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**METHOW WATERSHED COUNCIL TO HOST
PRESENTATION BY JASON MCCORMICK ON WATER BANKING**

The Methow Watershed Council is pleased to announce a free public presentation on water banking by Jason McCormick, Certified Water Rights Examiner and principal of McCormick Water Strategies. The presentation will be given at the Methow Valley Community Center on Tuesday, February 20, 6-8 p.m. The title of the presentation is "Looking Under the Hood of Water Banking."

Jason McCormick's presentation will introduce you to the world of water banking, which is a broadly used term to describe a structured transactional environment where water is redistributed between sellers and buyers. Recently, water banking has been used as an effective tool to reallocate reliable senior water rights to new uses where legal water availability is limited. In this presentation, Jason will walk you through several real-life examples of successful applications of water banking in the Yakima Basin to provide mitigation for rural permit-exempt groundwater and permitted uses. Water banking can be a very effective means of legally redistributing water amongst users, and may be a potential solution to help you make the most of your own water resources right here in the Methow Valley.

The presentation is the fourth in a series of talks by subject matter experts hosted by the Methow Watershed Council this fall/winter as part of its ongoing public education and outreach efforts.

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