

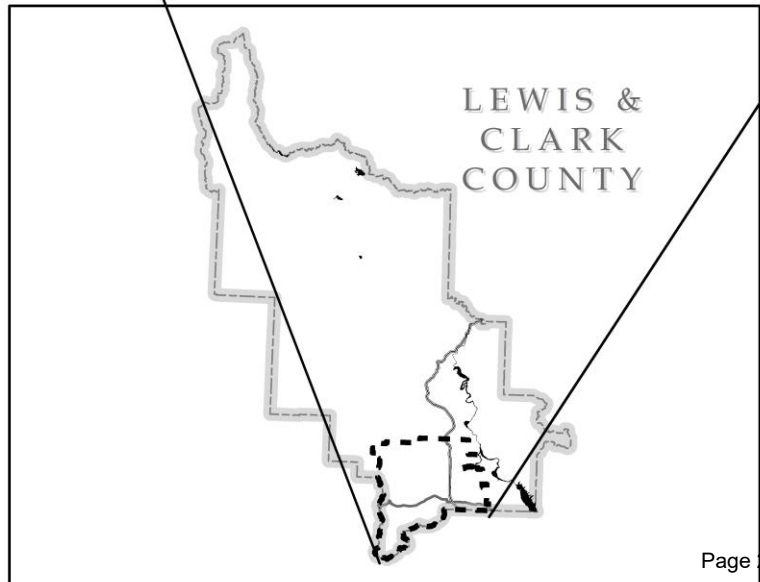
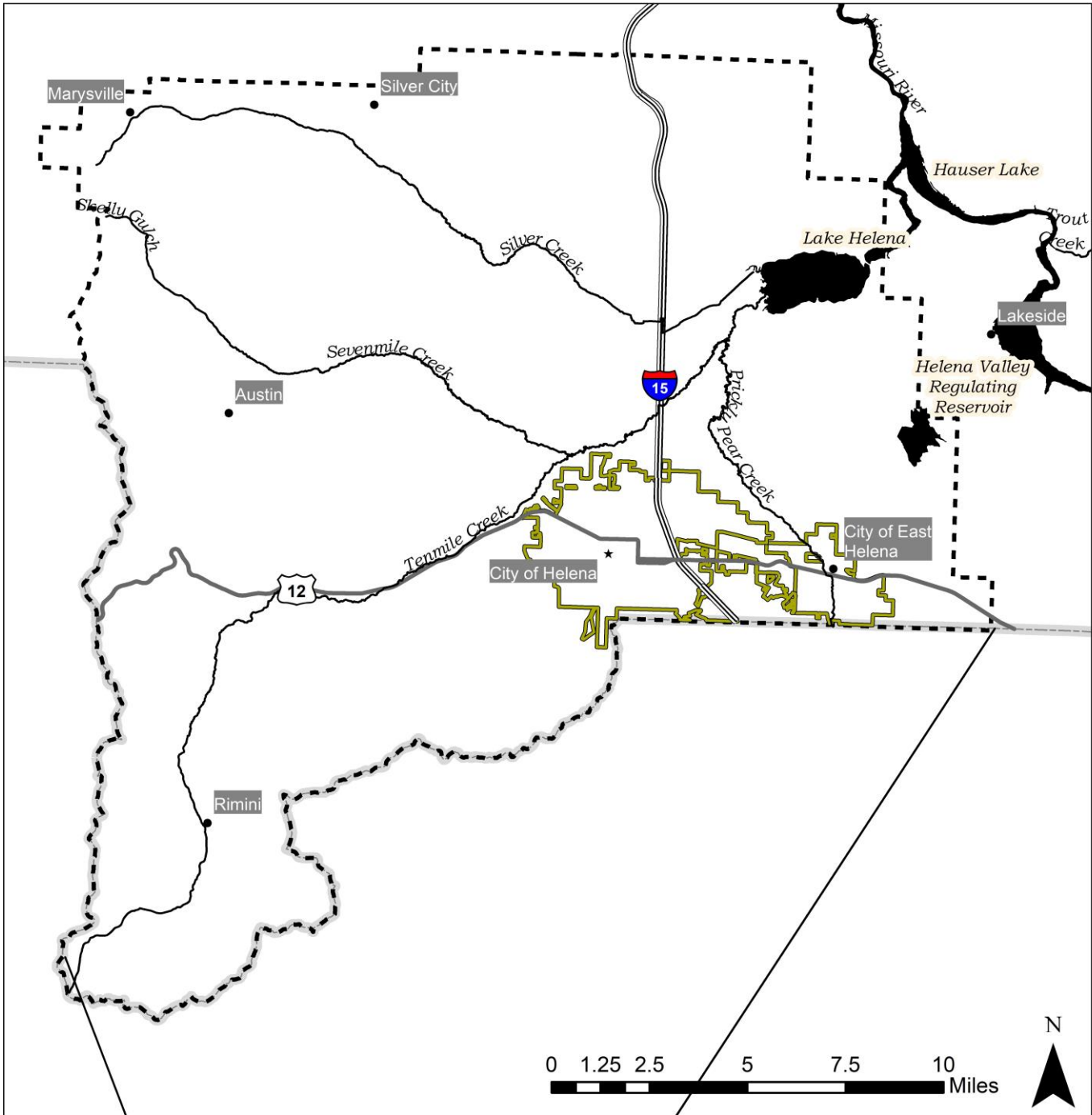


Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District

Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 28, 2026 4:00 pm Hybrid - In person and by Zoom

What (Content)	How (Process)	Who	Page	Time (When)
1. Call to Order & Establish Quorum –	Roll Call	Chair, Ed Kerins		4:00 p.m.
2. Review of Agenda	Present	Board	3	4:05 p.m.
3. Previous Minutes Review	Vote	Board	4	4:10 p.m.
4. FY 26 Quarterly Finance Report FY 27 Budget	Present/ Vote	Jennifer McBroom	8	4:15 p.m.
5. Past Business Strategic Planning - Review Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review mission, value and vision statements • 3-year strategic plan progress review • Next Steps 	Discuss	Board/Staff	13	4:40 p.m.
6. Watershed Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WQS Position • WRP Grant Application • Outreach 	Present	Staff	33	4:55 p.m.
7. Support Letter for COEH	Vote	Board	45	5:05 p.m.
8. Board Member Round-Robin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC Commissioner • City of Helena • City of East Helena • Board of Health • HCC • CD • Public at large – Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kerins, & Ms. Johnson 	Present/ Discuss	Board	48	5:10 p.m.
9. Public Comment	Present	Board	49	5:20 p.m.
10. Adjourn Meeting	Present	Board		5:30 p.m.

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Water Quality Protection District Facts:

Total Acres: ~240,000

Total Square Miles: ~370

Miles of Stream: ~100

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

April 28, 2026

Agenda Item No.

2

Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: Review of Agenda

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Board Members

BACKGROUND: Time is allowed for Board members to review the agenda and place any items under action or to add any new agenda items.

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

NOTES:

	M O T I O N	S E C O N D	A Y E	N A Y	A B S T A I N	O T H E R
D. Hammer						
P. Johnson						
E. Kerins						
R. Leland						
C. Payne						
S. Ohs-Mosley						
A. Johnson						
D. Dahl						

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

April 28, 2026

Agenda Item No.

3

Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: Minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Board Members and Staff

BACKGROUND: Upon approval, the minutes represent official actions of the Water Quality Protection District. Every effort is made to have these recommended minutes accurately portray the proceedings and procedures of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

NOTES:

	M O T I O N	S E C O N D	A Y E	N A Y	A B S T A I N	O T H E R
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**LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

Hybrid – Zoom
March 24, 2026

Members Present:

Ed Kerins, Adel Johnson, Sherri Ohs-Mosley, Patrick Johnson, Diana Hammer, Commissioner Payne, and Don Dahl

Staff & Guests Present:

Fred Sargeson, Kegan McClanahan, Kierstin LaRoche, Sandy Whittington, Gary Burton, Agnes Ng, Cameron Enright, and Andrew Mulder

Ms. Johnson, Vice-Chair, called the 290th meeting of the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Board of Directors (Board) to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was established. Introductions of Board members and WQPD staff were made.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes.

MINUTES

The Vice Chair, Adel Johnson, requested a review of the minutes, and no changes were requested.

TENMILE CREEK FLOOD ZONE PROPOSAL

Mr. McClanahan presented a project proposal focused on water quality monitoring and growth and development planning within the Tenmile Creek flood zone. He requested \$11,500 from the sampling budget to complete sampling in the Helena area prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The proposed work will assess flood zone conditions, reevaluate stream impairments identified in the 2006 TMDL study, and examine stormwater-related contaminants in support of future MS4 permit preparation. Sampling is planned for April–May and will include analysis of nutrients, total solids, sediment loads, and other contaminants in Tenmile Creek, Silver Creek, and select groundwater locations including private homeowners. Soils in the project area will also be sampled using the Public Health sanitarians' equipment that measures metals in the soil.

Mr. Johnson mentioned nitrates, septic systems and their mobility. Board discussed nitrate pollution in Helena Valley. Ms. Ohs-Mosley asked what prompted this study. Mr. McClanahan explained that the Tenmile flood zone hasn't been studied lately. The study and its results will help landowners understand why zoning came into effect. Ms. Johnson asked if DEQ will be using the results. Mr. McClanahan will check into this. Mr. McClanahan further explained that isotope analysis will be used to help identify potential nitrate sources. Mr. McClanahan explained that if elevated nitrate levels are detected, site-specific recommendations will be provided to homeowners, including potential treatment options such as reverse osmosis

systems. The Board ended the proposal discussion by talking about wastewater effluent vs. sludge and its application and treatment in the Helena and East Helena Valley.

STRATEGIC PLANNING-REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Sargeson led the board discussions on preparations for the upcoming strategic planning session in April, focusing on reviewing mission, vision, and values statements. Mr. Kerins emphasized the importance of taking the strategic planning process seriously and says from the board's standpoint that it is a responsibility we have under our governance. Mr. Sargeson added the importance of the strategic plan as it will become the framework for the workplan for the Water Quality Protection District staff over the next three years. Ms. Hammer suggested including more emphasis on climate change impacts, particularly regarding drought, wildfire effects on water quality, and flooding risks in the strategic plan. The group also discussed ways to more effectively engage in early planning discussions and subdivision reviews to address growth-related water quality concerns.

