

**MWRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Membership Category**

**Check One**

Name of Individual; Business; Irrigation District, Assoc., or Company; Municipality; or Other Entity.

- Individual .....
- Business/Firm .....
- Irrigation District/Association/Company ...
- Municipality or Political Subdivision .....
- Rural Electric/Telephone Association .....
- Sustaining Membership .....
- Other Contribution .....

Street Address or Box #, Etc.

Phone #

City State Zip Code

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See reverse side for membership structure and rate information. To apply for membership, please send this application and a check made payable to MWRA at P.O. Box 4927, Helena, Montana 59604. For additional information, call (406) 235-4555, visit the MWRA web site at [mtwra.org](http://mtwra.org), or email: [mwra\\_h2o@msn.com](mailto:mwra_h2o@msn.com). **Amount Enclosed \$**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION  
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**MONTANA WATER RESOURCES  
ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 4927  
HELENA, MONTANA 59604**



**Montana Water  
Resources  
Association**

*“Montana’s Voice  
For  
Montana’s Water”*



# MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

## PRIMARY SERVICES

### STATE REPRESENTATION:

MWRA provides significant participation and lobby efforts in order to achieve balanced statutory and policy results that are beneficial to Montana's water users. MWRA participates directly in all water related state legislative, regulatory, and policy development activities.

MWRA communicates directly with and lobbies Montana and other Congressional delegates to provide information and testimony on water issues.

MWRA works with other agricultural organizations and water interests to ensure protection of water and other property rights.

### NATIONAL REPRESENTATION:

MWRA is affiliated with and pays annual membership dues to the National Water Resources Association. The national association maintains an office and staff in Washington D.C., providing for an excellent lobbying capability and a direct line of communication with current Administrations, Congressional delegations, and their staff.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

MWRA employs a full-time executive director to lobby extensively regarding statutory issues during legislative sessions and provide direct input into on-going regulatory and policy development activities.



## ISSUES

As Montanans we take great pride in our state and strive to protect our natural resources while maintaining a balance between the environment, economic growth, and private property rights. However, some well-funded groups with very differing political ideologies and social philosophies are working very hard to alter the balance at both state and national levels. These entities target legislative and regulatory reform that would severely impact water and other private property rights and add unnecessary costs to agricultural and other business interests.

- Some of the major water related issues include:
- Water Rights Protection
  - Private Property Rights Protection
  - Federal Clean Water Legislation
  - Federal Endangered Species Legislation
  - State Streambed Ownership and Access
  - Water Right Adjudication
  - Aging Infrastructure and Funding
  - Water Quality Regulations
  - Aquatic Invasive Species
  - State's Rights

Support for protection of our water and other property rights is crucial. Your membership and participation will help MWRA continue as "Montana's Voice for Montana's Water". MWRA provides a reasonable and responsible approach to retaining values established by hard working Montanans while protecting our water and other natural resources.

## MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE & RATES

<u>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</u>	<u>ANNUAL DUES</u>
INDIVIDUAL .....	\$80
<b>BUSINESS/FIRM:</b>	
Less Than 10 Employees .....	\$360
10-100 Employees .....	\$825
More Than 100 Employees .....	\$1,150
<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICT/ASSOCIATION:</b>	
Minimum Base .....	\$350
plus, first 5,000 acres at .....	\$.070/Acre
plus, remaining acres at .....	\$.050/Acre
<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	
City, Town, or County .....	\$.10 per capita
Rural Water Systems/Association .....	
Minimum Base .....	\$360
Or .....	\$.10 per capita
Other Political Subdivision .....	\$360
<b>RURAL ELECTRIC/TELEPHONE ASSOCIATIONS .....</b>	
	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS</b>	
SILVER .....	\$1,500
GOLD .....	\$2,000
PLATINUM .....	\$3,000

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For more information call MWRA at (406) 235-4555 or view our web site at [mtwra.org](http://mtwra.org).