

# **GROUND WATER INVESTIGATION PROGRAM**

Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

## **Ground Water Investigation Program 2015 Project Nomination Timeline**

Ground Water Investigation Program (GWIP) projects ranked and prioritized by the Ground Water Steering Committee in 2015 are anticipated to start in 2016. GWIP investigations are expected to take from 1 to 3 years to complete. The timeline presented below includes the key dates in the submittal, review and ranking of projects. For more detailed information on the ranking and nomination process [click here](#).

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- 1) **By February 27:** Groundwater Steering Committee Chair and GWIP program manager send out a request for GWIP project nominations.
- 2) **By April 24:** Nomination packages are returned to GWIP by nominating entity.
- 3) **By July 1:** GWIP personnel will create a project overview, identifies missing information and solicits that information from the nominating entity. Proposal is refined by the MBMG and sent back to the nominating entity.
- 4) **30-day comment period** by the nominating entity after refined proposal is received.
- 5) **By August 30:** MBMG builds a ranking matrix based on the ranking criteria.
- 6) **By September 1:** Steering committee gets full nomination package (3 page total) along with the project overview and ranking sheet of all projects nominated.
- 7) **By September 30:** Steering Committee convenes, reviews ranking matrix scoring and prioritizes projects.

Prior to the ranking meeting of the Committee, the Chair and the GWIP manager will evaluate the available GWIP resources during the next two-year cycle and estimate how many projects GWIP teams might reasonably investigate. During the ranking meeting, the Committee will approve the number of projects that is appropriate for the upcoming GWIP work load. If GWIP does not complete all of the approved projects prior to the next round of ranking, the approved but not initiated projects will stay in their respective position on the ranking list and the future approved work load decreased to accommodate these carry overs. In the event GWIP completes the approved investigations prior to the next scheduled round of ranking, the Committee can re-evaluate the existing list of unapproved projects and move one or more into the approved category.

