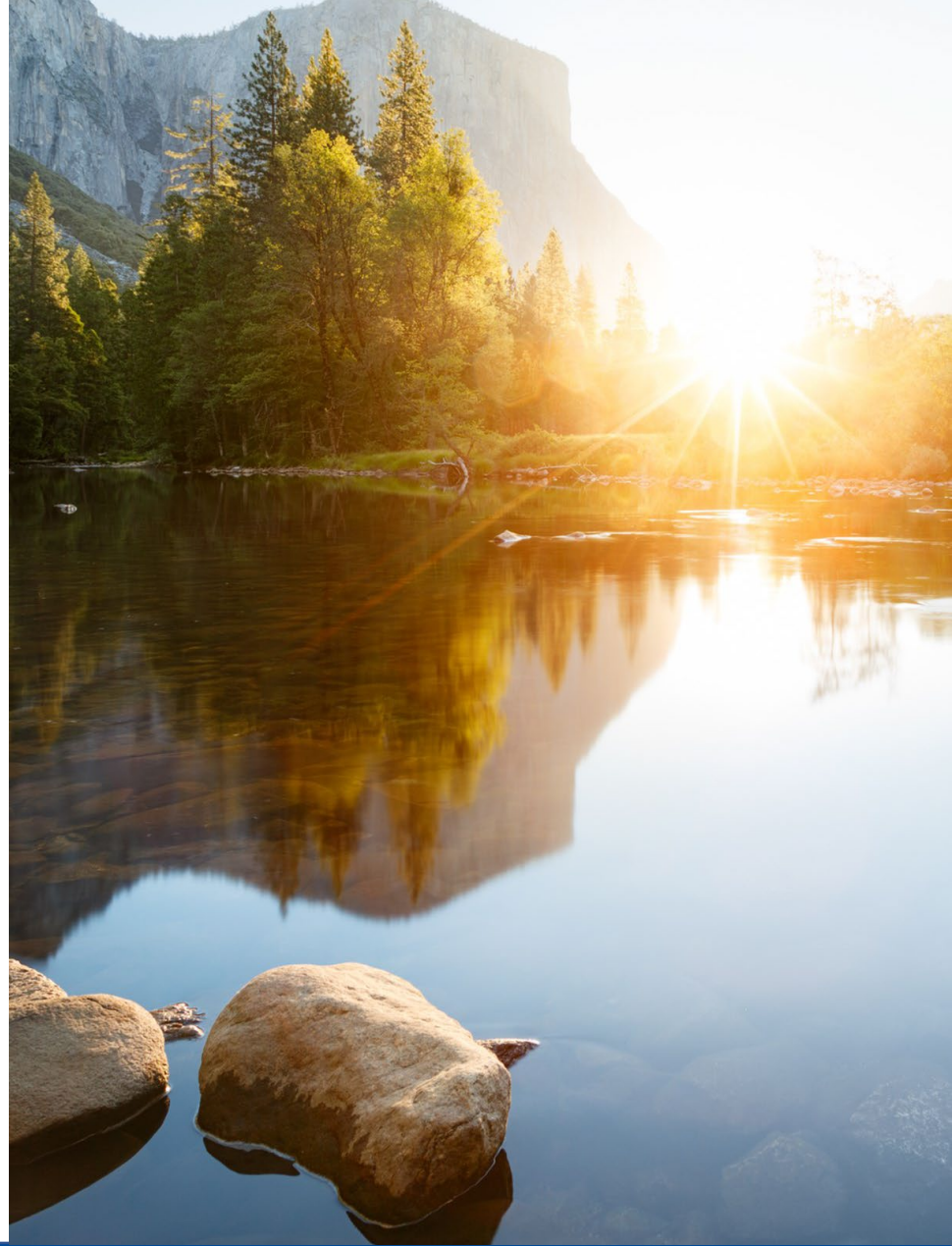


Montana State Superfund Stakeholders Meeting December 5, 2022

*Our mission is to champion a
healthy environment for a
thriving Montana.*



Agenda

- Introductions
- Vision and Overarching Goals
- Reorganization
- Staff Shortage/Interim Solutions
- Legislation:
 - Repeal 3rd Party Permission
 - Status of DEQ-7 Triennial Review
 - Future Regulatory Reform Efforts
- Lessons Learned from 2022
- Closing/Action Items

Vision and Overarching Goals

State Superfund Unit's Vision:
Making Montana a better and cleaner place to live.

Overarching Goals:

- Protect human health
- Protect the environment
- Instill public trust
- Ensure regulatory compliance
- Exercise fiscal responsibility





Reorganization

DEQ Staff Shortage

Interim Solutions:

- Reprioritize Work
- Assign Different DEQ Project Officer
- Utilize DEQ Contractors
- Temporarily Place Site on Hold

Stakeholder Support:

- Provide clear requests and timeframe
- Provide background and references
- Clearly articulate project goals for the next 6 months
- Assist with transfer of project knowledge
- Be patient

Legislation

- Repeal 3rd Party Permission – LC 722
 - ✓ Environmental Quality Council supported
 - ✓ DEQ seeking sponsor
- DEQ-7 Triennial Review
 - 3 years begins after previous review closes
 - Staff turnover
 - Management is aware of stakeholder interests in groundwater standard for cyanide
- Future Regulatory Reform Efforts

Lessons Learned 2022

- SOPs
- Subject Matter Experts
- Complex versus Simple
- Data Usability
- Field Work



Questions/Feedback?



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