

Surface Water / Groundwater Workgroup
DNRC Advisory Group
September 15, 2005

<i>Participant / Membership List</i>	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Interest</i>
1. Bill O'Donnell and/or Kristi Kline	Montana Rural Water
2. Tom Patton	Montana Tech
3. Rick Bondy	Citizen and Professional Engineer
4. Richard Oppen, Director	Director of DEQ
5. Glenn Oppel	MT Board of Realtors
6. Holly Franz	Water Law Attorney
7. Steve Kelly	Friends of the Wild Swan & Alliance for the Wild Rockies
8. Walt Sales, Mick Seeburg, and/or John Semple	Association of Gallatin Area Irrigators (AGAI)
9. Sarah Carlson	Montana Assn. of Conservation Districts
10. Mike Murphy	Montana Water Resources Association
11. John Wilson and/or Stan Bradshaw	Trout Unlimited
12. John Youngberg	Montana Farm Bureau
13. Jay Bodner	Montana Stock Growers
14. Jon Sesso	County Government/ Planning Depts.
15. Michael Kakuk	Montana Building Industry Association
16. Jack Stults, Administrator, DNRC Water Resources Division	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
17. Tim Hall, Chief Legal Council	DNRC

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MISSION: Examine and evaluate existing law and rules related to water rights, with emphasis upon the management and interaction of surface waters and groundwater, and make recommendations, if necessary, to improve future conditions.

GOALS:

- 1) Identify and evaluate current state policy related to surface water and groundwater administration.
- 2) Determine if senior rights are adequately protected.
- 3) Define the adequacy of existing statutes and rules for water administration and water right enforcement as they relate to surface water and ground water interactions.
- 4) Craft a summary document including any recommendations for policy adjustments, statutory amendments, and rule development or funding adjustments.

Meetings:

Held: July 25 and August 31
Scheduled: September 27, 10:00 – 3:00
November 1, 10:00 – 3:00
December 14, 10:30 – 3:30