



## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **City and Water Quality District Propose Two Stormwater Projects to Protect Clark Fork and Bitterroot Rivers**

The City of Missoula and the Missoula Valley Water Quality District will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. to present the results of a recent stormwater study. The study proposes further treatment of stormwater runoff at the Caras Park outfall pipe and the Buckhouse outfall pipe. The meeting will be held at the Missoula City-County Health Department, Room 201, at 301 W. Alder St. The engineering firm Morrison-Maierle, Inc., will present the study.

Both of the stormwater discharge pipes in the study discharge stormwater into the Clark Fork River and the Bitterroot River. Currently, stormwater entering the river includes pollutants such as heavy metals, bacteria, plastic bottles, cigarette butts and hazardous materials. The study suggests treatment of the stormwater before it reaches the rivers to protect water quality.

Read about the Caras Park Outfall Stormwater Treatment Retrofit and the Buckhouse Outfall Stormwater Treatment Retrofit Project here:

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/Archive.aspx?ADID=7907>

<http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/Archive.aspx?ADID=7906>

The City hired Morrison-Maierle using funds from the DNRC Water Resources Grant Program to do the feasibility study. Engineering and Water Quality staff members are seeking public support for the projects.

Questions?

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