

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, differing political ideologies and social philosophies are working very hard to alter the balance at both state and national levels. Those working to change that balance target legislative and regulatory reform that would, in many cases, 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
BUSINESS/FIRM:	
Less Than 10 Employees	\$370
10-100 Employees	\$840
More Than 100 Employees	\$1,175
IRRIGATION DISTRICT/ASSOCIATION:	
Minimum Base	\$370
plus, first 5,000 acres at	\$.074/Acre
plus, remaining acres at	\$.052/Acre
MUNICIPALITY	
City, Town, or County	\$.10 per capita
Rural Water Systems/Association	
Minimum Base	\$370
Or	\$.10 per capita
Other Political Subdivision	\$370
RURAL ELECTRIC/TELEPHONE ASSOCIATIONS	
	\$400
ASSOCIATE/SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP	
SILVER	\$1,500
GOLD	\$2,000
PLATINUM	\$3,000

Associate/Sustaining Membership includes exhibitor registration for two business representatives and a table at the annual MWRA conference as well as banner advertising on the MWRA web site.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TEAR OFF.

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