



**TREASURE STATE
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**CANDIDATE FILING OPEN ON JANUARY 11, 2024, AND RUNS
UNTIL MARCH 11, 2024**

**STATE OF MONTANA CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS HAVE
CHANGED**

This guide is just a summary - for complete requirements, see [13-35-227, MCA](#) and [13-37, MCA](#), and [44.11.226](#) and [227, ARM](#).

Montana's campaign contribution limits apply **per election** - under MCA 13-37-216(5) "... election means the general election or primary election that involves two or more candidates for the same nomination. If there is not a contested primary, there is only one election to which the contribution limits apply. If there is a contested primary, then there are two elections to which the contribution limits apply."

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2024-2025 CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS:

From an INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR (Human Being)

Candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor: \$1,120 per election

Candidates for Other Statewide Office*: \$790 per election

Candidates for Other Public Office**: \$450 per election

Candidate to own campaign: No Limit

From INDEPENDENT POLITICAL COMMITTEES (PACs)

Candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor: \$1,120 per election

Candidates for Other Statewide Office*: \$790 per election

Candidates for Other Public Office**: \$450 per election

From POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES (Aggregate limits from ALL political party committees)

Please Note: Political Party Committees may not contribute to candidates for judicial offices (i.e. Supreme Court Justice, District Judge, Justice of the Peace). A political party committee may endorse a candidate for judicial office and make independent expenditure relating to such an election. See Sanders County Republican Party v. Bullock, 698 F3d 741 (9th Cir, 2012). See also personnel services exception [ARM 44.11.225 \(3\)](#).

Candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor: \$112,200 per election

Candidates for Other Statewide Office*: \$84,150 per election

Candidates for Public Service Commission: \$16,850 per election

Candidate for State Senate: \$3,350 per election

Candidates for Other Public Office**: \$2,250 per election

CORPORATIONS OR UNIONS

May NOT contribute directly or indirectly to a candidate, [§ MCA 13-35-227](#).

* Other Statewide Office

Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Clerk of the Supreme Court

** Other Public Office

State District (Public Service Commissioner, State Senate, State House of Representatives, District Judge)

County (All County Elected Officials)

City (All City Elected Officials)

School (All School Districts)

Trustees

Governor Gianforte, DNRC Unveil Modernized Drought Management Plan

Plan last updated nearly three decades ago

Governor's Office

December 21 2023

HELENA, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte today announced the release of the Montana Drought Management Plan, modernized over the last two years by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to improve the state’s drought and water supply planning.

“In my first year in office, we set out to improve the state’s drought preparedness, monitoring, and response, and we worked with a wide range of water users in the state to modernize the

drought management plan,” Gov. Gianforte said. “Our resulting, stakeholder-driven plan better prepares Montana to meet current and future drought-related challenges.”

Last updated in 1995, the Montana Drought Management Plan details a comprehensive management framework to improve drought preparedness from prevention to recovery. The plan also lays the groundwork for future improvements.

“The launch of the Montana Drought Management Plan is a monumental step forward in our state's commitment to building resilience against the impacts of drought,” DNRC Director Amanda Kaster said. “This effort represents the perspectives and feedback of Montanans, and we look forward to this collaboration continuing forward.”

The plan is structured to address key aspects of drought preparedness, incorporating robust monitoring and assessment processes. The plan also conducts a thorough vulnerability assessment across five primary water-use sectors, providing a spatial representation of the impact on social and ecological systems.

Understanding the vulnerabilities in different sectors is crucial for targeted and effective drought planning. The plan's responsive approach is further emphasized through state-level drought triggers and associated agency response actions.

Additionally, the plan compiles 36 stakeholder-generated recommendations to guide resource allocation over the coming decade.

“These recommendations are a testament to the collective wisdom and dedication of Montanans who actively participated in shaping the future of our state's drought resilience,” said Kaster. “We value public input and believe it is crucial for refining and enhancing our strategies to prepare Montana for the challenges of the future. We look forward to continuing to engage stakeholders as we look to implementing the drought plan.”

Convened by DNRC in 2021, the Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee comprises representatives from seven state agencies, bringing together a diverse array of voices from across the state. The extensive planning effort engaged hundreds of Montanans representing various water uses and interests, incorporating insights from technical experts, government entities, universities, non-profits, and businesses.

The Montana Drought Management Plan is available [here](#).

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TSRA Welcomes New Executive Director – John Iverson, Iverson Consulting

As shared earlier, TSRA's Executive Director for the past several years is retiring the end of December. We are excited to introduce our new Executive Director, John Iverson, who is working with the outgoing director, Peggy Trenk to make a smooth transition.

Iverson provides government affairs, lobbying and association management services through his boutique consulting firm, Iverson Consulting.

Iverson grew up in Shelby, MT. He received a BA in Accounting from Carroll College, and a Master Degree of Business Administration from the University of Montana. He has worked in both government and private industry prior to forming Iverson Consulting in 2012.

John currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Montana Council on Problem Gambling and was appointed to the Montana Facility Finance Authority by Governor Gianforte.

John enjoys water sports, snow skiing, and hunting, but spends most of his time raising five young children with his wife, Jenny.

John can be reached at [http://jiverson@tsria.net](mailto:jiverson@tsria.net) or by calling 406-459-3344.

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TSRA's address and general telephone number will remain the same.

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Upcoming Legislative Meetings:

Local Government Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for January 23-25, 2024

Where: State Capitol & Zoom

For more information go to: [committee website](#)

Revenue Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for January 22-23, 2024

Where: State Capitol Room & Zoom

For more information go to: [committee's website](#).

Contact committee staff, [Megan Moore](#), with any questions.

Water Policy Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for January 16-17, 2024

Where: State Capitol & Zoom

An agenda and materials will be available at <http://leg.mt.gov/water> For more information, contact Jason Mohr, committee staff, at 406-4444-1640 or <http://jason.mohr@legmt.gov>.

Environmental Quality Council

Next Meeting is Scheduled for January 18-19, 2023

Where: State Capitol Room & Zoom

Please use this link to check in for more information:

<https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/eqc/>

Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for January 18, 2024

Where: State Capitol & Zoom

For more information go to:

<https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/etic/meeting-info/>

Upcoming Events/Dates:

May 28-20, 2024

Montana Stockgrowers Midyear Meeting
Miles City, MT

June 12-13, 2023

Treasure State Resources Association Annual Meeting
The Forge Hotel, Anaconda, MT

If you don't want to receive the TSRA Newsletter, please let me know. If you want to share with others in your company or organization, please do so. The mission of the Treasure State Resources Association is to promote and enhance the Montana Way of Life through responsible resource development.