

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee

FROM: Jessica Ahlstrom, Water Conservation Program Manager

SUBJECT: Fundamentals of Water Law

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Policy Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Engage with the discussion of Montana water law.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.1 Clean Water Supplies: Ensure adequate supplies of clean water for today and tomorrow.

BACKGROUND: The project team will provide an overview of Montana water law and how it impacts Bozeman's water landscape.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

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