WATERSHED UPDATE

Mr. McClanahan presented an overview of the Sunny Vista complaint to the Board. The Board discussed ongoing investigations at Sunny Vista. Mr. Johnson asked if we had captured all the nitrate samples in the area. Mr. McClanahan explained how we currently receive those results and other residential samples.

Mr. Clanahan discussed presenting again to the HOA of Emerald Ridge subdivision. The concern is water availability issues. Mr. McClanahan stated that he discussed water conservation with them and collecting additional water levels in the area. He has also reached out to Fox View Estates to present to them as well.

Additionally, a DEQ Nonpoint Source grant application has been submitted to update the watershed restoration plan, which has not been revised since 2016.

BOARD MEMBER ROUND-ROBIN

- LCC Commissioner Payne – noted she ran for County Commissioner because of the need for water availability protection.
- City of Helena - N/A
- City of East Helena - Mr. Dahl updated the board that Habitat for Humanity has started their engineering process for the water tower for their development. Prickly Pear Estates has submitted their preliminary plat for their first phase of 5 for 366 homes.
- Board of Health – N/A
- HCC - N/A
- CD – Vacant -
- Public at large -Mr. Johnson shared insights from a meeting about data centers, where Upper Missouri Waterkeepers raised concerns about water usage, electricity demands, and the potential impact on local communities, and the legislative suggestions to protect Montana. The Board discussed the pros and cons of data center development in Montana, including job creation versus environmental and infrastructure challenges. Ms. Johnson asked if anyone attended the League of Women Voters, Keeping it Clean for People and Wildlife event last night.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no public comment; the meeting was adjourned at 5:32.

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

April 28, 2026

Agenda Item No.

4

Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: FY 26 Quarterly Finance Report & FY 27 Budget

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Board Members and Staff

BACKGROUND: Quarterly budget will be presented. FY 27 budget will be presented and approved by Board.

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

NOTES:

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**WATER QUALITY DISTRICT
FUND 203.4430.441**

#1 75% Through the Year
4/22/2026

4/22/2026
payroll **#2** 73%

EXPENDITURES: DESCRIPTION		BUDGETED FY 2026	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET REMAINING	% USED	Prior Year
11.01	SALARIES & WAGES: PERM	277,650	26,783.46	18,394.88	18,983.42	\$197,030.91	\$80,619.09	71.0%	184,842.97
12.01	OVERTIME		21.50			\$43.00		--	82.76
13.01	TERMINATION PAY					\$0.00		--	1,909.07
15-17	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	94,035	8,153.36	6,701.82	6,793.78	\$65,973.78	\$28,061.22	70.2%	57,260.93
19.10	TERM PAY/UNCOMP ABSENCE	0				\$0.00		--	
	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$371,685	\$34,958	\$25,097	\$25,777	\$263,047.69	\$108,637.31	70.8%	244,095.73
21.10	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000	11.96			\$177.12	\$822.88	17.7%	39.62
21.20	MINOR EQUIPMENT	3,500				\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.0%	787.50
22.10	OPERATING SUPPLIES	2,000				\$912.65	\$1,087.35	45.6%	5,811.20
22.27	SAMPLING	19,000		870.00	285.00	\$3,000.80	\$15,999.20	15.8%	5,342.20
23.10	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	800				\$0.00	\$800.00	0.0%	105.00
23.20	GAS & OIL	2,000		30.18	159.01	\$954.80	\$1,045.20	47.7%	991.72
31.20	POSTAGE	1,000				\$213.96	\$786.04	21.4%	675.08
32.10	PRINTING	1,000			193.11	\$1,252.78	(\$252.78)	125.3%	2,422.31
33.20	ADVERTISING	1,000				\$846.29	\$153.71	84.6%	764.00
33.50	MEMBERSHIP	1,000	182.00			\$252.00	\$748.00	25.2%	337.00
33.70	EDUCATION AWARENESS	7,000				\$3,957.48	\$3,042.52	56.5%	1,300.80
33.80	HEALTH CLUB DUES	300				\$0.00	\$300.00	0.0%	125.00
34.50	TELEPHONE	2,683	65.46	65.46	539.46	\$2,011.14	\$671.86	75.0%	2,011.14
35.10	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,000				\$287.50	\$1,712.50	14.4%	300.00
35.70	COMMUNITY PROJECTS					\$182.77	(\$182.77)	--	0.00
36.20	OFFICE MACHINES	0				\$0.00	\$0.00	--	0.00
36.30	REPAIR&MAINTmotor veh	0				\$182.03	(\$182.03)	--	0.00
37.10	TRAVEL	4,000				\$1,759.70	\$2,240.30	44.0%	1,594.38
37.50	BOARD MEETING EXPENSES	500				\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0%	307.00
38.10	TRAINING	1,500				\$560.00	\$940.00	37.3%	1,060.00
39.10	CONTRACTED SERVICES (usg:	10,000				\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0.0%	0.00
50.10	county admin fees	10,872			2,718.00	\$8,154.00	\$2,718.00	75.0%	6,983.25
50.20	INSURANCE	4,260			1,065.00	\$3,195.00	\$1,065.00	75.0%	1,916.00
50.30	RENT	10,563			2,640.64	\$7,921.92	\$2,641.08	75.0%	7,956.00
50.40	TECHNOLOGY	12,231			3,058.00	\$9,174.00	\$3,057.00	75.0%	9,952.00
80.15	CAPITAL TRANSFER	15,000				\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	50.0%	19,067.50
	TOTAL O&M	\$113,209	\$259.42	\$965.64	\$10,824.92	\$52,495.94	\$53,213.06	46.4%	69,848.70
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$484,894	\$35,217.74	\$26,062.34	\$36,602.12	\$315,543.63	\$161,850.37	65.07%	\$313,944.43

REVENUES: DESCRIPTION		BUDGETED FY 2026	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET REMAINING	% RECEIVED	Prior Year
344.09-40	WELL MONITORING (USGS)	0				\$675.00	(\$675.00)	--	675.00
362.01-00	OTHER MISC					\$0.00	\$0.00	--	0.00
363.01-00	MAINTENANCE ASSESSMEN	389,800	7,047.00	3,659.15	6,138.89	\$241,259.81	\$148,540.19	61.9%	228,339.70
363.04-00	MA PENALTY & INTEREST	0	137.99	150.55	73.60	\$1,473.55	(\$1,473.55)	--	1,019.57
371.02-00	INTEREST EARNINGS				0.06	\$0.06	(\$0.06)	--	
383.01-00	HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT	26,426				\$12,369.45	\$14,056.55	46.8%	9,824.57
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$416,226	\$7,184.99	\$3,809.70	\$6,212.55	\$255,777.87	\$160,448.13	61.45%	\$239,858.84

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE						Total WQPD Cash Available	
beg cash	fund 203 unrestricted	319920.32	\$312,796.77	\$290,544.13	\$260,154.56		
						#8	\$260,154.56

90-Day Reserve = \$121,223.00

WATER QUALITY- SUMMARY

		2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Actual	2026-27 Budget
Revenues		410,586	403,628	416,226	255,778	425,767
Revenues	Charges for Services	3,375	2,700	-	675	-
Revenues	Miscellaneous Income	390,771	383,555	389,800	242,733	389,800
Revenues	Investment/Royalty Income	-	-	-	0	-
Revenues	Other Financials	16,440	17,374	26,426	12,369	35,967
Expenses		426,785	424,855	484,894	329,492	525,032
Expenses	Personnel Services	293,622	318,539	371,685	275,832	396,461
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	93,342	34,479	60,283	17,716	76,557
Expenses	Fixed Charges	39,821	33,702	37,926	28,445	39,014
Expenses	Other Financing Uses	-	38,135	15,000	7,500	13,000
Revenues Less Expenses		(16,199)	(21,227)	(68,668)	(73,714)	(99,265)
		341,148	319,921	251,253	246,207	223,433

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Revenues	Charges for Services		3,375	2,700	-	675	-
Revenues	Charges for Services	(3440940) Well Monitoring Fee	3,375	2,700	-	675	-
Revenues	Miscellaneous Income		390,771	383,555	389,800	242,733	389,800
Revenues	Miscellaneous Income	(3620100) Misc Revenue	12	-	-	-	-
Revenues	Miscellaneous Income	(3630100) Maintenance/Assessments	388,852	381,999	389,800	241,260	389,800
Revenues	Miscellaneous Income	(3630400) Pnlty & Int on Del Asmnts	1,907	1,556	-	1,474	-
Revenues	Investment/Royalty Income		-	-	-	0	-
Revenues	Investment/Royalty Income	(3710200) Investment income	-	-	-	0	-
Revenues	Other Financials		16,440	17,374	26,426	12,369	35,967
Revenues	Other Financials	(3830100) Interfund Transfers	16,440	17,374	26,426	12,369	35,967
Expenses			426,785	424,855	484,894	329,492	525,032
Expenses	Personnel Services		293,622	318,539	371,685	275,832	396,461
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001101) Regular Salaries	218,907	241,508	277,650	206,416	289,106
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001201) Overtime	135	83	-	43	-
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001301) Termination Pay	3,032	1,909	-	-	-
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001510) Employer FICA	13,533	14,815	17,214	12,616	17,923
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001520) Employer Medicare	3,165	3,465	4,026	2,951	4,192
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001610) Employer PERS	20,142	22,085	25,183	18,726	26,222
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001710) Employer Health Ins.	33,230	32,752	45,238	33,305	56,547
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001720) Unemployment Ins	556	609	972	723	1,012
Expenses	Personnel Services	(5001730) Workers Comp Ins	922	1,313	1,402	1,053	1,459
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance		93,342	34,479	60,283	17,716	76,557
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002110) Office Supplies	710	116	1,000	177	1,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002120) Off Sup -Minor Equipment	18,199	788	3,500	0	11,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002120) Off Sup -Minor Equipment	18,199	788	3,500	1,620	2,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002210) Operating Supplies	5,777	7,459	2,000	3,393	13,500
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002227) Oper Sup -Lab Expenses	20,299	6,672	19,000	-	800
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002310) Repair & Maint Supplies	88	150	800	955	2,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5002320) Rep & Maint Sup -Gas Oil, & Et	1,243	1,420	2,000	214	1,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003120) Postage Box Rent Etc.	754	844	1,000	-	-
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003140) Vehicle Parking	840	-	-	1,253	2,500
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003210) Print Dupl Typing Binding	29	4,399	1,000	846	1,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003320) Advertising	-	793	1,000	252	1,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003350) Membership Dues	782	337	1,000	3,957	6,000

Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003370) Education Awareness	5,131	4,110	7,000	-	300
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003380) Health Club Dues	175	125	300	2,077	2,707
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003450) Telephone & Answering Ser	2,856	2,682	2,683	288	2,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003510) Professional Services	2,728	420	2,000	183	-
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003570) Prof Serv -Community Projects	393	-	-	182	250
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003630) Rep & Maint Serv -Motor Vehicl	-	-	-	1,760	6,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003710) Travel	2,102	2,798	4,000	-	250
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003750) Travel - Board Meeting Expense	252	307	500	560	3,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003810) Training	1,446	1,060	1,500	-	20,000
Expenses	Operations & Maintenance	(5003910) Contract Services	29,538	-	10,000	-	250
Expenses	Fixed Charges		39,821	33,702	37,926	28,445	39,014
Expenses	Fixed Charges	(5005010) Admin Fees - General	8,042	9,311	10,872	8,154	11,084
Expenses	Fixed Charges	(5005020) Fixed Charges - Insurance	3,876	3,832	4,260	3,195	4,785
Expenses	Fixed Charges	(5005030) Fixed Charges - Rent	16,995	10,607	10,563	7,922	10,996
Expenses	Fixed Charges	(5005040) Fixed Charges - Technology	10,908	9,952	12,231	9,174	12,149
Expenses	Other Financing Uses		-	38,135	15,000	7,500	13,000
Expenses	Other Financing Uses	(5008015) Transf to Other Fund-CIP	-	38,135	15,000	7,500	13,000
Revenues Less Expenses			(16,199)	(21,227)	(68,668)	(73,714)	(99,265)
Ending Cash			341,148	319,921	251,253	246,207	223,433

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

April 28, 2026

Agenda Item No.

5

Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: Past Business – Strategic Planning Review Process

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Board Members and Staff

BACKGROUND: Business discussed at previous board meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

NOTES:

	M O T I O N	S E C O N D	A Y E	N A Y	A B S T A I N	O T H E R
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April 15, 2026

To the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District Board

From: Ed Kerins Chairman

I have taken some liberties and summarized the information that has been provided by the staff to assist us with the development of a new Strategic Plan for FY2027-2029.

We are at a stage where we must execute our governance duties and develop a new plan. This is crucial for the success of the organization in that it becomes the blueprint for the staff to execute their duties in accordance with the guidelines we have outlined. It is the rudder that steers the ship.

Additionally, we will be adopting the budget for the next fiscal year. These two tasks will basically take our time over the next two months. I am asking that you, at a minimum, review the summary I have provided and be prepared to offer your input so that we can accomplish these tasks. If you need more details, the source of the information was provided in our packets for the February and March meetings.

The Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District's strategic plan (FY2024-2026) focuses on safeguarding water quality and quantity through organizational goals, community engagement, data management, project implementation, policy influence, and capacity building.

Mission, Values, and Vision The district's mission is to preserve, protect, and improve water resources within its boundaries, emphasizing competent stewardship, transparency, leadership, collaboration, and community involvement. Its vision is for every resident to access sustainable, clean water and use it responsibly.

Core Strengths and Priorities The district excels in identifying water issues, conducting technical studies, translating technical data for diverse audiences, education, outreach, restoration projects, and responding to public and leadership inquiries. Priorities include empowering stakeholders with water decision knowledge, understanding climate impacts, managing growth-related water issues, and maintaining high-quality data collection and sharing.

Goals and Objectives The plan sets four main goals: enhancing public understanding of the district's mission through education, providing accessible data, designing projects to protect water resources, and informing public policies. Actions include developing outreach programs, updating data management systems, promoting public participation, reassessing monitoring networks, collaborating on water projects, pursuing funding, supporting policy advocacy, and expanding organizational capacity through staffing,

training, policy development, quality improvement, and boundary expansion investigations.

Review and Adaptation Annual reviews will evaluate progress, success indicators, challenges, and necessary adjustments. The district will update actions, work plans, and budgets accordingly, emphasizing continuous improvement and alignment with its mission.

Previously we discussed the development of the Mission, Vision, and Values statements for the Water Quality and Planning District (WQPD), focusing on clarity, scope, and alignment with organizational goals.

Mission Statement

- The current mission is to preserve, protect, and improve water quality and quantity within district boundaries, directly reflecting the charter.
- It is clear, understandable, and includes water rights, though the district has no control over water rights.
- The mission allows the WQPD to serve as a resource, educate, and address water availability issues, including water rights concerns, through projects like rewatering for irrigators.
- The board emphasizes the importance of avoiding unintended legislative consequences and ensuring the mission supports engagement in water rights issues if desired.

Value Statement

- The existing values focus on competent, science-based stewardship, transparency, accountability, leadership, service, and collaboration.
- Concerns include the need to explicitly address ethics, clarify the scope of environmental responsibility, and avoid overreach into regulation enforcement.
- The importance of including integrity and adherence to federal law is recognized, with acknowledgment that the values guide behavior and decision-making.
- The board suggests refining language to encompass community values and legal considerations, and to confirm consensus on the statements.

Vision Statement

- The current vision aims for every resident to have access to sustainable, clean water used responsibly.
- Definitions of sustainability and beneficial uses (agriculture, aquatic life, drinking, recreation) are provided.
- Concerns focus on clarity, ensuring the vision aligns with the mission, and whether it addresses natural environment and recreation beyond residents.
- Multiple options are considered to improve clarity and inclusiveness, including emphasizing support for all beneficial uses and natural ecosystems, not just residents.

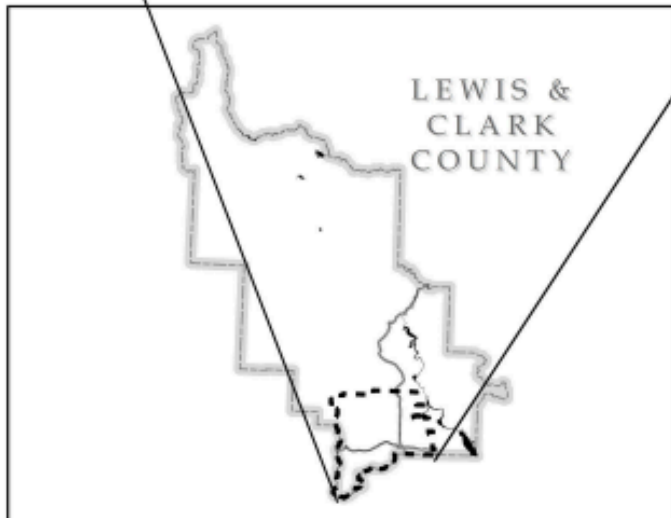
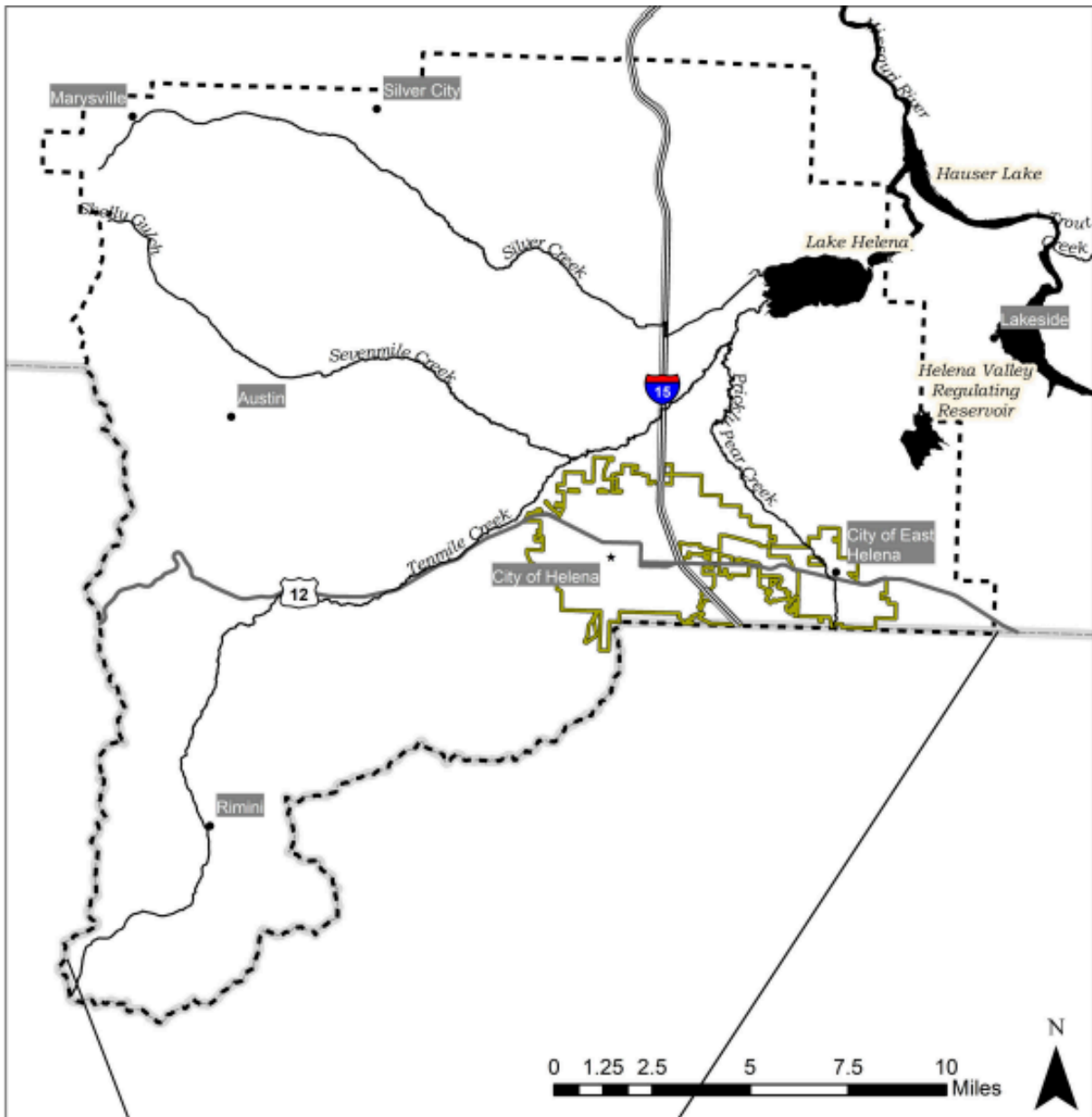
Overall, the discussion centered on refining statements for clarity, scope, legal considerations, and ensuring alignment between mission, vision, and values to guide future strategic direction.



