



## Water Policy Interim Committee

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# WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

## Geocodes Working Group

Room 102, State Capitol Building

May 6, 2020

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

**Note:** Members of this working group include members of WPIC and the following: Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Area Irrigators and Senior Water Rights Coalition, James Ferch, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Bill Gowen, Jr., Montana Land Title Association; Evan Hammer, Natural Resources Information Service; Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue; Judge Russ McElyea, Montana Water Court; Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders; Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties; and Liane Taylor, Montana Association of Realtors.

Committee and work group members will attend this meeting via video conference call.

#### 10 a.m. Call to order

- Roll call
- Determination of a presiding officer for day's meeting

#### 10:05 a.m. Discussion of proposed framework

- Review of working group actions--Mr. Mohr
- Discussion of April 1 action items:
  - Bill draft related to delays and penalties--Mr. Mohr
  - Refine language related to "chain of title" concept--GWG subgroup
  - Rules for when DNRC processes ownership updates--GWG subgroup
- Further discussion of framework suggestions
  - No. 6: DNRC shall keep all records, maps, and research used to determine ownership in each water right claim file
  - No. 8: Water Court shall provide a map and marked up abstract when submitting the result of a court order to DNRC.
  - No. 11: Provide for a "correct and compete" form during ownership transfer process.
- Public comment
- Additional working group discussion, questions, and action

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Adjourn

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