

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST – **SPONSORED BY:**  
**MORRISON – MAIERLE**

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

11:00 A.M. 2024 CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

**2024 MWRA  
ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**



**2024 CONFERENCE CO –  
SPONSORS:**

**INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP –  
THURSDAY LUNCH**

**MAXIMIZED WATER MANAGEMENT –  
THURSDAY AFTERNOON BREAK**

**HDR ENGINEERING, INC – THURSDAY  
EVENING DINNER**

**MORRISON – MAIERLE – FRIDAY  
MORNING BREAKFAST**

**CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS:**

**MORRISON – MAIERLE  
RUBICON WATER  
THOMPSON PIPE GROUP  
FRATCO  
WWC ENGINEERING  
INTERNATIONAL WATER SCREENS  
MAXIMIZED WATER MANAGEMENT  
INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP  
K&N ELECTRIC MOTORS, INC  
PIPESTONE EQUIPMENT  
GREAT WEST ENGINEERING  
WATER STRATEGIES, LLC  
FULL MOON ENTERPRISES  
/SHOTCRETE MONTANA, LLC  
CONTECH ENGINEERED  
SOLUTIONS, LLC  
GLATFELTER PUBLIC ENTITIES  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

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**2024  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
AGENDA**



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

**FAIRMONT, MONTANA**

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# MONTANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

## 2024

### Annual Conference Agenda

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>

2:00 P.M. REGISTRATION OPENS

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



#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

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

9:30 A.M. GROUND AND SURFACE WATER  
RESEARCH AND SCIENCE BASED  
INFO & DATA FLOW – MANAGED  
AQUIFER RECHARGE FOR MONTANA  
– GINETTE ABDO, PROGRAM  
MANAGER, MONTANA BUREAU OF  
MINES AND GEOLOGY

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)

**LUNCH CO-SPONSORED BY:  
INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP**

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

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  
JULIE O'SHEA, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR, FARMERS  
CONSERVATION ALLIANCE  
KYLE TACKETT – ASSISTANT STATE  
CONSERVATIONIST, NRCS MONTANA

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

3:00 P.M. BREAK – CO-SPONSORED BY:  
**MAXIMIZED WATER MANAGEMENT**

3:30 P.M. WATERS OF THE U.S. (WOTUS), HOW IS  
IT IMPLEMENTED? – SAGE JOYCE,  
MONTANA PROGRAM MANAGER, U.S.  
ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS AND  
SHAWN 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

**DINNER CO-SPONSORED BY:  
HDR ENGINEERING, INC**

