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OF MONTANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING AND REAPPOINTING
THE STATE WATER PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State Water Plan Advisory Council was created by Executive Order No. 20-86 and continued under Executive Order No. 18-89, effective August 23, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is starting a new cycle of state water plan development, pursuant to Section 85-1-203(2), MCA, considering different water issues and problems that require different perspectives and expertise from the State Water Plan Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Plan Advisory Council performs essential functions in the development and implementation of the state water plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, specifically Sec. 2-1-122, MCA, do hereby rescind Executive Order No. 18-89, and continue and reappoint the State Water Plan Advisory Council.

PURPOSE:

- (A) The State Water Plan Advisory Council shall advise the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation on the development and implementation of the state water plan. The Council does not have any formal decision-making authority over the final contents of the state water plan.
- (B) In its advisory role in developing the state water plan, the Council shall seek the advice and participation of all affected interests, including:
1. local, tribal, state and federal agencies;

2. industry, business and agricultural interests;
3. private citizens; and
4. groups representing current water users and environmental and conservation interests.

(C) In seeking the advice and participation of all affected interests, the Council may:

1. Conduct public meetings to allow the public to identify which issues should be addressed in the state water plan.
2. Create and seek the advice of steering committees, which shall include representatives from all affected interests. The purpose of the steering committees is to advise the Council on the nature of selected water management issues and recommend solutions to the identified problems. The steering committees receive direction from the Council and do not have any formal decision-making authority.
3. Sponsor and facilitate "open houses" to provide informal opportunities for the public to review and comment on drafts of state water plan sections.

(D) In reviewing the implementation and success of previously adopted state water plan sections, the Council may recommend any appropriate further action to improve implementation or revise adopted plan sections.

COMPOSITION:

The Council shall consist of 15 members. The are as follows:

Mr. Jack Galt
71 Ranch
Martinsdale, MT 59053

Sen. Esther Bengtson
8124 Clark Road
Shepherd, MT 59079

Ms. Ana Brenden
General Delivery
Scobey, MT 59263

Rep. Tom Lee
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Mr. Don Phau
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Mr. Glenn Marx
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Mr. Jay Chamberlain
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Mr. Dennis Iverson
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Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Stan Bradshaw
824 9th Avenue
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Mr. Pat Graham
Dept. of Fish, Wildlife
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Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Jerry Sorenson
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Mr. Jim Wedeward
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Ms. Connie Cole
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900 N Montana, Suite 4A
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Mr. John Wardell
U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency
Federal Building, Drawer 10096
Helena, MT 59626

COMPENSATION:

Council members' expenses eligible for compensation under Section 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be paid by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation at the rate of \$25 for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to 2-15-122(5), MCA.


DURATION:

This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by subsequent Executive Order. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 19th day of JULY, in the year of our Lord, One thousand Nine Hundred and 91.



STAN STEPHENS, Governor

ATTEST:


MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State