

# Meeting Notes - October 2015 Monthly Meeting

## Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Time: Thursday, October 1, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Place: Daily Grind, 230 E. Main St., Pullman

Present: Jeffery Ramsey the 1<sup>st</sup>, Anne Moscrip, Katie Gieske, Ginny Lohr, Steve Flint, Al Poplawsky, Mary DuPree, Rob Briggs, Greg Brabeck

### Last month's media successes:

- Letter to the editor "Consensus" in Moscow-Pullman Daily News – Jeff, 9/4/15
- Article "Alaska: 'The canary in the coal mine'" by Terri Harber in MPDN – 9/8/15
- Op-ed "Washington's I-732 is carbon-based tax reform in M-PDN – Rob. 9/28/15

### Action items from October meeting

- All - Ask at least one person in person to join CCL: give an overview of the purpose of the organization and proposed legislation and direct them to the CCL website. Alternatively, encourage a friend who is an inactive current member to attend next meeting. (Ask Mary or Rob for list.)
- Jeffrey and Rob - Table at Wednesday, Oct. 7 showing of "Merchants of Doubt."
- Al and Mary – Plan drop-in event at Garden Lounge (or similar) in Moscow for early Nov. Program ideas: A) presentation (poster board/butcher paper) of brief information on CCL and proposed legislation, B) Postcard sending to MOCs (recruit new members, activate current members)
- Steve and Ginny – Set up meetings with Republican House members during Oct. recess. Steve will attempt to set up meetings with Labrador and Crapo staff, Al and Jeffery will also attend: Ginny will coordinate with Walla Walla and Spokane CCL chapters to set up a meeting with Representative McMorris Rodgers.
- Rob – Coordinate with Tri-Cities CCL on tabling at NW Farmers Union Convention on Oct. 30 and 31. Tentatively Rob will help table on Friday; and Ginny, Mary, Deb Olson and/or Al will possibly table on Saturday
- Rob – Finish up core PowerPoint slides for CCL presentations to civic and business groups.
- Rob, Al, Jeffery, and Mary – Finish introductory slides for target audiences.
- Rob and Ginny – Host a dry-run presentation at their home Thursday, Oct. 22 and invite everyone on CCL list to attend.

### International Call Reports

- Ginny reported on the September International CCL call featuring Jerry Taylor, President of the Niskanen Center and former director of natural resources for the Cato Institute and author of "The Conservative Case for a Carbon Tax" [<http://niskanencenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/The-Conservative-Case-for-a-Carbon-Tax1.pdf>] Taylor suggests three approaches to convince conservatives:
  1. Investment perspective – hedge our bets in case climate change warnings are real.
  2. Conservatives support government protection of life, liberty, and property. Well, carbon emissions violate life, liberty, and property of people right now.
  3. Regulation of carbon pollution is occurring right now, isn't a carbon tax preferable to regulation?

All CCL Audio programs can be found here: <http://ccl.podbean.com/>.

- Mary discussed a report on the use of carbon pricing in planning by major US and international corporations. She suggested that the report contained valuable information to bolster the argument that businesses are expecting carbon pricing to succeed. The report can be found here: <https://www.cdp.net/en-US/News/CDP%20News%20Article%20Pages/surge-in-companies-disclosing-carbon-price.aspx>
- This months actions are 1) to recruit new CCL members and 2) to set up meetings with House Republicans to encourage them to co-sponsor the Gibson resolution.

#### Updates from Interest Groups

- Outreach/Tabling
  - CCL is co-sponsoring the showing of the film *Merchants of Doubt* Wednesday, October 7 at 7 pm at the Kenworthy in Moscow.
  - We will be tabling at the Northwest Farmer's Union Convention in Airway Heights, WA on Friday & Saturday, Oct. 30 & 31.
- Lobbying – Ginny reported on efforts to normalize the procedure for sending MOCs our LTEs, Op-Eds, and articles. Ginny provided guidelines from CCL for cover letters. She will post the guidelines on our chapter web site here [\[http://www.cclpalouse.org/links.html\]](http://www.cclpalouse.org/links.html) once they are finalized. Authors are encouraged to send the emails or letters themselves. Rob will copy Ginny when he files the field report to CCL, and Ginny will check with authors to ensure we get the media to MOCs.
- Presentations
  - Mary will be presenting on CCL to Moscow League of Women Voters. Wed., Nov. 11.
  - Dry-run presentation by our presentations working group on Thursday, October 22.

#### Updates on Chapter Activities

- I-732, CarbonWA's revenue-neutral carbon tax for Washington State has gathered over 250,000 signatures towards their goal of 330,000 with three months left to go.
- CarbonWA has money to pay student signature gatherers or groups to use for fund-raising.

#### Announcements/Local Chapter Issues

Next Meeting Thursday, November 5 from 5:30 to 7 pm in Moscow, location TBD