**Water Quality
Protection District**
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, MT

**Strategic Plan
in Review**

**Strategic Plan
FY2024-2026
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026**



Water Quality Protection District Facts:

Total Acres: ~240,000

Total Square Miles: ~370

Miles of Stream: ~100

Map Created on: 2/14/2019

Goal 1: Improve the public's support for and understanding of the WQPD's mission.

Objective 1.1: Provide educational opportunities to improve and enhance understanding of water issues.

<p>Activity: Work with strategic partners to provide information on important water issues.</p>	<p>Activity: Develop annual outreach programs</p>	<p>Activity: Develop and implement water conservation plan</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: Work with four partners for events</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Develop at least one outreach program</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Identify WQPD role and develop a water conservation plan</p>
<p>Complete Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed Festival • As/U Pilot Program • Well & Septic Workshop • Rain Barrel workshops • WQ Day at the Rotunda • LHWG Annual meeting • Free Manganese sampling • Farmers Market • MT Youth Elders • Helena Valley Flood Com. • PPC Water Users Assoc. • HOA's • PFAS with the N.G. 	<p>Annual Outreach programs On-going</p>	<p>Initial plan to develop plan was halted by USGS/DNRC. Need to pivot/defer.</p>

Objective 1.2: Provide access to clear, concise data and information on public platforms.

<p>Activity: Update Quality Assurance documentation for the WQPD data collection activities as needed.</p>	<p>Activity: Reassess the networks to ensure priority areas are being monitored.</p>	<p>Activity: Create and maintain a data management system for the WQPD surface and groundwater data.</p>	<p>Activity: Create and maintain ESRI tools to display WQPD collected data.</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: Update annually</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Annual reassessment</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Create a data management system</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Transition over to new platform</p>
<p>Complete Quality Assurance document completed in April 2025.</p>	<p>Complete Both GW and SW networks assessed annually. Both GW & SW complete for 2026.</p>	<p>Complete Data management system developed. Updated monthly as data is collected.</p>	<p>Complete WQPD Website displays collected data.</p>

Objective 1.3: Encourage public participation across all WQPD activities.

<p>Activity: Promote activity through social media and printed materials, earned media and other channels</p>	<p>Activity: Distribute water quality sampling options to interested homeowners</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: 12 messages on either conservation, activity or event annually</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: 20 kits distributed annually</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Complete</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Reports - Rewatering, Unionville, • Raven Road • Facebook posts - Averaged over 15 annually • Radio Ads • Newsletters • 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Complete</p> <p>Due to the free Arsenic and Uranium sampling kits average well over the 20 kits annually Example: QTR 2 FY 26 - 129 kits handed out.</p>

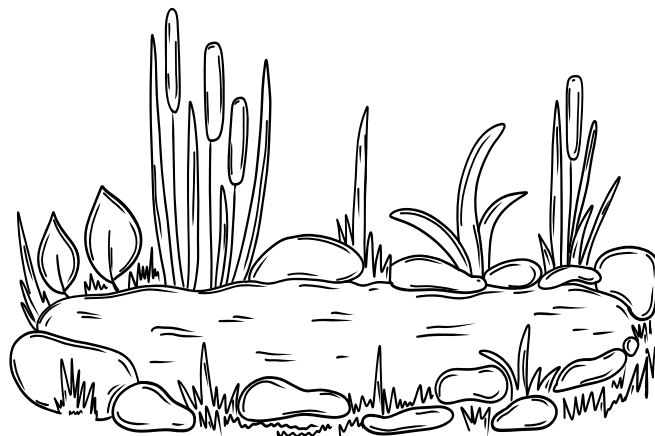
Goal 2: Design and implement projects that protect and improve water quality and water quantity.

Objective 2.1: Reassess and operate WQPD's surface water and groundwater monitoring network.

<p>Activity: Develop and review written workplans on monitoring networks/projects on an annual basis</p>	<p>Activity: Collect groundwater measurements and sampling based on the annual plan schedule</p>	<p>Activity: Collect surface water measurements and sampling based on the annual plan schedule</p>	<p>Activity: Provide groundwater sampling at residential locations as needed</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: Update annually</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Collect measurements and sampling annually</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Collect measurements and sampling annually</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: 10 residential samples FY 25</p>
<p>Complete Both GW & SW workplans are developed after the assessments are complete.</p>	<p>Complete Typically written as 82 monthly wells with 246 measurement - 76 quarterly wells with 73 with 73 measurements. Sampled North Hills and Unionville</p>	<p>Complete All sites for flow in FY 24, 25 & 26 (12) No sampling</p>	<p>Number too high. Typically 1 or 2 annually.</p>

Objective 2.2: Identify, prioritize and implement project opportunities.

<p>Activity: Work with landowners and contributing partners to improve riparian area and other water related projects.</p>	<p>Activity: Work with partners on water resources and other related projects.</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: Improve riparian areas</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Assist Partners on water resource projects</p>
<p>Complete Grizzly Gulch</p>	<p>Conservation District DNRC</p>



Objective 2.3: Encourage public participation across all WQPD activities.

Activity: Develop and implement a volunteer effort in the Lake Helena Watershed	Activity: Connect with at least three landowners to participate in projects to protect and improve water quality and quantity.
Performance Metric/Target: Development of a volunteer effort	Performance Metric/Target: 3 landowners by end of FY 26
FY 24 - Started effort with BSWC Did not complete	Did not complete North Hills Project (10)



Objective 2.4: Identify, prioritize and implement funding opportunities.

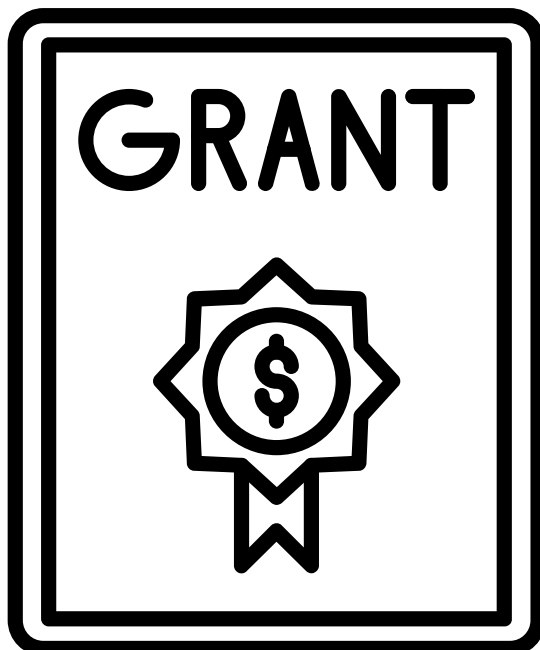
Activity: Research and apply for appropriate grant opportunities.

Performance Metric/Target: Apply as opportunities for projects/programs arise.

Complete

DNRC for Grizzly Gulch - 2 grants

Currently applying for DEQ 319 Capacity Grant - Update WRP



Goal 3: Inform public policies for the management of water quality and quantity.

Objective 3.1: Provide issue-specific information to stakeholders and decision makers.

<p>Activity: Provide information to the general public</p>	<p>Activity: Collaborate with City and County planning, sanitarians and developers on new developments</p>	<p>Activity: Collaborate and provide information to County Commissioners</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: Yes/No</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Yes/No</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Yes/No</p>
<p>Complete Examples: Website Project Summary Sheets - Unionville, Emerald Ridge update, Water Conservation, North Hills, Story Maps on GG</p>	<p>Complete On-going meetings with sanitarians and planning</p>	<p>Complete As needed</p>



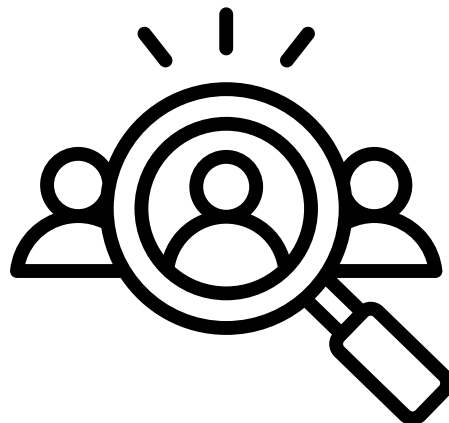
Objective 3.2: Advocate for legislation that supports the WQPD's activities.

<p>Activity: Provide or present information to Legislative committees and the session</p>	<p>Activity: Research and track bills and in the interim that affect the WQPD</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: Opportunity to present Yes/No</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: Number of bills tracked</p>
<p style="color: green;">As needed</p> <p>Tenmile Complaint</p>	<p style="color: green;">Tracked</p> <p>Example Exempt wells</p>

Goal 4: Optimize internal organizational capacity to support the WQPD's activities.

