

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE DRAFT PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Water-Rights/application-status-environmental-assessments/>.

PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20, 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS FILED ON A PUBLIC COMMENT FORM, FORM 654. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. PER 85-2-307(5)(C), MCA, IF NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED, THE DRAFT PD WILL BE ADOPTED AS FINAL AND THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, OR REQUESTS TO OBTAIN THE DRAFT PD OR PUBLIC COMMENT FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 210 SIXTH AVE., PO BOX 1828, HAVRE, MT 59501-1828 FAX: 406-265-2225 PHONE: 406-265-5516.

Application Number: 40S 30165372

Applicant: RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2745 W HOLLY ST
SIDNEY, MT 59270

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
CONSERVATION DISTRICT RECORD	40S 30165163	JULY 1, 1985

PAST USE OF WATER

THIS APPLICATION IS TO CHANGE A PORTION OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESERVATION FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN PUT TO USE AND THEREFORE NO HISTORICAL USE FOR THE AMOUNT OF WATER BEING CHANGED EXISTS.

PROPOSED CHANGE

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS TO ADD ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION AND PLACE OF USE TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RESERVATION (8450000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IRRIGATION .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THIS RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO THE TYPE OF WATER USE MEASURING DEVICE OR WATER USE ESTIMATION TECHNIQUE REQUIRED BY THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP WRITTEN RECORDS OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF WATER USED. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF THE CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE WATER USER SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICE SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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