

UPPER YELLOWSTONE WATERSHED BASIN

PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*General Membership Meeting
May 04, 2006 at 7:00 PM
St. Johns Church, Emigrant*

-AGENDA-

1. CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chairman, Bert Otis

2. VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS.

- ◆ Allison Levy, ADC Services
- ◆ Jim Robinson, DNRC
- ◆ Allan Steinle, Army Corps of Engineers
- ◆ Debbie Zarnit, Montana Watercourse
- ◆ Scott Compton, DNRC
- ◆ Scott Opitz, FWP
- ◆ Honorable Chief Water Judge Bruce Lobel
- ◆ Jim Johnson, Confluence Consulting
- ◆ Jeanette Romig, ADC Services

3. APPROVAL OF April 2006 MINUTES

4. UPDATES

• **Coordinator's Report:**

- ◆ Mountain Sky Guest Ranch fund, site visit on April 18 for grant application. A county-wide tour of watershed projects is planned in the future.
- ◆ Cottonwood Reestablishment Project.

• **Vice Chairman's Report:**

- ◆ A warm welcome to Bert Otis, and big thanks to outgoing Vice Chair Marty Malone!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

• **Endangered Species/Wildlife Committee**

- ◆ Update by Bert

• **Irrigation Committee**

- ◆ Update by Jerry O'Hair. Installation workshop for AM400 at Deer Haven Ranch on 4/27/06

• **Range Committee**

- ◆ Update by Alvin Pierce

• **Stream Stabilization Committee**

- ◆ Update by Roger Nelson

• **Weed Committee Update**

- ◆ Update by Eleanor Bossert. Weed Fair 2006/Montana Watercourse – Know Your Watershed tour set for Saturday, June 3rd

AGENCY UPDATES

- ◆ Alan Steinle, Army Corps of Engineers, DNRC re: SAMP & Cumulative Effects studies
- ◆ Ron Archuleta, Gallatin National Forest re: West Pine Creek Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Habitat Restoration Project
- ◆ Scott Opitz, Fish Wildlife & Parks re: Locke Creek Fish Passage -- \$3,000, Debris Removal on Yellowstone River -- \$1,000

5. OPEN ITEMS

6. PROJECT IDEAS

- Input from the group on resource needs.

7. Program: A briefing on HB22 (implementing a water adjudication fee) and Water rights adjudication in Montana – the roles of the Montana Water Court and DNRC.

This month we welcome the Honorable Chief Water Judge Bruce Loble – Appointed by the Montana Supreme Court to head the Montana Water Court, and Mr. Scott Compton – Regional Manager of the

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Bozeman DNRC Regional Office. ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS. Montana has embarked upon a massive, statewide adjudication of nearly all the water rights in the state having priority dates before July 1, 1973. The purpose of the adjudication is to bring some certainty to the number and extent of water rights in Montana. Even water rights that were previously decreed by district courts are included in the statewide adjudication. Claims for all existing rights were required to be filed with the DNRC by April 30, 1982. Over 201,000 claims were filed by the deadline. Failure to file a claim resulted in forfeiture of the water right.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

9. ADJOURN

Thank you for coming!
Next Meeting: June 1st, 2006

NOTES:

Key to Commonly Used Acronyms:

DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality	MBMG – Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology
DNRC – Department of Natural Resources & Conservation	NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Services
FWP – Fish Wildlife & Parks	Park CD – Park Conservation District
LEP – Local Empowerment Program (MACD)	TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load (DEQ)
MACD – Montana Association of Conservation Districts	UYWB – Upper Yellowstone Watershed Basin
MWCC – Montana Watershed Coordination Council	WPA – Watershed Planning & Assistance Grant (DNRC)

Equipment List: (Available to members on loan)

- ◆ Trailer mounted weed sprayer (2)
- ◆ ElectroNet fencing – (9) 35" x 164'
- ◆ 10 Watt Solar Panel
- ◆ IntelliShock 42B battery energizer & 12v 44 amp battery