

Subdivision Application Water Right Review and Authorization Interim Process

Flathead Reservation Water Management Board (Board)

with technical support from Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Limitations

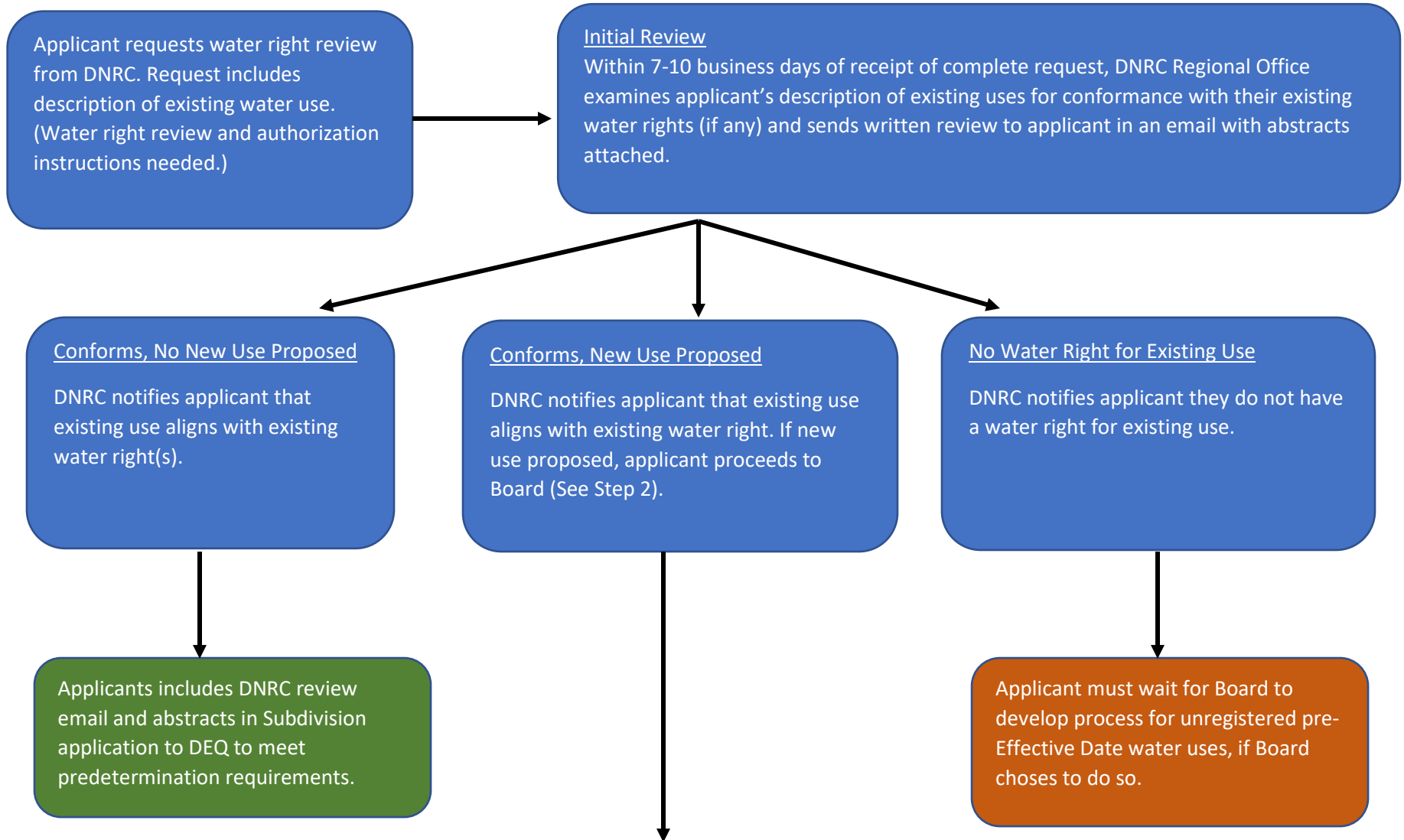
- **Limited water right availability:** This interim process is only available for individual and shared domestic allowance water uses at this time.
- **Incomplete Record of Existing Uses:** The Water Rights Database's record of existing registered water uses on the Reservation is incomplete. Approximately 1,500 suspended registration applications of state-based water rights have not been processed (2-1-106.2 of the Ordinance). Nearly 1,300 additional "180-day" registrations filed under 2-1-106. 1 and 3 of the Ordinance need to be entered into the Water Rights Database and authorized by the Office of the Engineer.
- **Transition Review to Board:** When the Board's office is fully functional, DNRC recommends transferring review responsibilities to the Board, who has jurisdiction over Flathead Reservation water rights.

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Step 1: DNRC review of existing water use and right(s)



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Step 2: Application to Board for new water use

