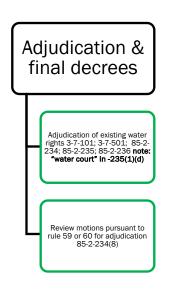
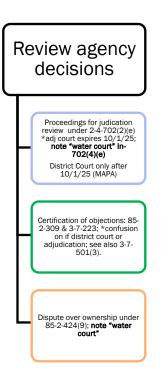
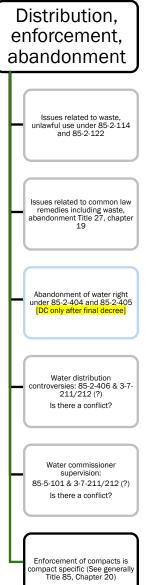
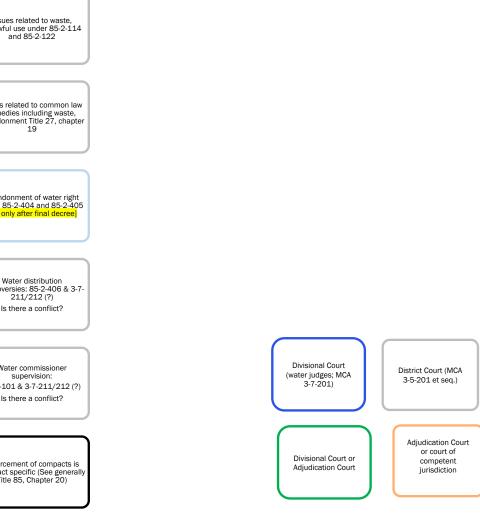
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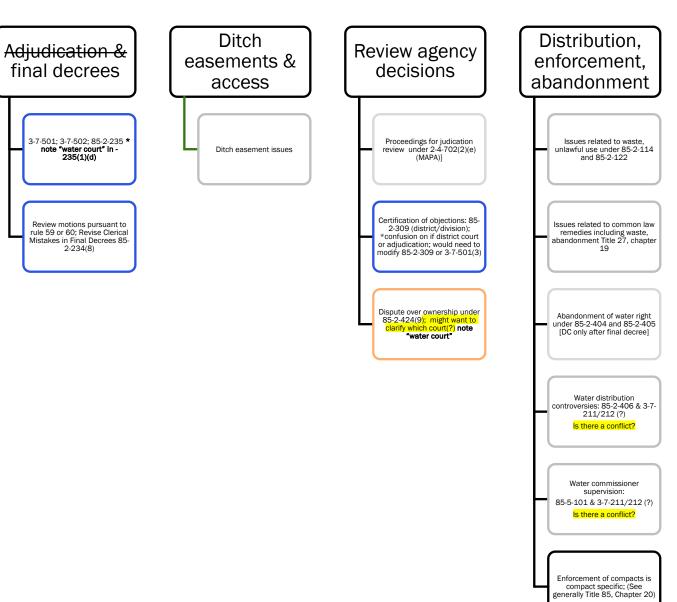
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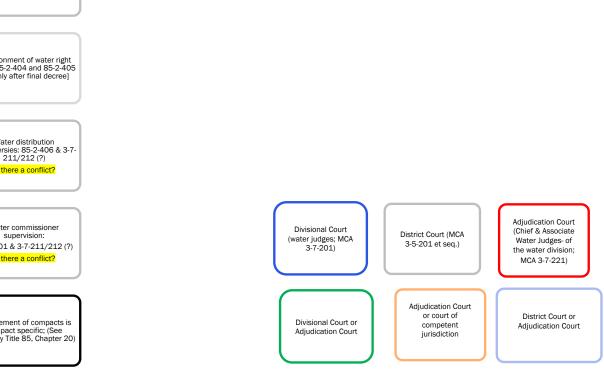
the water division; MCA 3-7-221)

District Court or

Adjudication Court

Post Adjudication- Duties & responsibilities of Courts under existing statute





Bucket of duties for Water Division Model

Other

Tracking & access of private agreements- so can be enforced; commissioner remark (e.g., in water right/abstract; case files; process and mechanism)

Point of contact- filing cases, access to files, routing cases; storage of records; electronic filings (3-5-501-513)

Education and communicationanswering general water rights questions

Ditch easement issues

Adjudication

Adjudication of existing water rights 85-2-234 and 85-2-235; note: "water court"

Review motions pursuant to rule 59 or 60 for adjudication 85-2-234(8)

Review DNRC

Certification of objections: 85-2-309 &3-7-223

Proceedings for judicial review under 2-4-702(2)(e) *adj court expires 10/1/25; note "water court"

Dispute over ownership and splits and severs under 85-2-424(9)

Distribution, enforcement, abandonment

Water commissioner conflict:

85-5-101 & 3-7-211/212

Conduit for DNRC redbook creation for district courts

*not in statute & no funding

Access to commissioner data, measurements, files and records

Water master support of distribution, mediation; appointed special masters for district court cases

Abandonment of water right under 85-2-404 and 85-2-405 [DC only after final decree] Enforcement of compacts is compact specific. Court of competent jurisdiction is the Division Court

Water distribution controversies: conflict 85-2-406 & 3-7-211/212

Issues related to waste, unlawful use under 85-2-114 and 85-2-122 Issues related to common law remedies including waste, abandonment Title 27, chapter 19