



## Water Policy Interim Committee

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### 63rd Montana Legislature

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TO: Water Policy Interim Committee  
RE: July 8, 2014 meeting

Greetings WPIC members,

The committee convenes for a one-day meeting at 8 a.m. July 8 in room 137 of the Capitol.

Enclosed are meeting materials. The materials are also online at [www.leg.mt.gov/water](http://www.leg.mt.gov/water). Any additional materials that did not make our mailing deadline will be sent via email.

Enclosures for the July packet include:

- An agenda for the July meeting.
- Draft minutes from the May 12-13 and June 6 WPIC meetings.
- Tab 1: A draft of the **House Joint Resolution 26 study report** on ditch easement disputes. This document hews closely to the background paper staff produced for the committee in September.
- Tab 2: An **adjudication update**.
- Tab 3: A report from the **Clark Fork River Basin Task Force**, as part of their requirements under 85-2-350, MCA.
- Tab 4: **Nutrient work group report** from the Department of Environmental Quality, meeting the reporting requirements of 75-5-313, MCA.
- Tab 5: **Total maximum daily loads (TMDL) report** from DEQ staff, meeting the reporting requirements of 75-5-703, MCA.
- Tab 6: An **agency rulemaking update** from the Legislative Legal Services Office.
- Tab 7: **Final basin recommendations**, which were submitted for consideration in the **state water plan**. The WPIC will receive a draft state water plan from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in September. After a public comment process this fall, the DNRC will submit the plan to the 2015 Legislature.

Not included is the 127-page Unitary Management Ordinance, which is part of the proposed Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes water rights settlement -- and an agenda item. The ordinance can be accessed online at:

<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/rwrcc/Compacts/CSKT/2013/2013-2-13ProposedAdministrativeOrdinancefinal.pdf>

Please let me know if you have questions about the meeting or materials.

Sincerely,

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