

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST

9:30 A.M. WATER MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION MOVING
FORWARD – BRENT ESPLIN,
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF
RECLAMATION

10:00 A.M. MONTANA WATER COURT MOVING
STATE ADJUDICATION TOWARD
FINAL DECREES – HONORABLE
RUSS McELYEA, CHIEF MONTANA
WATER COURT JUDGE

10:30 A.M. MAKING AUTOMATION PROGRAMMING
WORK TO SAVE RESOURCES AND
TIME – DUSTIN STEWART, EDGE
MARKETING AND DESIGN

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

----- CUT HERE AND SEND TO MWRA -----

NAME(S) _____

REPRESENTING _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

REGISTRATION COST (\$170) \$ _____

SPOUSE REGISTRATION (\$120) ... \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS, CALL FAIRMONT
HOT SPRINGS RESORT AT 406-797-3241.

PLEASE REGISTER PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1ST.

SEND REGISTRATIONS TO MONTANA
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION, P. O.
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**2024
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AGENDA**



**FEBRUARY 7-9, 2024
FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS
RESORT**

FAIRMONT, MONTANA

MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

2024

Annual Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

2:00 P.M. REGISTRATION OPENS

3:00 P.M. MWRA MEMBERSHIP AND WINTER BOARD MEETINGS



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

9:15 A.M. WELCOME – SCOTT ASPENLIEDER, PRESIDENT, MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

9:30 A.M. MANAGING WATER AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF MONTANA WATER USERS – AMANDA KASTER, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

10:00 A.M. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION WITH CORRUGATED HDPE PIPE – JERRY WEILAND, REGIONAL SALES MANAGER, FRATCO

10:30 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. AGRICULTURE NUMBER ONE IN MONTANA – ZACHARY COCCOLI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON – SPEAKER HONORABLE GOVERNOR, GREG GIANFORTE (INVITED)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

1:15 P.M. WATER ISSUES DISCUSSION PANEL – ANNA PAKENHAM STEVENSON, ADMINISTRATOR, WATER RESOURCE DIVISION, DNRC
MARK BOSTROM, ADMINISTRATOR, CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, DNRC
AMANDA SCHROEDER, FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

2:30 P.M. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – THE STAKES ARE HIGH, TOM WOOLFE, AIS COORDINATOR, DEPT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

3:00 P.M. BREAK

3:30 P.M. WATERS OF THE U.S. (WOTUS), HOW IS IT IMPLEMENTED? – SHAUN HIGLEY, HELENA BRANCH MANAGER, WWC ENGINEERING

6:00 P.M. EVENING BANQUET – SPEAKER – DALE NELLOR, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION & KRIS POLLY, OWNER AND CEO, WATER STRATEGIES, LLC

