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**METHOW WATERSHED COUNCIL
TO HOLD COMMUNITY WATER DISCUSSIONS**

The Methow Watershed Council is sponsoring a series of free community discussions about issues affecting water rights in the Methow Valley. There will be three dates and locations to choose from: The Lower Valley meeting will be Sunday, September 10, 1-3 p.m. at the Community Center in Methow. The Middle Valley meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 6-8 p.m. at the Grange in Twisp. The Upper Valley meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center in Mazama.

Greg Knott, Chair of the Methow Watershed Council, will provide a brief description of the Council and an update on recent Council activities. He will also provide a preview of upcoming fall/winter presentations on water management in the Methow by subject matter experts. Natalie Kuehler, Attorney at Ryan & Kuehler, will discuss how the recent Hirst court decision may affect individual water rights locally. Andy Hover, Okanogan County Commissioner, will explain the County's response to the Hirst decision, Ordinance 20, give updated information on the current rate of county approvals, and lead a discussion about zoning issues related to water rights. Questions and comments from the public will be encouraged and appreciated.

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