



Stakeholder Working Group

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

9:00 AM to 4:00PM

DNRC Headquarters

Helena, MT

Meeting Objectives:

- Gain clarity and understanding of all bill drafts and recommendations on the table
- Identify path forward for Exempt Well policy recommendations – red, yellow, and green areas
- Determine next steps to finalizing bill drafts by August 19th SWG meeting
- Identify small working groups for finalizing edits to bill drafts for SWG review/voting
- Continue to develop creative and inclusive solutions in addressing areas of concern

**Public Participation opportunity will happen throughout the meeting as appropriate within the SWG discussions. We will also hold a specific time for public comment. If the public has a particular comment to share where we did not have time for everyone to share or that is not relevant to the meeting discussion, please share via Dnrwaterstakeholders@mt.gov*

9:00 AM	Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introductions
9:15 AM	Overview/Review of All Draft Bills and Recommendations on the Table
9:30 AM	Harmonizing Provisional Permits and Changes with Final Decrees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion – identify areas needing further clarification and areas of concern with this updated draft
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding Packages• Recommendations for addressing storage policy questions

- 11:10 AM** **Mitigation**
- Bill Draft – Waiver of Adverse Effect
 - Recommendation for mitigation small working group
- 11:30 AM** **Change Process**
- Bill Draft – Streamlined change process
- Noon** **Lunch**
- 12:45 PM** **The Science – Presentation and Discussion**
- Water Quantity Metrics
 - GW PA (DNRC and MBMG)
 - SW Alibility (DNRC)
 - DNRC recommendation on boundaries
 - DEQ metrics
- 1:45 PM** **Break**
- 2:00 PM** **The Policy - Discussion**
- 3:30 PM** **Public Participation**
- As usual, we will do our best to incorporate public questions and comments throughout the discussion. If unable, we will designate this time to do so.
- 4:00 PM** **Adjourn**

Upcoming meetings

SWG Meetings

Monday, August 19th – Helena

Monday, September 9th - Helena