



## Water Policy Interim Committee

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### 63rd Montana Legislature

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# MINUTES LOG

## CSKT Compact Technical Working Group

June 10, 2014

Ted Doney Room, DNRC Water Resources Division  
Helena, Montana

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

MR. JOHN METESH, Chair  
MR. ANDREW BRUMMOND  
MR. LARRY DOLAN  
MR. RUSSELL LEVENS  
MR. MIKE MCLANE  
MR. KIRK WAREN

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

MR. LARRY DOLAN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

JASON MOHR, Lead Staff  
NADINE SPENCER, Secretary  
JOE KOLMAN, Legislative Environmental Analyst

**AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST**

Agenda, [Attachment 1](#).  
Visitors' list, [Attachment 2](#).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

None

**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 9:58 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

**AGENDA**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

00:00:55 Bill Greiman, Engineer, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

00:00:58 Jerry Laskody, Mission Irrigation District

00:01:02 Arne Wick, Section Supervisor, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:01:08 Stan Jones, Hydrologist, RWRCC

00:01:17 Jason Mohr, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:01:31 Mr. Metesh said that Mr. Greiman will continue the discussion on the analyses of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Compact technical elements and gave an update from the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) meeting on June 6.

00:02:26 Mr. Mohr

00:03:00 Mr. Metesh

00:06:04 Mr. Mohr

00:06:28 Mr. Metesh

00:08:25 Mr. Mohr

00:09:00 Mr. Metesh

00:09:06 Mr. Mohr

00:09:17 Mr. Metesh

**ANALYSES OF CSKT COMPACT TECHNICAL ELEMENTS**

00:11:43 Mr. Greiman began the evaluation of the Jocko River at K canal, [Exhibit 1](#).

00:19:12 Russell Levens, Section Supervisor/Ground Water Hydrologist, Water  
Management Bureau, DNRC  
00:19:43 Mr. Greiman  
00:20:05 Kirk Waren, Senior Research Hydrologist and Groundwater Modeler, Ground  
Water Investigation Program, MBMG  
00:20:08 Mr. Greiman  
00:21:24 Andrew Brummond, Water Rights/Streamflow Specialist, Region 4, Department  
of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
00:21:33 Mr. Greiman  
00:25:38 Mr. Laskody  
00:28:10 Mr. Greiman  
00:28:41 Mr. Metesh  
00:31:26 Mr. Greiman  
00:31:41 Mr. Laskody  
00:31:53 Mr. Levens  
00:32:13 Mr. Greiman  
00:32:42 Mike McLane, Water Resources Specialist, FWP  
00:34:55 Mr. Greiman  
00:37:03 Mr. Laskody  
00:39:21 Mr. Metesh  
00:41:27 Mr. Greiman  
00:43:58 Mr. Laskody  
00:44:28 Mr. Greiman  
00:45:12 Mr. Metesh  
00:46:18 Mr. Greiman  
00:46:57 Mr. Brummond  
00:48:13 Mr. Greiman  
00:49:49 Mr. Waren  
00:50:12 Mr. Greiman  
00:50:43 Mr. McLane  
00:52:41 Mr. Greiman  
00:53:15 Mr. Laskody  
00:54:14 Mr. Metesh  
00:54:19 Mr. Laskody  
00:56:31 Mr. Metesh  
00:57:24 Mr. Greiman  
00:59:53 Mr. Metesh  
01:00:19 Mr. Greiman  
01:00:43 Mr. Laskody  
01:01:15 Mr. Metesh  
01:01:20 Mr. Greiman  
01:01:38 Mr. Laskody  
01:02:06 Mr. Greiman  
01:02:28 Mr. Brummond  
01:02:45 Mr. Jones  
01:03:13 Mr. Laskody  
01:03:20 Mr. Brummond  
01:06:27 Mr. Greiman

01:07:19 Mr. Laskody  
01:07:24 Mr. Waren  
01:08:33 Mr. Greiman  
01:08:39 Mr. Waren  
01:09:20 Mr. Laskody  
01:09:59 Mr. Greiman  
01:10:50 Mr. Laskody  
01:11:19 Mr. Greiman discussed the difference between the water use agreement and the CSKT Compact.  
01:13:31 Mr. Laskody  
01:13:42 Mr. Greiman  
01:15:12 Mr. Laskody  
01:15:31 Mr. Metesh  
01:15:52 Mr. Waren  
01:16:40 Mr. Greiman  
01:16:48 Mr. Leven  
01:16:56 Mr. Greiman  
01:17:58 Mr. Metesh asked about the flow data  
01:18:13 Mr. Greiman  
01:18:17 Mr. Metesh  
01:18:44 Mr. Greiman  
01:19:57 Mr. Laskody  
01:20:15 Mr. Greiman  
01:22:43 Mr. McLane  
01:23:10 Mr. Greiman  
01:23:37 Mr. McLane  
01:23:41 Mr. Greiman  
01:24:58 Mr. McLane  
01:25:24 Mr. Greiman  
01:28:12 Mr. Laskody  
01:29:03 Mr. Greiman  
01:29:22 Mr. Laskody  
01:29:27 Mr. Greiman  
01:30:15 Mr. Metesh asked if the planning model (hydress model) is leaving enough water for the management model (Mr. Greiman's model).  
01:30:58 Mr. Greiman  
01:34:49 Mr. McLane  
01:36:11 Mr. Metesh  
01:37:20 Mr. Greiman  
01:37:58 Mr. Metesh  
01:38:45 Mr. Greiman  
01:41:21 Mr. Waren  
01:42:08 Mr. Greiman

### Questions and discussion

01:44:24 Mr. McLane  
01:44:40 Mr. Greiman  
01:45:20 Mr. McLane  
01:45:56 Mr. Waren  
01:47:11 Mr. Metesh  
01:47:25 Mr. McLane  
01:48:06 Mr. Metesh  
01:52:51 Mr. Greiman discussed the difference between the Mission Irrigation District and the Jocko Irrigation District.  
01:59:41 Mr. Metesh  
02:00:20 Mr. Greiman

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

02:00:57 Mr. Metesh said the work group will meet on June 12 for a presentation by the tribe on the hydross modeling and on June 25 to discuss the questions from Rep. Ballance and Regier.  
02:05:49 Mr. Laskody  
02:06:58 Mr. Metesh  
02:07:04 Mr. Laskody  
02:07:17 Mr. McLane  
02:09:44 Mr. Metesh  
02:10:54 Mr. Laskody  
02:14:00 Mr. McLane  
02:15:05 Mr. Laskody  
02:16:10 Mr. Waren  
02:16:23 Mr. Laskody  
02:16:31 Mr. Metesh discussed the objective for the June 25 meeting.  
02:18:02 Mr. Mohr  
02:18:29 Mr. Metesh  
02:18:41 Mr. Laskody  
02:19:00 Mr. Metesh  
02:19:20 Mr. Mohr  
02:19:36 Mr. Metesh

**Public comment** None

02:20:01 Mr. Metesh adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

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