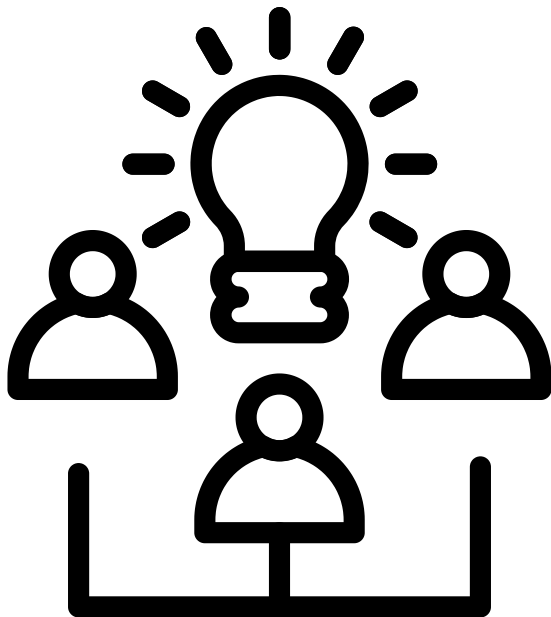
Objective 4.1: Maintain staffing and capacity levels to ensure ability to carry out WQPD priorities within the base budget.

Activity: Ensure that adequate technical and supervisory staffing is funded annually	Activity: Create and update recruiting and retention plans as needed
Performance Metric/Target: Review budget annually.	Performance Metric/Target: Plans as needed
Complete Review budget annually	Not completed



Objective 4.2: Provide for training to WQPD staff and Board

Activity: Provide WQPD staff with adequate training	Activity: Provide WQPD Board orientation and ongoing board development and education
Performance Metric/Target: Provide appropriate training	Performance Metric/Target: Provide Board with a WQPD orientation and BD development opportunities Yes/No
Complete In budget review	As needed



Objective 4.3: Develop internal policies and procedures that enhance WQPD's operations

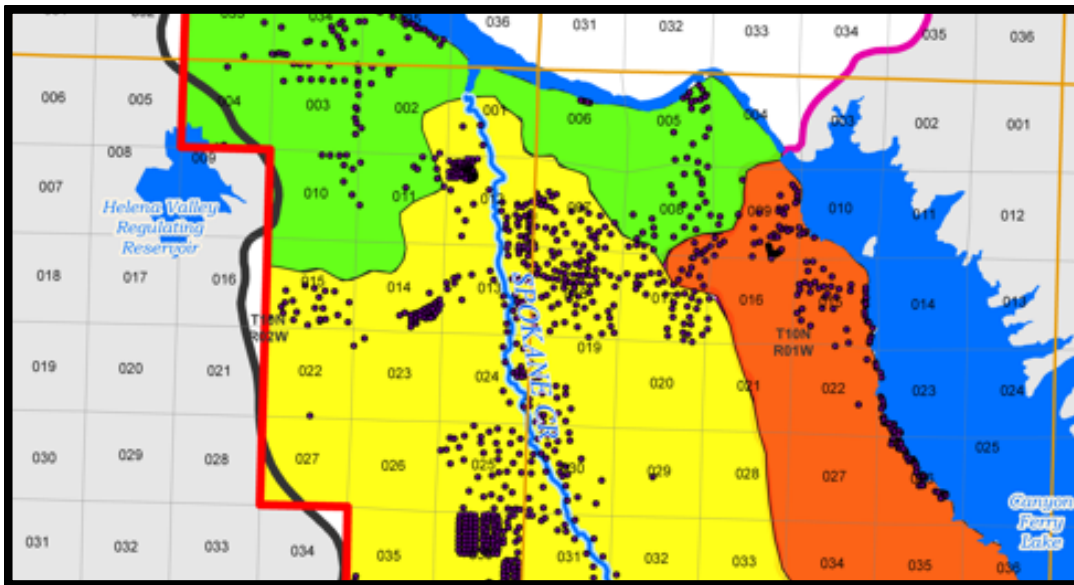
<p>Activity: Write and maintain updated policy that directs WQPD responses to public requests and queries.</p>	<p>Activity: Develop and maintain procedures for external and internal review of documentation for public dissemination.</p>	<p>Activity: Develop, implement and evaluate staff work plans.</p>	<p>Activity: Project Protocol - Procedure, budget, reporting process including research and data review procedures for funding requests.</p>	<p>Activity: Update the Outreach and Education process and protocols for dissemination</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target As Needed</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: As Needed</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: As needed</p>
<p>Complete</p>	<p>Not Complete</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>On-going</p>

Objective 4.4: Identify and Implement Quality Improvement Projects

<p>Activity: Evaluate WQPD protocols and conduct a Plan, Do, Study, Act when necessary</p>	<p>Activity: Update Quality Improvement project to track customer service</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target: 1 QI project for</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target: As needed</p>
<p>On-going Map of subdivision progress</p>	<p>Complete</p>

Objective 4.5: Study and plan for WQPD's Boundary Expansion to meet needs of the community and resources.

<p>Activity: Investigate scientific case for boundaries that support the mission of the WQPD</p>	<p>Activity: Conduct activities to understand options for WQPD expansion</p>
<p>Performance Metric/Target</p>	<p>Performance Metric/Target</p>
<p>Not complete</p>	<p>Not complete</p>



**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

April 28, 2026

Agenda Item No.

6

Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: Watershed Update

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Staff

BACKGROUND: WQS position update, Emerald Ridge, and WRP grant application update

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

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April 20, 2026

Jennifer McBroom, Water Quality Protection District Supervisor
Lewis and Clark County
1930 Ninth Ave
Helena, MT 59601

RE: Notice of Intent to Award 2026 Nonpoint Source Funding for the Lake Helena Watershed Water Restoration Plan Update Project.

Dear Jennifer,

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed the review of your State Fiscal Year 2026 Nonpoint Source Funding Application. DEQ carefully considered recommendations from the Agency Review Panel, DEQ project staff, and DEQ management. Contingent upon the conditions outlined below, DEQ intends to award approximately \$25,000 to Lewis and Clark County for the Lake Helena Watershed Water Restoration Plan Update project.

- Finalization of a Statement of Work (SOW) that meets all DEQ fiscal and programmatic requirements, by May 8, 2026
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (funding source) review and approval of the SOW

I, Hannah Riedl, will contact you to finalize the SOW based on the intended funding level and DEQ fiscal and programmatic requirements. I will also discuss with you the non-federal match requirements, and general reporting requirements for this project. You can reach me at 406-444-0549 or via email at Hannah.riedl@mt.gov to initiate the discussion.

Congratulations on a successful proposal. DEQ looks forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah Riedl". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a dotted line.

Hannah Riedl
Nonpoint Source and Wetlands Section Supervisor

cc: FY2026 NPS Project File



Emerald Ridge: Groundwater, Geology, and Future Planning for Water Resources

Fox Ridge Golf Course
March 18, 2026

Jennifer McBroom, Supervisor

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Kierstin LaRoche, Water Quality Specialist

(406) 457 – 8585 | KLaRoche@LCCountyMT.gov

Kegan McClanahan, Hydrogeologist

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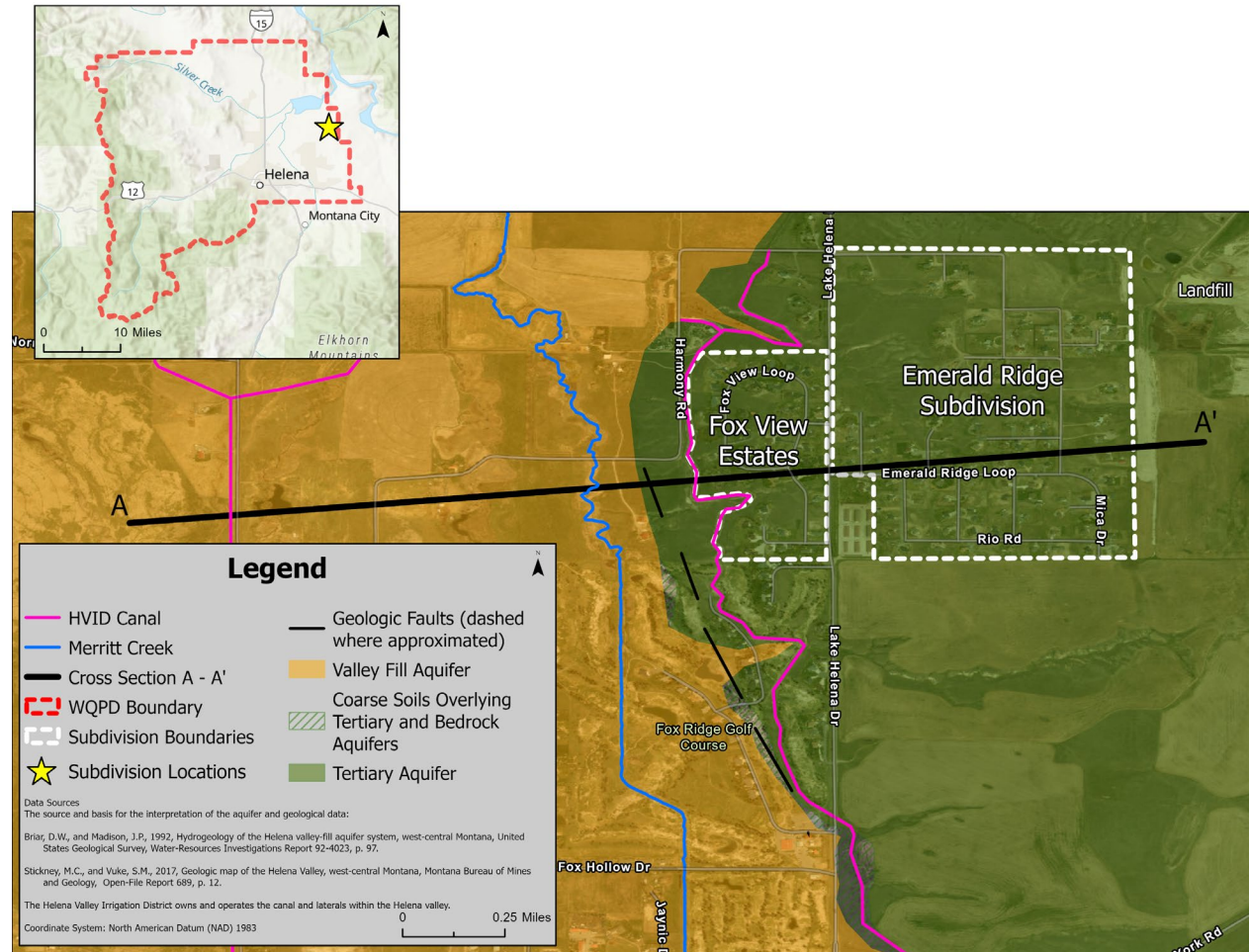
Aquifers and Faults

