



Stakeholder Working Group

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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	Exempt Well Policy - Discussion
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 Storage and Mitigation

- Funding Packages
- Recommendations for addressing storage policy questions
- Bill Draft – Waiver of Adverse Effect
- Recommendation for mitigation small working group

2:30 PM Change Process

- Bill Draft – Streamlined change process

3:00 PM Exempt Wells Coordination Bill

- Bill Draft – Overview

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