



Flathead Reservation Water Management Board

DRAFT Meeting Agenda

Thursday July 31, 2025 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

PUBLIC PORTION STARTS @ 1:00 PM

In-person: 400 Main Street Southwest, Ronan, MT

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91936467260>

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1. **12:00 PM: Call to Order Executive Session Closed to the Public (FRWMB Chair)¹**
 - 1.1. Discussion of Private Personnel Matters
 - 1.2. Discussion of Litigation Strategy
 2. **End Executive Session (FRWMB Chair)**

 1. **1:00 PM: Call to Order Public Portion of Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**
 - 1.1. Opening Prayer
 - 1.2. Announce meeting minutes: <https://www.frwmb.gov>
 - 1.3. Attendance
 - 1.4. Disclose any potential conflicts of interest
 - 1.5. Board adoption of meeting minutes from 07-16-2025
 - 1.6. Adopt Agenda
 - 1.7. Human Resources Provider
 - 1.8. Announcing Dustin Walters, new Hydrologist with the OE.
 2. **Public Comment** (for items not on the agenda or non-action agenda items)
 3. **Water Policy and Procedures** (Counsel & Water Engineer)
 - 3.1. WP&P Post 15-Day Notice:
 - WP&P 10-102(9) Deed of Trust
 - WP&P 11-108 Reservation Water Rights Database
 - WP&P 21-111 & 112 Abandonment/Abandonment Declaration Procedures
 - WP&P 22-115 Redundant and Substitute Wells
 - WP&P 31-113(4) Fines
 - 3.1.1. Discussion
 - 3.1.2. Public Comment
 - 3.1.3. Potential Board Action: Approve a portion or all of the above WP&P Sections
 - 3.2. WP&P 21-106, 107, & 108 [State-based Registrations]
 - 3.2.1. Discussion
 - 3.2.2. Public Comment
 - 3.2.3. Potential Board Action: Approve WP&P 21-106, 107, & 108 for 15-day public comment
 4. **Office Building Project Planning Updates** (Water Engineer & Building Committee)
 - 4.1. Project Roadmap & standard AIA (American Institute of Architects) contract
 - 4.1.1. Discussion – including comments from Board Member Smies
 - 4.1.2. Public Comment

¹ This portion is closed to the public pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §2-3-203(3), as the demands for privacy to discuss litigation strategy and/or personnel matters clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §2-3-203(4)(b), discussion of such strategy and/or personnel matters in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the operations of the Board. Board legal counsel will be present.

- 4.1.3. Potential Board Action: Approve AIA contract with NTE amount
- 4.2. Office Visit to DNRC: 7/28 (hosted by Water Engineer or Compact Program Manager)
- 4.3. Upcoming Dates
 - 4.3.1. Vision Meeting and Office Visit to OE: Date TBD
 - 4.3.2. Present Building Program and Vision Synopsis to Building Committee: 8/14 (virtual)
 - 4.3.3. Present Facility Concepts, Cost Estimate, Rendering, and Final Program: week of 9/22
- 5. **Office of the Engineer Personnel Policies: Section 3.15 Breaks** (Water Engineer)
 - 5.1. Discussion of PTO
 - 5.2. Discussion of Personnel Vehicle Use
 - 5.3. Discussion [15-day public comment period ended – no comments received]
 - 5.3.1. Public Comment
 - 5.3.2. Potential Board Action: Adopt 3.15 as modified
- 6. **Board Business**
 - 6.1. Appeal/Oral Argument Updates/Discussion
 - 6.2. Other Items if Needed
- 7. **Office of the Water Engineer** (Water Engineer)
 - 7.1. Office Updates with Water Rights & Traffic Reports
 - 7.2. WRIS Updates
 - 7.3. Signage Considerations
 - 7.4. Infection Disease Pamphlet
 - 7.5. Newspaper Outreach – Free Publication
 - 7.6. Water Engineer Training: Fair Hearing (JS612) Reno, NV; August 12th to 20th
 - 7.6.1. Discussion
 - 7.6.2. Public Comment
 - 7.6.3. Potential Board Action on Water Engineer Training JS612
- 8. **Announce Next Meetings:**
 - 8.1. Board Meeting: Aug 7th and/or Aug 27th
- 9. **End Public Meeting (FRWMB Chair)**