Aquifers

- Valley fill aquifer (orange)
 - Coarse sands and gravels with small amounts of clay
 - Shallow groundwater and high yields
- Tertiary aquifer (green)
 - Clay with small pockets of sands/gravels

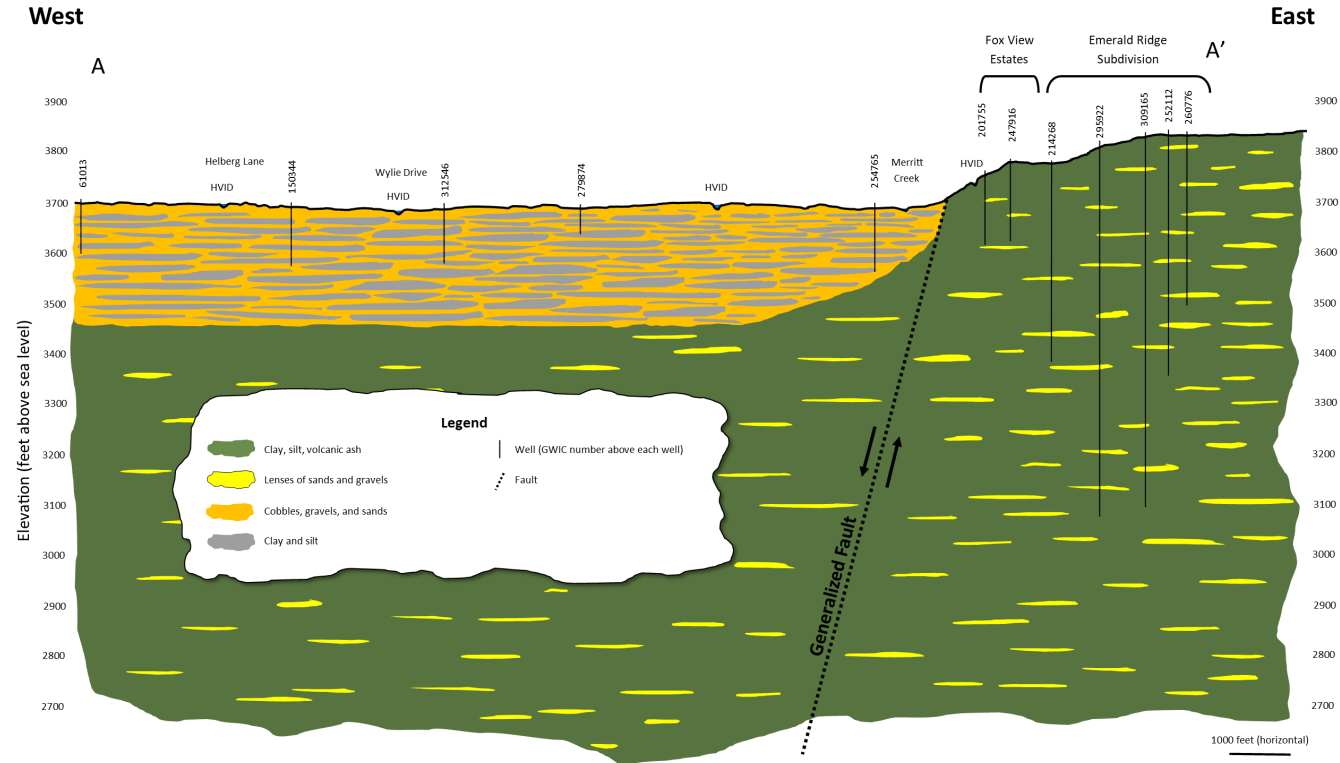
Faults

- Northwest-southeast fault system runs through the eastern edge of the Helena Valley (black dashed line on map).
- Faults influence the surface topography and groundwater flow
 - Surfaces at the transition from the flat valley floor to the hill leading into Fox View Estates



Cross Section

- A cross section looks sideways into a slice of the earth to show the structure of the bedrock (like the layers of a cake)
- This view is looking north toward Emerald Ridge from the Fox Ridge Golf Course
- Wells on the east side of the fault are drilled into clay-rich Tertiary lake deposits (including Fox View Estates AND Emerald Ridge Subdivision)
- These clay-rich deposits restrict the movement of water which slows down recharge to wells.
 - Clay is used as a natural liner to prevent water flow (e.g. landfill)

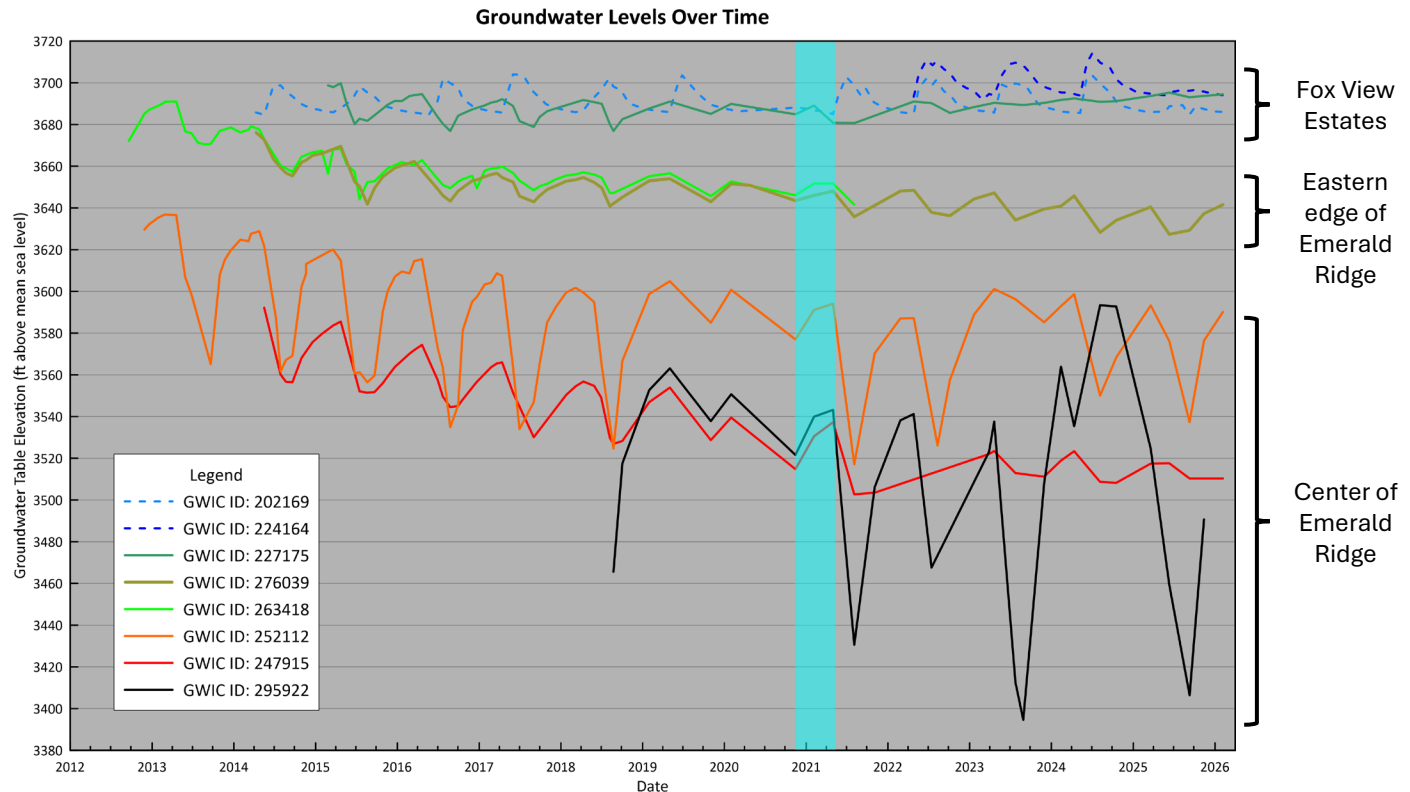


Based on previous work by James Swierc, P.G. (former hydrogeologist with the Water Quality Protection District) and Stickney and Vuke, 2017.

Stickney, M.C., and Vuke, S.M., 2017, Geologic map of the Helena Valley, west-central Montana, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Open-File Report 689, p. 12.

