

NEW STAG MEMBER REPLACEMENT PROTOCOL (SEPT 2011 DRAFT)

The Statewide TMDL Advisory Group (STAG) is authorized under section 75-5-702(9) of the Montana Water Quality Act. The Group is comprised of fourteen members representing different interests. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) solicits nominations for a vacant position on the Statewide TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Advisory Group. State law requires the Department Director to appoint the nominee from each specified interest group. If the Department receives more than one nominee, the Director will request the nominees agree on one individual.

The Environmental Program Manager for the Watershed Management (TMDL) Section will contact the following groups for a nomination of a new STAG member when the group has a vacancy on the Council.

Group Represented	Contact for Nominations
Livestock Oriented Agriculture	Montana Stockgrowers Association -
Mining	
Municipalities	League of Cities and Towns
Hydroelectric	
Fishing Related Business	
Federal Land Management Agencies	
Point Source Dischargers	
Forestry	
State Trust Land Management Agencies	
Conservation District Supervisor - West	Montana Association of Conservation Districts - 406-443-5711
Water Based Recreation	
Conservation District Supervisor – East	Montana Association of Conservation Districts - 406-443-5711
Environmental / Conservation Interest	
Farming Oriented Agriculture	Montana Farm Bureau

The organization or person making the nomination or the nominee should submit a letter of interest and a short statement of qualifications to me at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200901, Helena MT 59601-0901. There is no set term for STAG members.

Once a nomination has been made and a member has been approved a notification will need to be given to the WQPB administrative staff. WQPB administrative staff will draft a letter of appointment for the new STAG member for the DEQ Director's signature. The original letter will be sent to the STAG Chairman, with copies to the nominee, and the STAG records file.

Montana Code Annotated 2009

75-5-702. Monitoring -- water quality assessment listing -- statewide advisory group.

(9) (a) The department shall establish a statewide TMDL advisory group to serve in the consultation capacity set forth in [75-5-703](#), [75-5-704](#), and this section. Fourteen members, and any replacement members that may be necessary, must be appointed by the director, based upon one nomination from each of the following interests:

- (i) livestock-oriented agriculture;
- (ii) farming-oriented agriculture;
- (iii) conservation or environmental interests;
- (iv) water-based recreationists;
- (v) the forestry industry;
- (vi) municipalities;
- (vii) point source dischargers;
- (viii) mining;
- (ix) federal land management agencies;
- (x) state trust land management agencies;
- (xi) supervisors of soil and water conservation districts for counties east of the continental divide;
- (xii) supervisors of soil and water conservation districts for counties west of the continental divide;
- (xiii) the hydroelectric industry; and
- (xiv) fishing-related businesses.

(b) If the director receives more than one nomination from a particular interest, the director shall notify the respective nominators and request that they agree on one nominee.