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CSKT Compact Technical Working Group

June 5, 2014

Fred Buck Room, DNRC Water Resources Division
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 Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CSKT) Compact technical working work group adopted the work plan.

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 10:15 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

00:00:33 Mr. Metesh

00:00:48 Tom Osborne, Hydrosolutions Inc.

00:00:54 James Heffner, Water Hydrologist, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:00:58 Mark Baker, Attorney, Anderson, Baker, and Swanson, representing the CSKT

00:01:09 Helen Thigpen, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:01:13 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst (LSD)

00:01:18 Arne Wick, Section Supervisor, Water Resources Division, DNRC

00:01:27 Patricia Dowd, Montana Water Stewards

00:01:31 Mike Murphy, Executive Director, Montana Water Resources Association

00:01:37 Bill Greiman, Engineer, Reserved Water Right Compact Commission (RWRCC)

00:01:38 Jerry Laskody, Mission Irrigation District

00:01:44 Jason Mohr, Research Analyst, LSD

00:01:52 Mr. Metesh gave a schedule for future work group meetings and said the work group will discuss its work plan that will be presented to the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC). He also said that Mr. Greiman will discuss the RWRCC perspective on the hydross model.

00:04:32 Mr. Mohr

00:04:56 Mike McLane, Water Resources Specialist, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:05:07 Mr. Metesh

00:05:11 Mr. Mohr

00:06:10 Mr. Metesh

00:06:22 Mr. McLane

00:06:41 Mr. Metesh

00:07:18 Mr. Mohr

00:07:23 Mr. Metesh

DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF WORK

00:09:04 Mr. Metesh gave a summary of the scope of work for the working group, [Exhibit 1](#).

Questions and discussion

00:15:03 Mr. Metesh

00:15:16 Larry Dolan, Surface Water Hydrologist, Water Management Bureau, DNRC

00:15:46 Mr. Metesh

00:16:25 Mr. Dolan

00:16:37 Mr. Metesh

00:17:31 Mr. Dolan

00:17:41 Mr. Metesh moved, without objection from the work group, to adopt the work plan.

ANALYSES OF CSKT COMPACT TECHNICAL ELEMENTS

00:18:10 Mr. Metesh

00:19:02 Mr. Mohr

00:19:19 Mr. Greiman

00:25:28 Mr. Dolan

00:25:32 Mr. Greiman

00:26:45 Mr. Mclane

00:26:48 Mr. Greiman

00:28:37 Mr. Laskody

00:28:42 Mr. Greiman

00:32:02 Mr. Metesh

00:32:12 Mr. Greiman

00:32:37 Kirk Waren, Senior Research Hydrologist and Groundwater Modeler, Ground Water Investigation Program, MBMG

00:32:58 Mr. Greiman

00:33:37 Mr. Laskody

00:34:15 Mr. Greiman
00:36:54 Mr. Laskody
00:37:00 Mr. Greiman
00:42:09 Mr. Dolan
00:42:15 Mr. Greiman
00:43:24 Mr. Dolan
00:43:31 Mr. Greiman
00:43:38 Mr. Laskody
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00:45:28 Mr. McLane
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00:50:12 Mr. Dolan
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01:01:43 Mr. Metesh
01:02:23 Mr. Laskody
01:02:37 Mr. Metesh
01:02:42 Mr. Dolan
01:03:43 Mr. Greiman
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01:32:07 Mr. Greiman
01:32:18 Mr. Metesh

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

01:33:05 Recess
01:33:24 Reconvene

ANALYSES OF CSKT COMPACT TECHNICAL ELEMENTS CONTINUED

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02:07:42 Mr. McLane asked for some graphs developed by Mr. Greiman, [Exhibit 2](#).
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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

03:58:19 Mr. Metesh said the work group may schedule another meeting on June 10 to continue the discussion on the analyses of CSKT technical elements.
03:59:31 Mr. Greiman
03:59:44 Mr. Metesh
04:00:34 Mr. Mohr
04:00:38 Mr. Metesh
04:00:44 Mr. Greiman

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

04:02:01 Mr. Mohr said that the work group will meet on June 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol.
04:02:51 Mr. Metesh

04:03:08 Mr. Metesh adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
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