**Conference Happenings at a Glance**

**Operator Certification Review & Exam**

Operator certification review sessions will be all day Wednesday March 12th, all day Thursday March 13th, and the morning of Friday March 14th. MT DEQ will be giving the certification exam Friday March 14th after lunch in the American/Britain Room. Anyone wishing to take the exam **MUST** register with DEQ at least 30 days prior to the test date. Contact Marleigh Steinke (406-444-3434) or Jen VandenBos (406-444-4584) with any questions.

**WaterPac Raffle**

Monies raised from this raffle are used as contributions to political campaigns to allow National Rural Water (NRWA) and all its state affiliates, including MRWS to have access to the decision makers that champion our cause on both the federal and state level. If any individual, system, or exhibitor would like to contribute an item to the raffle please contact Tanya at the office 406-454-1151.

**Best Tasting Water in Montana**

Do you think your system’s water is the **best**? Put it to the test! We are looking for the best tasting water in the state to represent Montana in the nationwide contest that will take place in Washington D.C. in February 2026. The winner of the state contest will win a trip to the nationwide contest with the airfare, meals, and lodging paid by MRWS.

If you would like to submit a sample of your water for the test, bring a ½ gallon of water in a glass container to the registration desk. The first round of testing will take place Thursday morning, and the final judging will take place before the banquet Thursday evening.

**Business Meeting**

The annual MRWS Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 12th, 2025, in the Lewis & Clark room. Attendance is encouraged! This is when membership approves the MRWS operating budget, receives updates from DEQ and DNRC, updates on legislative issues and elects three (3) board members. Current membership is required to vote in the board elections. **DEQ will give CECs for attendance, so make sure you get scanned.**