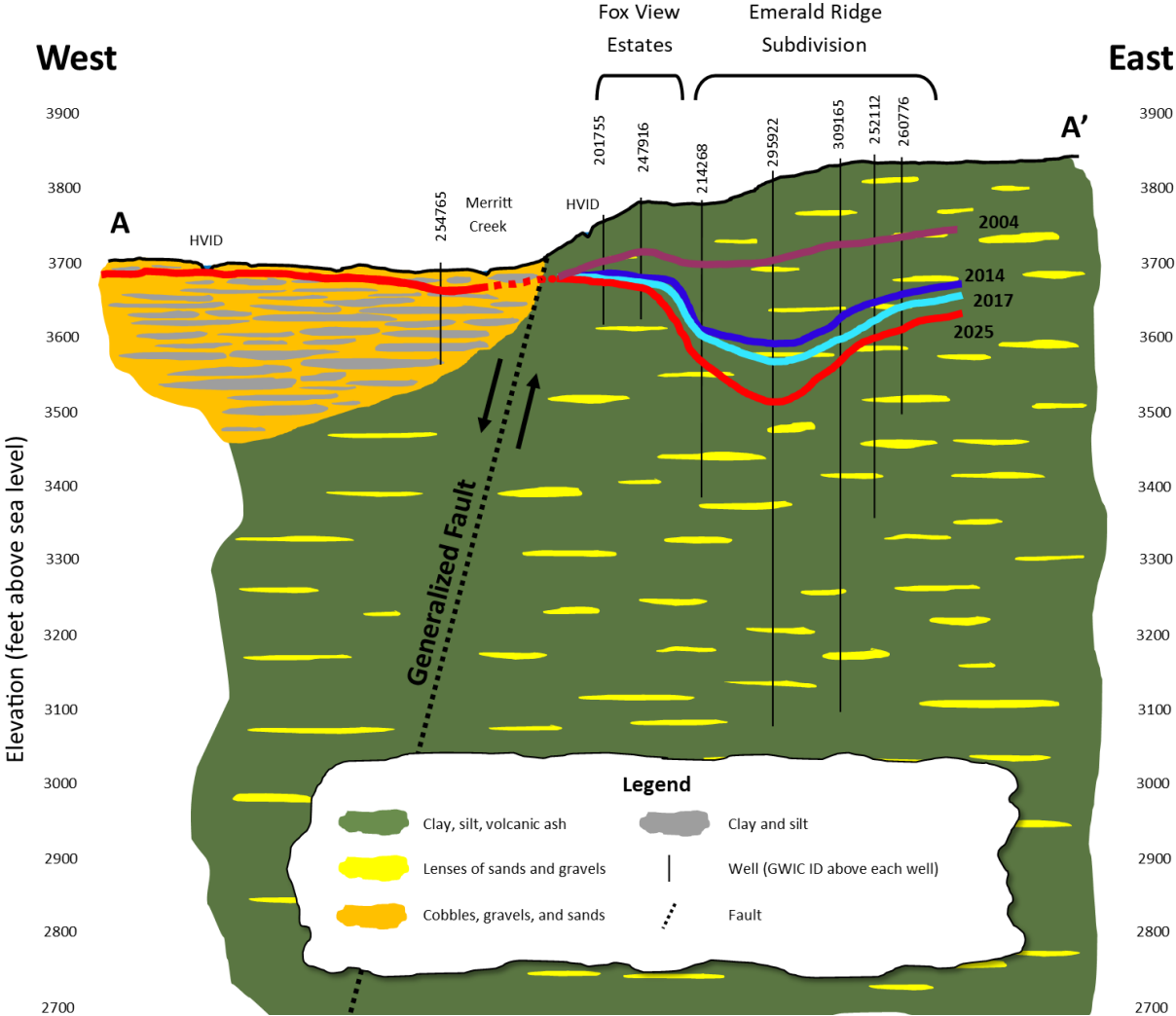
Groundwater Levels

- Emerald Ridge Subdivision – solid lines.
- Fox View Estates - dashed lines.
- Groundwater elevations shown in graph (this is not the depth to water).
- Groundwater recharges during the winter months (highlighted by teal bar)
- 3 groups of wells
 - Fox View Estate
 - Edges of Emerald Ridge Subdivision (least decline)
 - Center of Emerald Ridge Subdivision (most decline)



Groundwater Depletion

- As the subdivision was built out, water demand increased.
- Groundwater levels have dropped from 2004 levels (pre-subdivision) to 2025.
 - More depletion around highest density of homes. Edges show less depletion
- Well pumping may be influencing neighboring wells – cone of depression



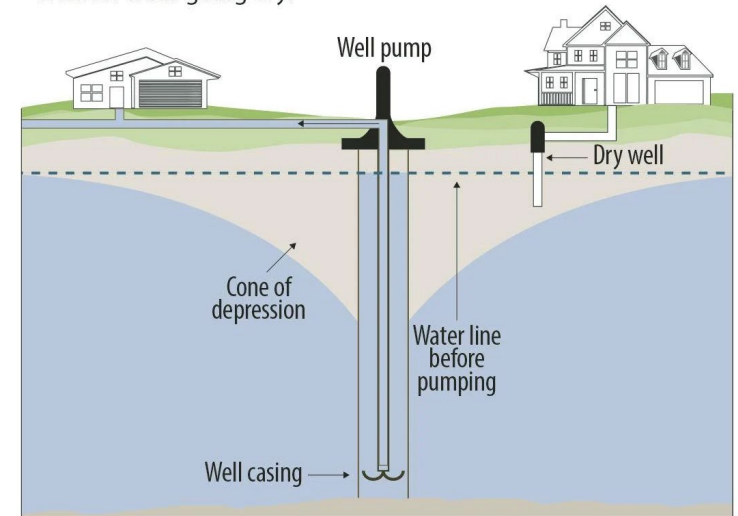
Cone of Depression

- Pumping water from well lowers groundwater level surrounding the well.
- The size of the cone is partly based on how quickly water can recharge the well
 - Slow recharge = larger cone
- Cones of depression can be several hundred feet wide
- Multiple cones of depression can influence local aquifer (dip in water levels on page 5)
- Water conservation is key to minimizing the impact

How long does it take for your well to recharge?

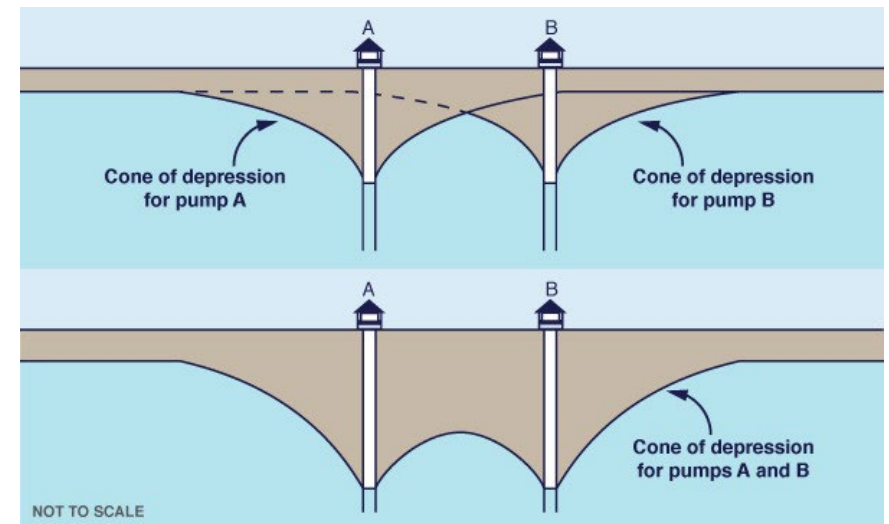
(This is how long it takes the cone of depression to come back up)

Large water withdrawals from an aquifer can lower the water table and create a "cone of depression" that can result in shallow wells going dry.



SOURCE: MOUNT PLEASANT WATERWORKS AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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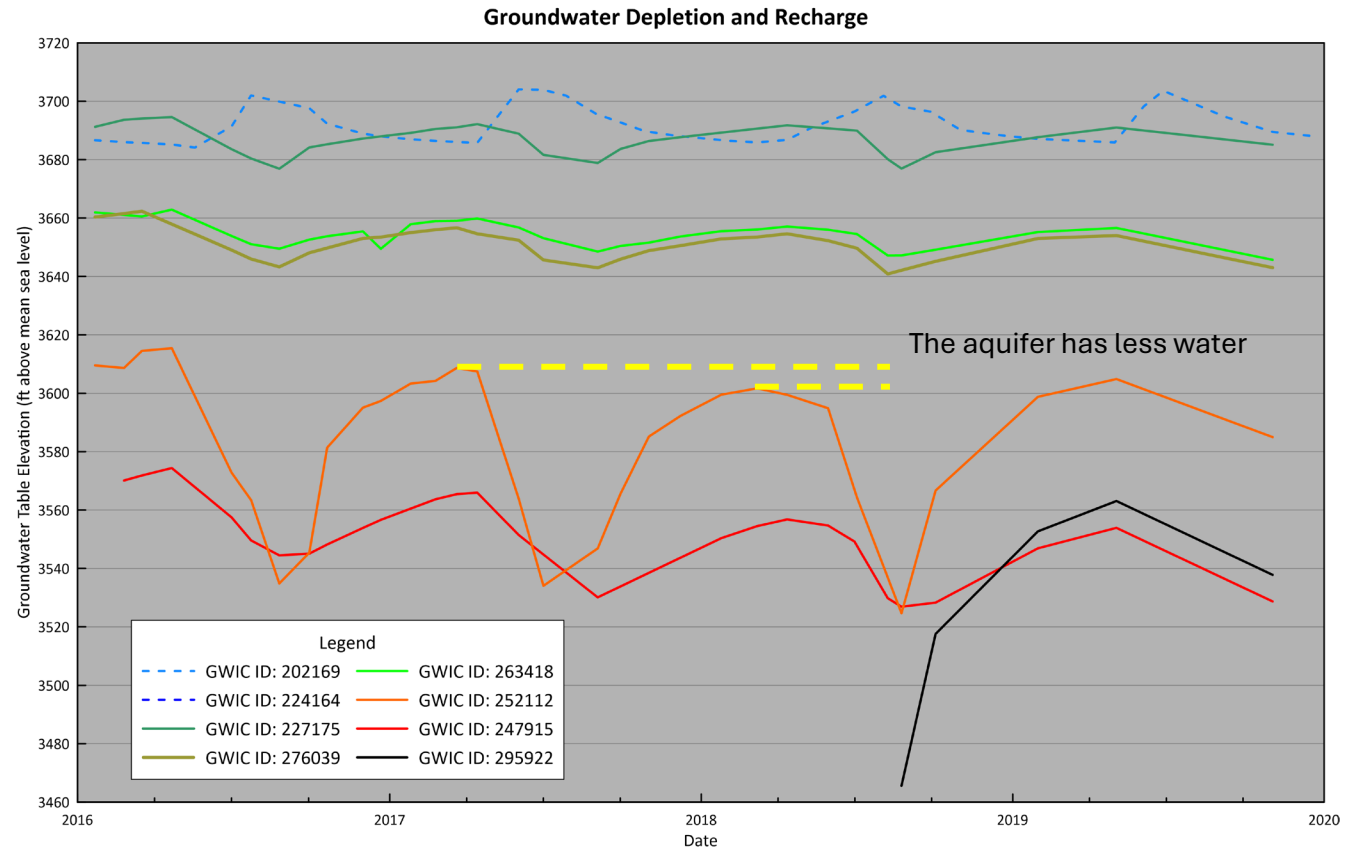


NOT TO SCALE

Source: US Geological Survey

Groundwater Depletion and Recharge

- More or less water in aquifer year-to-year (multi-year average)
- Measure highest groundwater levels each year for multiple years
 - Low points can be caused by human activity such as heavy irrigation
- Also have to keep in mind seasonal differences in precipitation (especially snowfall).



