



# Stakeholder Working Group

**\*\*NOTE: This agenda has been time-stamped to match the meeting recordings for Day 1 (November 14) and Day 2 (November 15) for viewers wanting to catch up on a specific discussion.\*\***

## Stakeholder Working Group Meeting Agenda

November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – 9AM to 4 PM - DNRC Headquarters – Montana Room

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Montana Capitol Building Room 137  
Helena, MT

### Meeting Objectives:

- Continue to build shared understanding of the role of the judiciary for post final decree
- Determine approach for building out recommendations for the role of the judiciary
- Review data and opportunities for water planning, growth, and exempt wells
- 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](mailto:Dnrwaterstakeholders@mt.gov)*

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**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 9AM to 4PM**  
**DNRC Headquarters – Montana Conference Room – main level**

**9:00 AM      Welcome, Agenda Overview, and Introductions (0:00 on Meeting Recording)**

- 9:30 AM**      **Lieutenant Governor Juras – Legal Considerations: McCarran and Water Division/Water Court legality (17:30 on Meeting Recording)**
- Presentation
  - Q&A
- 10:45 AM**      **Break**
- 11:00 AM**      **Final Decree Transition – Update Sub-working Group Discussion (1:43:20 on Meeting Recording)**
- Noon**            **Lunch**
- 12:45 PM**      **Identify/Clarify Roles and Responsibilities of the Adjudication Court (2:44:45 on Meeting Recording – NOTE; the afternoon discussion departed somewhat from the sub-topics set forth on the agenda, and there was public participation throughout the afternoon’s discussion of Final Decree Transition)**
- 1:30 PM**            **Public Participation**
- Contribute to the above discussion.
- 1:45 PM**            **Break**
- 2:00 PM**            **Roles and Responsibilities of the Divisional Court**
- 3:30 PM**            **Public Participation**
- Contribute to the above discussion.
- 3:45 PM**            **Summary and Next Steps (5:35:15 on Meeting Recording)**
- 4:00 PM**            **Adjourn**

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**  
**Montana State Capital Building – Room 172**

- 8:30 AM**            **Welcome and Agenda Overview – Heather (0:00 on Meeting Recording)**
- 8:40 AM**            **Water Planning and Growth and Exempt Wells (2:30 on Meeting Recording)**

**10:30 AM Break**

**10:45 AM Water Planning and Growth and Exempt Wells Cont'd (1:58:00 on Meeting Recording)**

**12:00 PM HB114 Outreach Plan (2:52:30 on Meeting Recording)**

**12:30 PM Adjourn**