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## Montana Farmers Union Water Forum

Monday, March 29 | MECA Conference Room  
501 Bay Drive · Great Falls, MT

*“When the well is dry, we know the worth of water” – Benjamin Franklin*

- 9:00 am      **Welcome & Introductions**  
MFU President Alan Merrill  
MFU Legislative & Project Specialist Chris Christiaens
- 9:05            ***Water Working for Montana***  
M&M Engineering, Helena
- 9:50 – 10:45    ***Status of Federal Water Projects***  
Stephanie Hellekson, Bureau of Reclamation
- 10:45 – 11:00    BREAK
- 11:00            ***Administering Montana’s Water; Water Adjudication Update***  
Mary Sexton, Director, MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- 12:00 pm        BOX LUNCH (provided)
- 12:45            ***Montana Water & the Environment***  
Richard Opper, Director, MT Department of Environmental Quality
- 1:45            ***Water Rights Transfers; Ground Water / Surface Water Interaction;  
Irrigation, Ditches & Ditch Rights***  
Hertha L. Lund, Wittich Law Firm PC, Bozeman
- 2:45 – 3:00      BREAK
- 3:00            ***Water Valuation; Water Marketing***  
Deborah Stephenson, Sr. Associate, WestWater Research, LLC, Bozeman
- 4:00            **Montana Water Policy Interim Committee**  
Senator Brad Hamlett, D-Cascade; Senator Terry Murphy, R-Cardwell  
Rep. Russell Bean, R-Augusta; Rep. J.P. Pomnichowski, D-Bozeman

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