

Hello Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council members and stakeholders,

It's time for another update about Council affairs and a meeting of the Executive Committee on September 22nd.

Erin Farris-Olsen (Montana Watershed Coordination Council) provided an update on our CFKRBC to the 65th (2017-18) Legislature's Water Policy Interim Committee at its first meeting on August 1. Audio/video of that meeting is available here <http://leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/interim/2017-2018/Water-Policy/default.asp> as well as a draft agenda of its next meeting on October 9th. CFKRBC Executive Committee members Senator Verdell Jackson and Jennifer Schoonen will provide another update to WPIC then.

The Council's application for a Big Sky Watershed Corps Member to work jointly with the Council and the Montana Watershed Coordination Council was approved, and we are interviewing candidates. The Corps member will assist the Council, working groups, and Executive Committee in 2018, and assist MWCC with its work on regional coordination in water planning in Montana.

Highlights of the Executive Committee's September meeting included an update on the Bureau of Reclamation Grant to DNRC to promote long-term drought contingency planning and drought resilience in western river basins, discussion about continuing engagement with WPIC, updates on Working Group activities, and discussion of a 2018 Work Plan for the Council. The Executive Committee will meet again in December where we will begin planning the April 2018 2nd annual meeting of the full Council.

You can find complete notes from the meeting on our webpage <http://mtwatersheds.org/app/clark-fork-basin-council/>.

Current MWCC BSWC Member Kelsey Anderson will be moving on to other activities in November – Kelsey, thanks for all of your work on behalf of the Council and we all wish you the very best in whatever comes next!

Please review the items on our website, and let Kelsey at MWCC (kelsey@mtwatersheds.org) (quick – before she leaves us!) know of any exciting events or news from your watershed so that we can share this information more broadly.

Happiest of autumns to you all,

Dave Shively