

## DETAILED TIMELINE OF INTERIM WORK (DRAFT)

Tasks and agenda items	
July 24, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Elect officers</del></li> <li>• <del>Review 2023 water legislation</del></li> <li>• <del>Discuss and adopt draft work plan</del></li> <li>• <del>Identify committee studies</del></li> <li>• <del>Identify and prioritize committee member topics</del></li> <li>• <del>Adopt committee rules</del></li> <li>• <del>Review budget</del></li> <li>• Adopt meeting dates</li> <li>• <del>Agency/program overviews – DEQ, DNRC, FWP, Ag, MBMG</del></li> <li>• <del>Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA) – DNRC, WC</del></li> <li>• <del>Update on drought, water supply, wildfires</del></li> <li>• <del>Update from Nutrient Work Group</del></li> <li>• Water research (85-2-105, MCA): Montana Water Center, <del>Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology</del></li> <li>• <del>Legislative audit of data quality in Montana Water Rights Information System</del></li> <li>• <del>Flathead Lake levels</del></li> </ul>
October 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of final work plan: meeting dates, field trips, finalize list of committee member topics</li> <li>• Committee studies: Receive background information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HB520 (study of private ponds) – FWP, DNRC</li> <li>○ Water storage – DNRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prioritization of water storage projects (85-1-704, MCA)</li> <li>▪ Storage and the State Water Plan (85-1-203, MCA)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA) - DNRC, WC</li> <li>• Member topics and emerging issues: weather modification, Elk-Kootenay/ia water quality, narrative nutrients, comprehensive water review, water commissioners</li> <li>• Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff</li> </ul>
January 16-17, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Receive additional background information</li> <li>○ Identify further issues and options</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member topics and emerging issues</li> <li>• Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA) - DNRC, WC</li> <li>• Instream leasing report, (85-2-436, MCA) - FWP</li> <li>• U.S. Forest Service water reservations (85-20-1401, MCA) - DNRC, USFS</li> <li>• GWIP report (85-2-525)</li> <li>• Implementation of State Water Plan (85-1-203, MCA) - DNRC</li> <li>• Western Montana Conservation Commission (SB 83)</li> <li>• Water research (85-2-105, MCA): Montana Water Center, Water Information System (State Library)</li> <li>• Stream gauge network (DNRC, 2-15-3308)</li> <li>• Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff</li> </ul>

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<p>March 19-20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee studies: Identify further issues and options</li> <li>• Committee member topics</li> <li>• Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program update, (85-1-621, MCA) - DNRC</li> <li>• Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff</li> </ul>
<p>May 14-15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee studies:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss options</li> <li>○ Propose recommendations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee member topics</li> <li>• Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA) - DNRC, WC</li> <li>• Update on drought, water supply - DNRC</li> <li>• Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff</li> </ul>
<p>July</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee studies:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft recommendations, legislation</li> <li>○ Discuss draft report(s)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee member topics</li> <li>• TMDL list update (75-5-703, MCA) - DEQ</li> <li>• Hydroelectric potential report (85-1-501, MCA)</li> <li>• Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee update (85-2-338, MCA)</li> <li>• Water and Wastewater Operators' Advisory Council (2-15-2105, MCA)</li> <li>• Water Pollution Control Advisory Council (2-15-2107, MCA)</li> <li>• Weather modification pilot (DNRC, HB 2)</li> <li>• Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff</li> </ul>
<p>September 10-11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee studies:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review public comment on draft report, committee legislation</li> <li>○ Revise draft report, committee legislation, if necessary</li> <li>○ Approve final report(s)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider proposed agency legislation - DNRC, DEQ, FWP</li> <li>• Approve other WPIC report(s), if necessary</li> <li>• Adjudication update (85-2-281, MCA) - DNRC, Water Court</li> <li>• Agency rulemaking update - LSD staff</li> <li>• Consider/propose areas of study for 2025-26 interim</li> </ul>