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Topic	Why is this a topic?	Option A River	Option B Stream	Option C Creek	Option D Dry Well	Resources Allocated
Study topics assigned to the WPIC						
Ditch/canal easement restatement	**HJ 26**	**0.25 FTE** ✓ All of Option B ✓In-depth legal analysis of study issues **Deliverables:** ✓ Final report with recommendations. ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	**0.1 FTE** ✓ All of Option C ✓ Tour relevant sites in Helena Valley ✓ Analyze relevant actions, policies, or legal decisions in other states ✓ Create work group of interested parties to suggest options **Deliverables:** ✓ Brief report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	**0.05 FTE** ✓ Review relevant policies, legal decisions in Montana ✓ Summarize relevant actions, policies, or legal decisions in other states ✓ Panel discussion **Deliverables:** ✓ Draft legislation (if any)		
Statutory duties in coordination with EQC.						
Water Policy Issues ✓ Review base numeric nutrient standards ✓ Update on state water plan ✓ Review Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program ✓ Monitor water right adjudication ✓ Review Clark Fork River Task Force report ✓ Review FWP instream flow report ✓ Monitor agency involvement in water issues, including rule making and general oversight	Assigned to EQC to coordinate with WPIC	**.25 FTE** ✓ All of Option B ✓ Participate in water-related meetings. ✓ Accept reports and select some for WPIC review, analysis, and comment. ✓ Background summaries and legal analysis ✓ Review and discuss applicability of statutory responsibilities related to water policy issues. ✓ Regular involvement and oversight on water adjudication program - DNRC and the Water Court. **Deliverables:** ✓ Recommendations or WPIC position letters ✓ Presentations or written recommendations to EQC ✓ Legislation to address statutory responsibilities	**.1 FTE** ✓ All mandatory duties. ✓ Selected water issues. ✓ Public involvement through WPIC meetings ✓ Basic involvement and oversight on water adjudication program - DNRC and the Water Court. **Deliverables:** ✓ Recommendations or WPIC position letters ✓ Legislation to address statutory responsibilities ✓ Oral reports to EQC			

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Other water policy issues						
Water transactions policy	Committee member suggestion	**0.25 FTE** ✓ Option B ✓ Analysis of water transactions policy **Deliverables:** ✓ Report ✓ Legislation	**0.1 FTE** ✓ Option C ✓ Panel discussion including stakeholders and Western States Water Council representative ✓ Summary of issues related to water transactions policy **Deliverables:** ✓ Report ✓ Legislation	**0.05 FTE** ✓ Disseminate report from Western States Water Council related to water transactions ✓ DNRC presentation on water transactions policy **Deliverables:** ✓ Brief report ✓ Legislation		
Exempt well issues and update	Committee member suggestion			**0.05 FTE** ✓ DNRC presentation on current and future exempt well issues, including update on combined appropriation rule-making ✓ Summarize and update past WPIC studies/reports on exempt wells **Deliverables:** ✓ Brief report ✓ Legislation		
Future of agricultural water use	Committee member suggestion	**0.5 FTE** ✓Option B ✓Analysis of key stresses, supply and demand issues, and climate variability affecting the future of Montana agriculture ✓Analysis of research priorities related to future agricultural water use ✓Develop concepts for building resiliency into the agricultural water use system **Deliverables:** ✓Report ✓Legislation	**0.25 FTE** ✓Option C ✓Summary of available climate information related to the future of agricultural water use in Montana ✓Develop stakeholders group to explore issues related to the future of agricultural water use **Deliverables:** ✓Report ✓Legislation	**0.05 FTE** ✓Panel discussions of future of agricultural water use, including effects of key stresses, future supply and demand, climate variability, research priorities, and resiliency of the agricultural water use system. **Deliverables:** ✓Brief report ✓Legislation		

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Receive Compact Commission report on CSKT compact	Directive from governor via veto of SB265	**0.5 FTE** ✓ Option B intensified ✓ Outside Helena public hearings if budget allows **Deliverables:** ✓ Legal opinions ✓ Report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	**0.25 FTE** ✓ Topic-specific background briefings ✓ Topic-specific panel discussions ✓ Topic-specific legal analysis **Deliverables:** ✓ Legal opinion ✓ Brief report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	**0.1 FTE** ✓ General panel discussion or hearing ✓ Topic-specific legal analysis **Deliverables:** ✓ Legal briefing ✓ Draft legislation (if any)		
Role of Water Court in permit and change decisions	Senate Natural Resources Committee suggestion		**0.1 FTE** ✓ All of Option C ✓ Possible work group of interested persons to investigate options **Deliverables:** ✓ Brief report ✓ Draft legislation (if any)	**0.05 FTE** ✓ Summarize Water Court statutes and duties ✓ Summarize current appeal process ✓ Panel discussion **Deliverables:** ✓ Draft legislation (if any)		
Additional member agenda items	Committee member suggestions			✓Federal fiscal effects on Montana floodplain program ✓Water marketing ✓"Wetted-p" model vs. seasonal hydrologic graph in water volume determinations ✓Hydrological impacts of 2011 wildfires ✓DNRC, AG reports on effect of SB217 -- watershed good neighbor policy with federal government ✓DNRC update on water rights exempt from filing (SB355) ✓Non-degradation standards and diversions of water ✓Pondera County and Reservoir Co. Water Court Report ✓Definition of perennial stream in 310 permits		
Total Available Resources 1 FTE						

1 FTE Available to WPIC

1 Interim FTE = 16.5 months = 2880 hours

.05 FTE = 144 hrs = 18 days

.10 FTE = 288 hrs = 36 days

.25 FTE = 720 hrs = 90 days

.50 FTE = 1440 hrs = 180 days

.75 FTE = 2160 hrs = 270 days

1 FTE = 2880 hrs = 360 days