

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on January 11, 2001 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Krase, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment, KDHE
Karl Mueldener, Director, Bureau of Water, KDHE
Theresa Hodges, Director, Bureau of Environmental Field Services, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

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The first conferee to appear before the committee was Dr. Ron Hammerschmidt (Director, Division of Environment) who started with opening remarks and provided a background for the information that would be provided by staff of the Department. He introduced Karl Mueldener (Director, Bureau of Water), Theresa Hodges (Director, Bureau of Environmental Field Services) and Tom Stiles (Director, Policy and Planning). He noted that Jan Sides (Director, Bureau of Air and Radiation) planned to be present tomorrow to talk about air quality and fuel issues in Kansas City.

Karl Mueldener briefed the committee on water quality standards, what they are and what they mean. He commented they are state regulations, which were proposed and adopted by KDHE (Attachment 1). Discussion and questions followed his presentation.

Senator Lee commented on the latest U.S. Supreme Court ruling dealing with the extent of regulations by EPA dealing with certain water bodies.

Theresa Hodges briefed the committee on Use Attainability Analysis Protocols (Attachment 2). Discussion and questions followed.

Senator Lee requested a conceptual bill to be introduced concerning classifying streams and adopting various new definitions, seconded by Senator Umbarger. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 8:30 a.m.