

2013-14 Draft Water Policy Interim Committee Work Plan Decision Matrix

Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A River	Option B Stream	Option C Creek	Option D Dry Well	Resources Allocated
Study topics assigned to the WPIC						
Ditch/canal easement restatement	HJ 26	0.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All of Option B ✓ In-depth legal analysis of study issues Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Final report with recommendations. ✓ Draft legislation (if any) 	0.1 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All of Option C ✓ Tour relevant sites in Helena Valley ✓ Analyze relevant actions, policies, or legal decisions in other states ✓ Create work group of interested parties to suggest options Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Brief report ✓ Draft legislation (if any) 	0.05 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review relevant policies, legal decisions in Montana ✓ Summarize relevant actions, policies, or legal decisions in other states ✓ Panel discussion Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft legislation (if any) 		
Statutory duties in coordination with EQC.						
Water Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review base numeric nutrient standards ✓ Update on state water plan ✓ Review Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program ✓ Monitor water right adjudication ✓ Review Clark Fork River Task Force report ✓ Review FWP instream flow report ✓ Monitor agency involvement in water issues, including rule making and general oversight 	Assigned to EQC to coordinate with WPIC	.25 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All of Option B ✓ Participate in water-related meetings. ✓ Accept reports and select some for WPIC review, analysis, and comment. ✓ Background summaries and legal analysis ✓ Review and discuss applicability of statutory responsibilities related to water policy issues. ✓ Regular involvement and oversight on water adjudication program - DNRC and the Water Court. Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recommendations or WPIC position letters ✓ Presentations or written recommendations to EQC ✓ Legislation to address statutory responsibilities 	.1 FTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All mandatory duties. ✓ Selected water issues. ✓ Public involvement through WPIC meetings ✓ Basic involvement and oversight on water adjudication program - DNRC and the Water Court. Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recommendations or WPIC position letters ✓ Legislation to address statutory responsibilities ✓ Oral reports to EQC 			
Other water policy issues						

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Water transactions policy	Committee member suggestion	0.25 FTE ✓ Option B ✓ Analysis of water transactions policy Deliverables: ✓ Report ✓ Legislation	0.1 FTE ✓ Option C ✓ Panel discussion including stakeholders and Western States Water Council representative ✓ Summary of issues related to water transactions policy Deliverables: ✓ Report ✓ Legislation	0.05 FTE ✓ Disseminate report from Western States Water Council related to water transactions ✓ DNRC presentation on water transactions policy Deliverables: ✓ Brief report ✓ Legislation		
Exempt well issues and update	Committee member suggestion			0.05 FTE ✓ DNRC presentation on current and future exempt well issues, including update on combined appropriation rule-making ✓ Summarize and update past WPIC studies/reports on exempt wells Deliverables: ✓ Brief report ✓ Legislation		
Future of agricultural water use	Committee member suggestion	0.5 FTE ✓ Option B ✓ Analysis of key stresses, supply and demand issues, and climate variability affecting the future of Montana agriculture ✓ Analysis of research priorities related to future agricultural water use ✓ Develop concepts for building resiliency into the agricultural water use system Deliverables: ✓ Report ✓ Legislation	0.25 FTE ✓ Option C ✓ Summary of available climate information related to the future of agricultural water use in Montana ✓ Develop stakeholders group to explore issues related to the future of agricultural water use Deliverables: ✓ Report ✓ Legislation	0.05 FTE ✓ Panel discussions of future of agricultural water use, including effects of key stresses, future supply and demand, climate variability, research priorities, and resiliency of the agricultural water use system. Deliverables: ✓ Brief report ✓ Legislation		

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Receive Compact Commission report on CSKT compact	Directive from governor via veto of SB265	0.5 FTE ✓ Option B intensified ✓ Outside Helena public hearings if budget allows Deliverables: ✓ Legal opinions ✓ Report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	0.25 FTE ✓ Topic-specific background briefings ✓ Topic-specific panel discussions ✓ Topic-specific legal analysis Deliverables: ✓ Legal opinion ✓ Brief report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	0.1 FTE ✓ General panel discussion or hearing ✓ Topic-specific legal analysis Deliverables: ✓ Legal briefing ✓ Draft legislation (if any)		
Role of Water Court in permit and change decisions	Senate Natural Resources Committee suggestion		0.1 FTE ✓ All of Option C ✓ Possible work group of interested persons to investigate options Deliverables: ✓ Brief report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	0.05 FTE ✓ Summarize Water Court statutes and duties ✓ Summarize current appeal process ✓ Panel discussion Deliverables: ✓ Draft legislation (if any)		
Additional member agenda items	Committee member suggestions			✓ Federal fiscal effects on Montana floodplain program ✓ Water marketing ✓ "Wetted-p" model vs. seasonal hydrologic graph in water volume determinations ✓ Hydrological impacts of 2011 wildfires ✓ DNRC, AG reports on effect of SB217 -- watershed good neighbor policy with federal government ✓ DNRC update on water rights exempt from filing (SB355) ✓ Non-degradation standards and diversions of water ✓ Pondera County and Reservoir Co. Water Court Report ✓ Definition of perennial stream in 310 permits		
Total Available Resources 1 FTE						

1 FTE Available to WPIC

1 Interim FTE = 16.5 months = 2880 hours

.05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days

.10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days

.25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days

.50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days

.75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days

1 FTE = 2880 hrs = 360 days