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CSKT Compact Technical Working Group

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

MR. JOHN METESH, Chair
MR. ANDREW BRUMMOND, VIA PHONE
MR. RUSSELL LEVENS
MR. KIRK WAREN
MR. LARRY DOLAN
MR. MIKE MCLANE

STAFF PRESENT

JASON MOHR, Lead Staff
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AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda, [Attachment 1](#).
Visitors' list, [Attachment 2](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:01 John Metesh, state geologist, director, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG), called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

00:00:37 Jerry Laskody, irrigator, St. Ignatius, Montana
00:00:43 Kate Vandemoer, hydrologist, Concerned Citizens of Western Montana
00:00:51 Jason Mohr, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

REVIEW OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) WORK PLAN

00:00:57 Mr. Metesh said the objective of the meeting is to discuss the elements, approach, and content of the report of findings. He asked when the technical review being completed by the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission will be completed. Mr. Mohr said the analysis should be out early next week and he will forward it to the TWG.

00:02:30 Mr. Metesh asked about copies of the reviews that were done by the Flathead Joint Board of Control. Mr. Mohr said the Board must approve release of the analysis and they are scheduled to meet August 11.

00:03:51 Mr. Metesh began the discussion on the topics and sub-topics of the TWG report and the approach for writing up each topic, [Exhibit 1](#).

00:06:57 Larry Dolan, surface water hydrologist, Water Management Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:07:18 Kirk Waren, senior research hydrologist, and groundwater modeler, Ground Water Investigation Program, MBMG
00:10:52 Mr. Dolan
00:13:27 Mike McLane, water resources specialist, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
00:17:33 Mr. Laskody

00:19:31 Mr. Metesh
00:20:06 Mr. McLane
00:21:16 Mr. Dolan
00:22:48 Mr. McLane
00:25:38 Mr. Metesh
00:29:10 Mr. Waren
00:32:12 Russell Levens, section supervisor/groundwater hydrologist, Water Management
Bureau, DNRC
00:33:09 Mr. Metesh
00:33:58 Mr. Levens
00:34:07 Mr. Metesh
00:35:13 Mr. Laskody
00:36:02 Mr. Metesh
00:37:01 Mr. Laskody
00:37:17 Mr. Metesh
00:37:25 Mr. Laskody
00:37:52 Mr. Metesh
00:39:20 Mr. Laskody
00:39:37 Mr. Metesh
00:39:49 Mr. Laskody
00:40:18 Mr. McLane
00:42:32 Mr. Metesh
00:42:45 Mr. Dolan
00:43:28 Mr. McLane
00:43:57 Mr. Levens
00:44:23 Mr. Waren
00:44:27 Mr. Metesh
00:47:06 Ms. Vandemoer
00:47:44 Mr. Metesh
00:48:28 Mr. Dolan
00:50:18 Mr. McLane
00:51:21 Mr. Metesh
00:51:28 Mr. Dolan
00:51:37 Mr. Metesh
00:53:17 Mr. Laskody
00:54:47 Mr. Metesh
00:55:54 Mr. Dolan
00:56:15 Mr. Metesh
00:58:00 Mr. Metesh discussed the work plan topics.
01:04:41 Mr. Laskody
01:05:13 Mr. Metesh
01:05:52 Mr. Levens
01:06:06 Mr. Metesh
01:06:33 Ms. Vandemoer
01:07:22 Mr. Metesh
01:08:40 Mr. Levens
01:08:52 Mr. Metesh
01:09:35 Ms. Vandemoer

01:10:13 Mr. Metesh
01:10:18 Mr. Dolan
01:10:55 Mr. McLane
01:11:22 Mr. Metesh
01:11:31 Mr. McLane
01:12:25 Ms. Vandemoer
01:12:37 Mr. McLane
01:13:04 Mr. Metesh
01:13:36 Mr. Dolan
01:13:44 Mr. Metesh
01:13:54 Mr. Levens
01:14:17 Mr. Metesh
01:16:02 Mr. Waren
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01:28:51 Mr. Levens
01:29:53 Mr. Metesh
01:33:16 Mr. Dolan
01:33:43 Mr. Metesh
01:35:18 Mr. Levens
01:35:47 Mr. Metesh

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

01:38:18 Mr. Metesh discussed the TWG future meeting schedule.
01:38:51 Mr. Levens
01:39:03 Mr. Dolan
01:39:17 Mr. Metesh
01:39:28 Mr. Levens
01:39:43 Mr. Mohr
01:40:13 Mr. Levens
01:40:24 Mr. Metesh
01:42:13 Mr. Dolan
01:42:40 Mr. Levens
01:43:02 Mr. Metesh said the TWG will meet on August 13.

01:44:36 Mr. Mohr
01:46:12 Mr. Metesh
01:46:23 Mr. Mohr said the mailing deadline for the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) will be August 25.
01:47:54 Mr. Metesh
01:49:45 Mr. Dolan
01:51:23 Mr. Metesh
01:52:09 Mr. Levens
01:52:22 Mr. McLane
01:52:34 Mr. Metesh

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TWG ISSUE

01:52:50 Ms. Vandemoer
01:53:20 Mr. Metesh adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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