


# 2023 W2ASACT Spring Workshop

**Water, Wastewater &  
Solid Waste  
Action  
Coordinating  
Team**








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What is W2ASACT?








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A group of **stakeholders** working on projects to improve our state's environmental infrastructure.







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W2ASACT is a **tool** to help people navigate the **funding options** and **resources** available to facilitate a successful project for all stakeholders involved.

Who are the stakeholders?





# Funding Agencies in MT



## MT Dept. of Commerce

- ☐ Community Development Block Grant Program & the
- ☐ Treasure State Endowment Program

## MT Dept. of Environmental Quality



- ☐ State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

## MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation

- ☐ Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program



## USDA / Rural Development

- ☐ Grant & Loan and Planning Grants




## MT Board of Investments

- ☐ INTERCAP







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What year was  
W2ASACT formed?







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# Montana Rural Water Systems

## “MRWS” – 43 Years!







# Brief Background History on Montana Rural Water...

Tiber County WD

Hill County W/S District

Oilmont County Water



Lockwood W/S District

South Chester WD

October 1979 – 5 Original Members

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# MRWS Provides:



- **Technical Assistance** to water & wastewater specialists & utility clerks and bookkeepers
- **Class Room & Virtual Training** throughout Montana
- **Rate Structuring** to pay for O&M, new upgrades and infrastructure improvements
- **Regulatory Updates** (Water & Wastewater)
- **Updates to System's VA/ERP** (Vulnerability Assessments / Emergency Response Plans)
- **Apprenticeship Training Program** for new water & wastewater specialist







# Training Topics

- Leak Detection
- Safety
- Pumps & Motors
- Valves & Hydrants
- Source Water Protection
- Lead & Copper, PFAS/PFOS, & CCR Revisions
- Sampling & Monitoring
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing
- Rate Structures & Record Keeping
- Operator Training





# Leak Detection Training





# Safety Training





# Pump Training






# Sampling – Monitoring & Lab Analysis Training







# **MRWS provided Assistance with the Following Emergencies and Disasters**

- White Sulphur Springs
- Brady County Water/Sewer District
- Roundup
- Malta
- Yellowstone River Flooding





# White Sulphur Springs - Tornado





# White Sulphur Springs





# Brady WTP – Black Sludge





# City of Roundup – Flood



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# City of Malta - Security



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# Yellowstone River Flooding City of Red Lodge







# MRWS Staff



- Water Circuit Riders (3) – Dennis, Leo & Bobbie
- Wastewater Technicians (2) – Bill & Robin
- Training Specialist/TA Provider (1) – Julie
- Source Water Specialist (2) – Kristi & Kyla
- Apprenticeship Coordinator (1) – Lynora
- Technical Assistance / Trainer (1) – Roger
- Resource Specialist (1) part-time - Barb
- Office Manager (1) – Tanya







# MRWS Funding

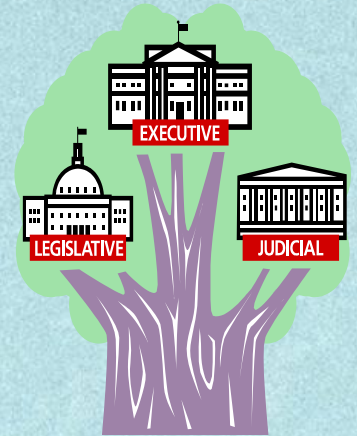
- National Rural Water Association
  - USDA/Rural Development
  - USDA/Farm Service Agency
  - EPA
- State of Montana
  - Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- System Membership
- Associate Membership





# Who Do We Work With?

- ✓ **USDA/Rural Development**
- ✓ **DEQ & EPA**
- ✓ **State Funding Agencies**
- ✓ **Suppliers**
- ✓ **Engineers and Consultants**
- ✓ **Most Importantly – MT Water & Wastewater Utilities**





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# MRWS...Helping Montanan's and their Utilities!







# 2023 Theme Operation Specialists: “Champions of Your Community”



**Montana Rural Water Systems  
Technical Conference and Exhibition Show**

**March 22 – 24, 2023 / Heritage Inn / Great Falls, MT**

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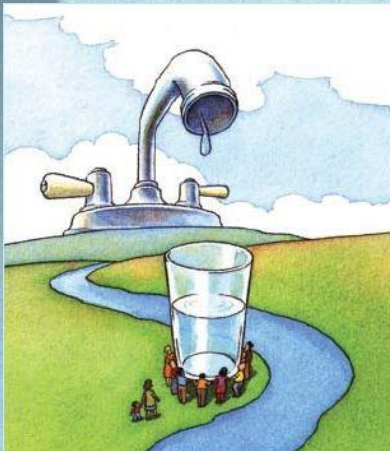






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