding an update on the Northwest Area Water Supply Project

2:20 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Murray regarding an anticipated request for which the state cost-share is estimated to be $10 million or more for the authority's water supply infrastructure

2:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing the requests submitted to the committee for which the state cost-share is estimated to be $10 million or more during the 2027-29 biennium

2:50 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the prioritization of each project submitted to the committee pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.7(2)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons

3:45 p.m. Staff directives and final motions

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Committee Members

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