



## Water Policy Interim Committee

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### 63rd Montana Legislature

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# MINUTES LOG

## CSKT Compact Technical Working Group

May 28, 2014

Room 335, State Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

MR. JOHN METESH, Chair  
MR. LARRY DOLAN  
MR. RUSSELL LEVENS  
MR. MIKE MCLANE  
MR. KIRK WAREN

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

MR. ANDREW BRUMMOND

### **STAFF PRESENT**

JASON MOHR, Lead Staff  
HELEN THIGPEN, Staff Attorney  
NADINE SPENCER, Secretary  
JOE KOLMAN, Legislative Environmental Analyst

## **AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST**

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

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

- The group will meet on June 5 to finalize a work plan for the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) and to examine the data analysis done by the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC) on the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CSKT) Water Compact.

## **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 10:01 a.m. The secretary noted the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

## **AGENDA**

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

00:01:02 Mr. Metesh

00:02:21 Russell Levens, Section Supervisor/Ground Water Hydrologist, Water Management Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:02:35 Kirk Waren, Senior Research Hydrologist and Groundwater Modeler, Ground Water Investigation Program, MBMG

00:02:48 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:57 Larry Dolan, Surface Water Hydrologist, Water Management Bureau, DNRC

00:04:13 Mike McLane, Water Resources Specialist, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:04:56 Helen Thigpen, Staff Attorney, LSD

00:05:03 Jason Mohr, Research Analyst, LSD

### **DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF WORK**

00:05:15 Mr. Mohr gave an introduction on the organization, function, and process of the working group.

00:09:20 Mr. Metesh

00:09:34 Mr. Mohr  
00:09:54 Mr. Metesh  
00:10:42 Mr. Mohr  
00:10:54 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, LSD  
  
00:11:23 Mr. Metesh asked the audience members to introduce themselves.  
  
00:11:51 John Metropoulos, Attorney and Lobbyist, Helena, Montana  
00:12:54 Mr. Metesh  
00:13:15 Mr. Metropoulos  
  
00:14:05 Mike Murphy, Executive Director, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
  
00:14:52 Jerry Laskody, Irrigator, Mission District; Chairman, Mission Irrigation District  
00:20:46 Mr. Metesh  
00:24:13 Mr. Laskody  
  
00:27:10 Bill Greiman, Engineer, RWRCC  
00:27:21 Mr. Metesh  
  
00:28:27 Stan Jones, Hydrologist, RWRCC  
00:29:52 Mr. Metesh  
  
00:30:21 Mr. Metesh

#### **DISCUSSION ON THE HYDROSS MODEL**

00:31:48 Mr. Metesh asked Mr. Greiman to explain the data that is available from the hydross model which was developed to demonstrate current in-stream flows under current practices.  
00:32:28 Mr. Greiman discussed the data available from the hydross model and the comparison model he developed.  
00:35:44 Mr. Metesh  
00:35:53 Mr. Greiman  
00:39:52 Mr. Metesh  
00:39:56 Mr. Greiman  
00:40:16 Mr. Dolan  
00:40:22 Mr. Metesh  
00:40:37 Mr. Dolan  
00:41:32 Mr. Greiman  
00:42:24 Mr. Dolan  
00:42:34 Mr. Greiman  
00:42:41 Mr. Dolan  
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00:48:20 Mr. Dolan  
00:48:37 Mr. Greiman  
00:49:39 Mr. Metesh  
00:50:12 Mr. Greiman  
00:57:04 Mr. Dolan  
00:57:14 Mr. Greiman  
00:58:19 Mr. Dolan  
00:58:26 Mr. Greiman  
01:01:43 Mr. Waren  
01:02:07 Mr. Greiman  
01:04:38 Mr. Laskody  
01:04:59 Mr. Greiman  
01:05:21 Mr. Laskody  
01:07:08 Mr. Metesh  
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01:10:58 Mr. Greiman  
01:11:31 Mr. Metropoulos  
01:12:27 Mr. Metesh  
01:12:49 Mr. Metropoulos  
01:13:25 Mr. Greiman  
01:13:44 Mr. Dolan  
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01:13:57 Mr. Dolan  
01:14:05 Mr. Greiman  
01:14:24 Mr. Jones  
01:15:27 Mr. Greiman  
01:17:33 Mr. Waren  
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01:18:38 Mr. Waren  
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01:21:39 Mr. Laskody  
01:26:01 Mr. Metesh  
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01:33:32 Mr. Laskody  
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01:33:55 Mr. Metesh  
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01:36:01 Mr. Dolan  
01:36:23 Mr. Greiman  
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01:56:18 Recess  
03:04:28 Reconvene

#### **WORKING GROUP QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION**

03:04:33 Mr. Metesh opened discussion on the examination of the data that went into the hydross model.  
03:06:52 Mr. Dolan  
03:08:20 Mr. Levens  
03:08:39 Mr. Dolan  
03:08:59 Mr. Metesh  
03:10:08 Mr. Jones

03:11:22 Mr. Laskody  
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04:09:19 Mr. Metesh

04:11:40 Mr. Metesh asked about the work plan and what is expected by the WPIC. Mr. Mohr said the work group will examine the analysis that was done by the RWRCC and give its opinion of the Hydross model.

04:13:07 Mr. Metesh requested that the work group draft elements for a work plan and meet in one week. Mr. Mohr asked if the work group would like Mr. Greiman to go over his model and data at the next meeting.

04:14:14 Mr. Metesh said that the meeting next week will focus on finalizing the work plan. Mr. Mohr said that he will begin working on the draft work plan.

04:14:34 Mr. Greiman said that his presentation should be done before he retires.

04:14:54 Mr. Levens said that Mr. Greiman should do his presentation and at least introduce the work group to the data.

04:15:20 Mr. Metesh said the work group will plan on looking at Mr. Greiman's data at the meeting next week.

04:15:54 Mr. Mohr said that he will schedule the meeting for June 5 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Levens asked about the meeting location.

04:16:14 Mr. Mohr said he will advise the work group of the meeting location as soon as it is confirmed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

04:17:06 Mr. Metesh adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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