

DEQ: Subdivision Review		Agency/Program #: 5301-50-I1
		Division: Permitting and Compliance
		Program:
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Program or Project Description:

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special	162,416		159,242		
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$162,416	\$0	\$159,242	\$0	

Goal(s):

To improve customer service with faster turn-around time on the review and approval of subdivision applications and to provide a more detailed consideration of water impacts.

Performance Measures :

1. Time to review an application should be reduced from the current 60 days to 50 days or less within one year of hiring the FTEs.
2. New rules and guidelines for water availability should be ready within 12 months.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
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Performance Report:

During the 2009 Biennium our goal is to hit a 55-day average turnaround for all review submittals. Staff are working to develop an electronic tracking system that will allow better monitoring of submittal and response data for both staff reviews and applicant responses. As a result of development of a tracking mechanism and increased staff the actual review time frames are 49 days per file in CY2006 for 1298 actions, 41 days in CY2007 955 actions, and 37 days in CY2008 for 287 actions. It should be noted that in the same time period the subdivision section exceeded its 60 days statutory deadline 298 times in 2006, 151 in 2007 and 9 times in 2008.

The additional FTE positions were filled during the first half of FY07. As a result we have seen the average annual application reviews per FTE drop from 133 to 84. Efforts continue to design and implement a review time tracking system. The review and tracking system has been completed and can be visited at <http://deq.sharepoint.mt.gov/teams/PCD/PWS/default.aspx> under 60 Day Subdivision Submittal Report.

The appropriation for this decision package was not dedicated and therefore the appropriation and expenditure data specific to these measures are not readily isolated.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On-Track

DATA RELEVANCE: The data received addresses one of the two performance measures. The measure regarding new rules was not addressed.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: The agency did not report current expenditures. The goal and related measures were tied to a present law decision package in HB 2. The agency should be able to inform the workgroup regarding the status of that appropriation.

COMMENTS/ISSUE: The agency has made clear progress decreasing review time. The status regarding the rules needs to be addressed.

OPTIONS for the committee:

1) accept the ranking and receive another report, 2) accept and dismiss.



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Change Description
Added LFD Narrative, inserted goal
Workgroup Update