



MWCC Quarterly Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2000  
Draft Agenda

**Place: DEQ Director's Conference Room, Metcalfe Building  
(Near the NE Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Sanders)**

9:30- Introductions and Announcements  
9:45

**Montana Watersheds and the Drought of 2000**

9:45- Overview: The State's Perspective  
10:00 *Representative/Staff of the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee will provide a brief overview of how drought conditions affected the state, and how the Montana Drought Response Plan was implemented this year.*

10:00- Montana Watershed Groups' Drought Response  
11:15 *Representatives from five active watershed groups (in the Big Hole, Jefferson, Blackfoot, Musselshell and Shields watersheds) will describe how they responded to the drought, sharing lessons that may be instructive to other watershed groups.*

11:15- Group Reflections, Group Response.  
12:00 *Watershed group members and others respond to the presentation and contribute insights and observations on their own situation involving the drought.*

12:00- "Working Lunch"  
12:30 *Bring your own lunch or order a deli sandwich at the door. (We are going to try a working lunch. Note: **The sandwich orders will be placed by 10:00.** If ordering, come early to place your order. Orders will include a sandwich and chips, and a beverage. Correct change or a check will be helpful. )*

- 12:30-1:00 Post Lunch Presentation  
***Demonstration of the Montana Drought Monitoring 2000 Website***, Velda Welch Natural Resource Information System (NRIS). This website was created to communicate roles of different agencies, communities, and individuals in times of drought. Velda will also demonstrate how the website, which contains a broad range of drought related information, can be useful to watershed groups in addressing drought.
- 1:00-2:00 Wrap-up: Strategies, Suggestions and Synthesis  
*What is the role of watershed groups in drought? What should it be? How can watersheds plan better for drought? What other tools, resources, information are needed?*
- 2:00-3:00 Work Group Reports
- *Funding Work Group*
  - *Watershed Coordinators' Retreat Work Group*
  - *Water Activities Work Group*
  - *Water Quality Work Group*
  - *Wetlands Council*
  - *Linking Group*
  - *Watershed Stewardship Award*
- 3:00-3:15 Unfinished Business  
*- Report from the Montana Wetland and Riparian Association*
- 3:15-3:30 Next Meeting Date and Adjourn