

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Inter-Neighborhood Council

**FROM:** Emily Talago, INC Chair

**SUBJECT:** Identify an INC representative on the Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) Public Advisory Committee (PAC)

**MEETING DATE:** June 12, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Identify an INC rep for the PAC.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2013, the Bozeman City Commission adopted an Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP), which identifies recommended water supply and use policies and practices for consideration to ensure Bozeman has adequate supplies available to meet future demands. Since that time, the City has made progress implementing many of the IWRP's recommendations. The City is embarking on an update to the 2013 IWRP to continue to have an accurate and clear plan for Bozeman's water future.

As the City engages the community throughout the IWRP update, clear and mindful communication is needed to avoid misunderstandings, tell Bozeman's exceptional water story, and talk productively about our water supply, and the pros and cons of longer-term strategies. The City is committed to developing an IWRP update that reflects the needs of our growing community and Bozeman's longstanding character. Gathering community input throughout the process is critical to this.

On April 8, 2025, the City Commission approved the Integrated Water Resources Plan Engagement Plan (Engagement Plan), which included an overview of key partners, levels of engagement, goals for community engagement, and an engagement timeline. In addition to broad public engagement, the Engagement Plan calls for the creation of a temporary Water Advisory Committee (WAC), comprised of two subcommittees: a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The City Commission supported the WAC framework, which included INC Board representation on the PAC.

The PAC will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6pm – 8pm

beginning in August or September, 2025. Meetings are anticipated to run through 2026. Agenda materials will be sent out one week in advance of the meetings to provide time for members to review and come to the meetings informed. The entire WAC will meet quarterly (virtually); those meetings will take the place of subcommittee meetings for that month.

Attached is a one-pager outlining WAC information. A charter is also being developed to guide the group and outline expectations. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Jessica Ahlstrom, Water Conservation Program Manager. If you are interested in filling this committee seat, please send a statement of interest, including any potential conflicts of interest, to the Board Chair and Staff Liaison.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None

**ALTERNATIVES:** None

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None

Attachments:

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