

NPS Task Force Meeting Agenda **January 28, 2026**

*ND Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND*

8:30 a.m. Call to Order & Welcome

8:35 a.m. Review/approve January 15, 2025, meeting minutes

8:40 a.m. Project proposal review/comment process – *Emilee Novak*

8:45 a.m. FY26 Section 319 project proposal presentations

- [Upper Sheyenne River Watershed Pilot Program - Phase II](#)
 - *Upper Sheyenne River Joint Board, Kevin Vietz*
- [Jamestown Reservoir Watershed Project – Phase II](#)
 - *Stutsman County Soil Conservation District, Dustin Krueger*
- [Square Butte Creek Watershed Project](#)
 - *Oliver County Soil Conservation District, JD Hanson*
- [Nine-Townships Watershed Project - Phase II](#)
 - *Mercer County Soil Conservation District, Sierra Henke*
- [Government Creek Watershed Project](#)
 - *Stark-Billings Soil Conservation District, Erin Miller*

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Resume FY26 Section 319 project proposal presentations

- [Sheyenne River Watershed Project – Phase II](#)
 - *Ransom County Soil Conservation District, Bob Flath*
- [Turtle River – Larimore Dam Watershed Project – Phase II](#)
 - *Grand Forks County Soil Conservation District, Justin Parks*
- [ND Conservation Work Force Training and Certification Initiative](#)
 - *ND Conservation Districts Employee Association, Kelli Schumacher*
- [Livestock Environmental Nutrient Management Educational Support Program - Phase III](#)
 - *NDSU Extension, Mary Keena*
- [Red River Basin River Watch and River of Dreams – Phase III](#)
 - *International Water Institute, Asher Kingery and Taylor Lemieux*

- 12:00 p.m.** Working Lunch (Food Served for Task Force Members)
- Presentation of Requested Funding and Anticipated Budget for 2026
- 12:30 p.m.** Projects Discussion
- 1:45 p.m.** Final Thoughts from NDDEQ Staff
- Instructions for submitting written feedback
- Set due date for written feedback and project evaluations
- 2:00 p.m.** Adjourn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Water Quality Monitoring Conference

March 17th – 19th

Bismarck State College – National Energy Center of Excellence

Call for Presenters Submission Deadline is February 6th

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Draft 2026-2030 NPS Management Plan

Comment period ends January 31st

Email comments to ejnovak@nd.gov

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Water Quality Priorities Survey

Closes March 20th (Following the Water Quality Monitoring Conference)

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/38a7fd4dec1e41ffa7502f2ee6d51259>