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Director Sexton,

At the July meeting of the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC), you mentioned that in the coming months you will be filling the position of administrator of the Water Resources Division that was until recently occupied by John Tubbs.

As you are aware, water is an extremely important topic in Montana and the Water Resources Division is an integral component of water management in the state. The members of the WPIC believe it is imperative that this position be filled as soon as possible. Furthermore, this position should be held by a person who is intimately familiar with Montana as well as the management of state waters.

The hiring of the right person for this position is important to the WPIC as the committee begins to evaluate and shape water policy. The person holding this job has historically been the point person between the department and interim committees on water issues.

Again, we encourage you to fill this position with an experienced person as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Rep. Walter McNutt
Chair, Water Policy Interim Committee