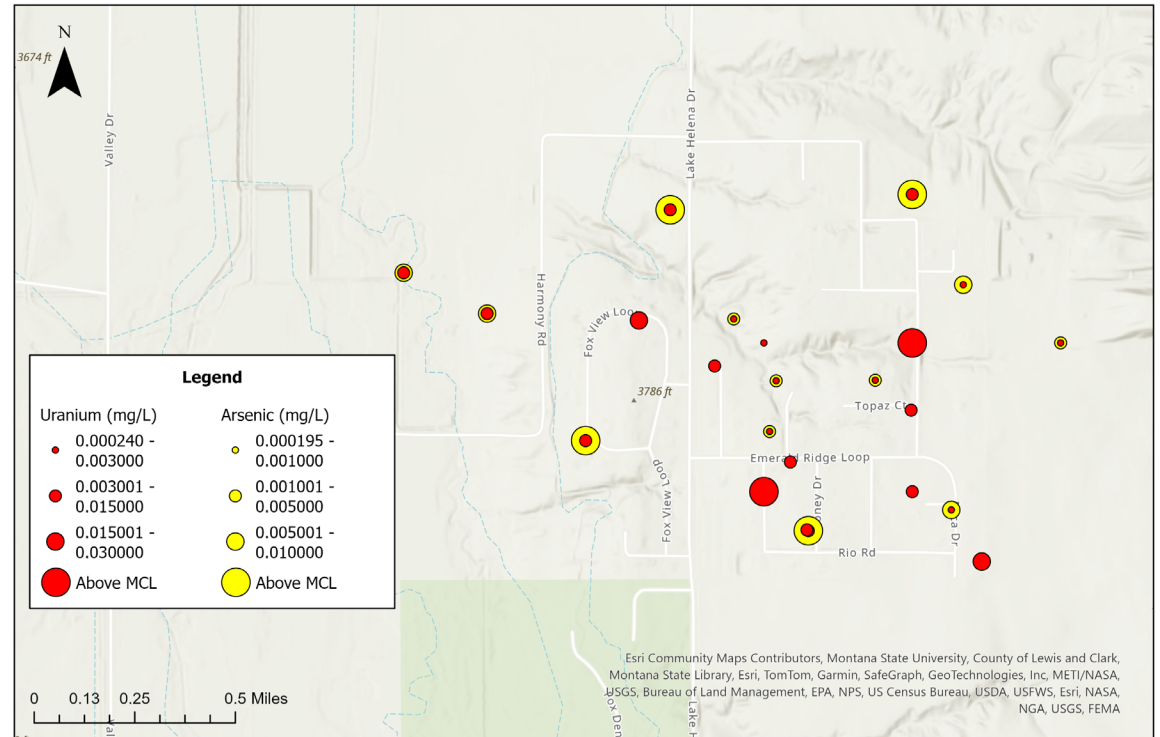
Water Quality

Emerald Ridge Groundwater Arsenic and Uranium Concentrations

Kegan McClanahan, January 21, 2025

- Elevated concentrations of arsenic and uranium in groundwater
- Larger circles represent higher concentrations of uranium (red) and arsenic (yellow).
- Safe drinking water limits:
 - Arsenic: 0.01 mg/L
 - Uranium: 0.03 mg/L
- Chronic (repeated) exposure to water at or above the MCL may lead to potential health effects
- Treatment systems are available
- Water test kits available at our office!

1930 9th Avenue, Helena



Water Conservation Recommendations

- Fix leaks
- Coordinate irrigation schedules
- Irrigate at night and early morning hours when ground is coolest
- Rain barrels
- Water-efficient fixtures (shower heads and toilets)
- High efficiency appliances
- Track water usage
- Drought tolerant landscaping
- Xeriscaping
- Water your grass more deeply and less frequently
- Raise your mower to 3-4 inches
- Water Wise



Image by Kierstin LaRoche

Planning for the Future

- New Wells?
 - Plan for future water levels dropping (play it safe)
 - Potential impacts to aquifers from deeper wells not understood at this time
- Groundwater Level Measurements
 - The WQPD offers free groundwater level measurements
- Water Quality
 - Test your water periodically!

All of our data are free to the public on our website:

<https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Public-Health/Water-Quality-Protection-District>



1. Expand the “Interactive Data and Mapping Site” section.
2. The “Groundwater level interactive map link” displays a map of all water levels and resident supplied water quality data.



**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

April 28, 2026

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7

Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: Support letter for City of East Helena

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Board Members

BACKGROUND: Wastewater treatment plant improvements

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

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CIVIL ENGINEERING / PLANNING / SURVEYING

April 21, 2026

Jennifer McBroom, Supervisor
Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District
Murray Building
1930 Ninth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

**SUBJECT: East Helena Wastewater System Improvements Project
East Helena, Montana**

Dear Ms. McBroom,

The City of East Helena is currently applying to the Montana Department of Commerce Montana Coal Endowment Program (MDOC MCEP), the MDOC Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Renewable Resource Bureau RRGL Program (DNRC RRGL), and the DNRC Reclamation Development Grant Program (RDG) for grant funds to complete their wastewater system improvements. On behalf of the City of East Helena, we are asking for a letter of support regarding the improvements to be included in our funding applications. A template letter has been enclosed that includes a description of the improvements needed. Please feel free to amend this letter as you see fit.

Applications to DNRC must be submitted by May 15, 2026 and applications to MDOC must be submitted by May 19, 2026. We sincerely appreciate your help regarding this matter. If you need further project information, please call Jeremy Perlinski (our project manager) or myself at 447-5000 or tbodlovic@rpa-eng.com.

Sincerely,

ROBERT PECCIA & ASSOCIATES

Trisha Bodlovic
Funding Specialist

Enclosure



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Montana Department of Commerce
Montana Coal Endowment Program
Community Development Block Grant
DNRC Renewable Resource Bureau RRGL Program
DNRC Reclamation Development Grant RDG Program
c/o Robert Peccia & Associates
P.O. Box 5653
Helena, MT 59604

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my full support for the City of East Helena's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) improvements project. Our community urgently needs improvements to our wastewater facilities. Issues related to our wastewater facilities need to be addressed to eliminate threats to our health and safety and to our area's environment.

The existing WWTP is nearly 25 years old and inadequately sized for growth that the City is expecting over the next 20 to 30 years. Much of the equipment and basins are aged and worn out, often causing maintenance issues or plant upsets.

The proposed upgrade to the WWTP includes replacing the secondary treatment process, UV disinfection system, and solids handling facilities. Oxidation ditches with secondary clarifiers will provide biological nutrient removal and solids settling. An inclined channel-mounted UV system is proposed for disinfection of pathogens. The solids handling facility will be replaced with a new concrete sludge storage basin and a biosolids dewatering facility.

With our small population, the high cost of the project will require all available grant assistance to keep user rates affordable for our community. On behalf of the City of East Helena, I strongly encourage your favorable consideration of this project. Thank you.

Respectfully,

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Address)

Additional Comments:

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DISTRICT
Helena, Montana**

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Minutes Board Member Discussion Staff & Other Reports Action Hearing of Delegation

AGENDA ITEMS: Board Member Round-Robin

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Board Members

BACKGROUND: Updates from Board members from their respective group they represent.

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

BOARD ACTION:

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AGENDA ITEMS: Public Comment

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Public Comment

BACKGROUND: Time is allowed for public comment on matters within the Water Quality Protection District’s boundaries not mentioned on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

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**Attendance Record for the
Lewis & Clark County Water Quality Protection District
FY 2026**

Board Member	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
P. Johnson	T	X	*	X	X	X	X	X			
E. Kerins		Xp	*	X	X	OE	X	X			
D. Hammer		O	*	X	Xp	Xp	O	Xp			
R. Leland	T	O	*	X	X	X	X	O			
A. Johnson	T	X	*	X	X	X	X	X			
T. Rolfe	T	X	*	X	X						
S. Ohs-Mosley	T	X	*	X	X	X	OE	X			
C. Payne						X	X	X			

Legend:

- X = Present
- Xp = By phone/video
- * = No meeting held
- O = Absent
- OE = Absent/Excused
- T = Tour



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Commissioners

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Vacant

Representing the L & C Conservation District

Ryan Leland

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Representing the Helena City Commission

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Sheri Ohs-Mosley

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Representing the Board of Health

Edward Kerins, Chair

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Term ends 06/30/28 – General Public 1st Term

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Term ends 06/30/27 – General Public 2nd Term

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MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

July 22, 2025

August 26, 2025

September 23, 2025

October 28, 2025

December 2, 2025

January 27, 2026

February 24, 2026

March 24, 2026

April 28, 2026

May 26, 2026

June 23, 2026

All board meetings are held in room 72 of the Murray Building- Lewis and Clark Public Health, 1930 Ninth Ave, Helena, Montana and via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are generally completed by 5:30 p.m. The public is always welcome to join and meeting.