

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Sustainability Board

**FROM:** Brooke Lahneman, Sustainability Advisory Board Chair

**SUBJECT:** Water Advisory Committee for the Integrated Water Resources Plan Update and Alternatives

**MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2026

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Water Advisory Committee for the Integrated Water Resources Plan Update and Alternatives

**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. In the Spring of 2025, the City initiated an update to the 2013 IWRP to continue to have an accurate and clear plan for Bozeman's water future.

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 a Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The City Commission supported the WAC framework, which included Sustainability Board representation on the PAC.

In July 2025, the Sustainability Advisory Board voted to recommend the appointment of Board Chair, Brooke Lahneman, to the Public Advisory Subcommittee of the Water Advisory Committee. On [January 14, 2026](#), Chair Lahneman provided the Sustainability Advisory Board with an update on the IWRP engagement process and responded to questions.

At this meeting, Board Chair Brooke Lahneman will provide follow-up

responses to questions from the January 14th board meeting. Chair Lahneman will also share the 10 categories of supply alternatives that have been discussed and recommended for consideration by the Integrated Water Resources Plan Technical and Public Advisory Committees for the 2026 IWRP update. Additional details are included in Attachment A.

More information on the Integrated Water Resource Plan and project timeline can be found on the [Engage Bozeman IWRP webpage](#).

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by the Board.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

Attachments:

[Attachment A\\_BZN SAB\\_IWRP Response\\_Lahneman.pdf](#)

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