



Stakeholder Working Group

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting Agenda

February 13th, 2024
9AM to 4 PM

DNRC Headquarters, Helena, MT

Meeting Objectives:

- Provide update on action items from water planning and growth and exempt well sub-working group discussion
- Build out ideas and prioritize working items on exceptions to the permitting process
- Review and Determine PGE priorities for 2025 legislative session
- Discuss how a judge becomes a division court judge
- Continue to build shared understanding of issues and concerns as we move forward
- Develop creative solutions in addressing areas of concern
- Build/strengthen working relationships
- Gather SWG input and guidance on priorities and next steps

**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

9:30 AM Update – Water Planning and Growth and Exempt Wells

- Holistic approach to how we meet our new water demands while protecting existing water rights. 4 categories - Recap of where we are and how we got here.
 - Public Water Supply
 - Water Storage
 - Exceptions to the Permitting Process
 - Mitigation
- Update on Action Items

10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Exceptions to the Permitting Process
Noon	Lunch
12:30 PM	Discussion: Review options for becoming a division court judge
1:45 PM	Break
2:00 PM	Reconciling provisional permits and changes with final decrees
3:30 PM	Public Participation Contribute to the above discussion.
3:45 PM	Summary and Next Steps
4:00 PM	Adjourn