

# Montana – Alberta St. Mary and Milk Rivers Water Management Initiative

## Meeting #JIT-05

**Date:** 2 days – May 4 - 5, 2009

**Start Time:** May 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:45 a.m.; May 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 a.m.

**Place:** Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Dr., Lethbridge, AB T1J 4B4

### Meeting Objective(s)

1. Increase awareness of water management and use in the St. Mary River basin, AB.
2. Continue process for developing and evaluating options to improve both Montana's and Alberta's access to the shared water of the St. Mary and Milk rivers.

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### Day 1: May 4 – 10:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Meet tour bus at Lethbridge Lodge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome – Robert Harrison</li><li>• Overview of tour – Brent Paterson</li><li>• See tour agenda for details</li></ul>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

#### Day 2: May 5 – 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<b>8:15 am</b> (15 min)	<b>Welcome and member introductions</b> – Robert <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and review meeting objectives and agenda</li><li>• Adopt notes from April 6-7 meeting</li></ul>
<b>8:30 am</b> (10 min)	<b>Review Action items – April 6-7 meeting</b> – Paul/Tim
<b>8:40 am</b> (20 min)	<b>Review of St. Mary River basin tour</b> – Robert <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What have members thought about since the tour and/or the last meeting?</li></ul>
<b>9:00 am</b> (10 min)	<b>Communications</b> – John <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of JIT member's communication to constituents</li><li>• Adopt Communications Plan, ver. 4.4</li></ul>
<b>9:10 am</b> (60 min)	<b>Finalize Jurisdictional Interests</b> – Robert <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarify/ finalize – What will success look like?</li></ul>

<b>10:10 am</b> (15 min)	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 am</b> (45 min)	<b>Finalize Evaluation Criteria</b> – Robert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify/finalize criteria (agreed-upon measures to evaluate solutions)</li> </ul>
<b>11:15 am</b> (45 min)	<b>Understand Options</b> – Robert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe and clarify each Option</li> <li>• Which Interest(s) is met by each Option?</li> <li>• Decide which Options should be further evaluated, and which to remove</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 pm</b> (45 min)	<b>Lunch</b> – provided
<b>12:45 pm</b> (45 min)	<b>Understand Options – continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the task</li> </ul>
<b>1:30 pm</b> (30 min)	<b>Water management model development</b> – Sal/Larry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conceptual model schematic</li> <li>• Status of model</li> </ul>
<b>2:00 pm</b> (40 min)	<b>Review Treaty instruments</b> – Sal/Larry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of instruments to clarify</li> </ul>
<b>2:40 pm</b> (20 min)	<b>Meeting review and plan for next meeting</b> – Robert/John <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action items – review and confirm</li> <li>• Confirm next meeting – date, field tour, logistics</li> <li>• Objective(s) of next meeting</li> <li>• Information required for next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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**Preliminary Draft Agenda  
St. Mary Irrigation District, AB Tour**

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for the Montana part of the Joint Initiative Team to see and learn about Alberta's investment in its irrigation industry, and for the folks who operate, manage or depend upon that infrastructure to meet the Montana team.

**10:45 a.m. sharp** – Meet motor coach at Lethbridge Lodge Hotel  
-- Introductions and pick up tour information packages

11:00 a.m.-- Depart for St. Mary Dam and Reservoir -- tour dam operations and reservoir

12:00 noon -- Lunch at St. Mary Dam

1:00-2:30 p.m. -- Site of original St. Mary dam structure; see 1-2 small hydro power stations in Ridge Reservoir area.

3:30 p.m. -- Travel through Raymond I.D. - irrigation rehabilitation, irrigation of small parcels.  
-- stop at Alberta Agriculture Irrigation Field Centre -- see demo farm and applied research programs  
-- Stafford reservoir -- multi-purpose reservoir

5:30 approx. -- Perry Produce (the Chin Domes) -- potato storage / processing facility

6:00- 7:30pm -- BBQ dinner -- location to be finalized

7:30 pm -- Return to Lethbridge Lodge

All presentations will be handled by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development staff who will accompany us on the tour.