

Agenda – October 19, 2017 Palouse Citizens’ Climate Lobby
5:30-7:00pm, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, 225 N. Grand Ave., Pullman

Introductions and Additions to the Agenda

Review of Minutes

Announcements

- **Oct. 18:** Former Republican SC congressman Bob Inglis will present “**Solving Climate Change with Conservative Principles**”, 7 p.m. in the courtroom of the UI’s College of Law, 711 S. Rayburn St. Inglis is on the International CCL Advisory Board.
- Nov. 14 – 15: Washington State CCL’s and Audubon Washington’s **Water, Wind & Fire Tour: Saving our Farms, Forests, and Fish While Strengthening the Economy** will engage community members in conversations to explore ways to strengthen the economy and add jobs while stabilizing climate and managing energy risks.
 - **Nov. 14 - Palouse:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Complimentary Lunch; Palouse Community Center, 230 E. Main
 - **Nov. 14 – Colfax:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Refreshments, Whitman County Library, 102 S. Main St.
 - **Nov. 15 - Lewiston-Clarkston:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 1242 Highland Ave.
 - **Nov. 15 – Pullman:** 10:00 – 11:00 am, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, 225 N. Grand Ave. *Water, Wind & Fire Tour* and Palouse CCL members will meet with Pullman city officials to explore avenues for local action on climate change.
- **Nov 15** - CCL is co-sponsoring **An Inconvenient Sequel**, Kenworthy Theater.

Action Items from Sept Meeting and Updates from Interest Groups

- Al had LTE in *Moscow-Pullman Daily News*.
- Kathy will investigate existing K-12 lessons on climate change and action and check in with Bertie and Judy.
- Deb sent Judy info on WSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance contact; will talk to civics teacher at Pullman High School.
- Adrienne will look into potential tabling events at UI and send information to Mary.
- Mary will send link to short set of presentation slides from a California CCL group.
- Judy will contact Pullman Chamber of Commerce about presenting, perhaps using a 2-minute CCL video on CFD at <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/why-carbon-fee-and-dividend/carbon-fee-dividend-video/>
- All add to Google spreadsheet of potential signers for our Letter to members of Congress (or send signers’ names to Judy or Mary)
- All - send Marilyn info on actions and any links so she can report them to national CCL (kvs21@frontier.com). Send published items to Paul to post on CCL-P website (paul-spencer@pullman.com)

Continuing Business

- Ideas from Sept meeting
- Endorsement Campaign on Letters to Members of Congress

National Call – Bertie. Guest speaker is Barbara Love, Professor Emeritus of Social Justice Education at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTFv279uNx4>

National Actions for the Month

1. Outreach to locally elected politicians, especially locally elected Republicans
2. Get ready for the November 8 Call-in day
3. Practice laser talks: Dividend Delivery, and Climate-Affects-Hurricanes

Review Action items

Next meeting Nov. 16, 5:30-7pm, 1912 Center Senior Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow

5-minute Laser Talk Exercise

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

How to practice: Pick a partner, read one of the the laser talks below (your choice!), and then summarize for your partner. Then the other person does the same thing.

Laser Talk #1 - Dividend Delivery

To address the question of “How will you go about distributing the carbon dividend to households?”, CCL commissioned an expert study of how to optimize the carbon dividend distribution. Our goal was to maximize simplicity and minimize costs for government, businesses and households, while still delivering a dividend to as many households as possible.

All the money collected from fossil fuel companies goes to a Carbon Fee Trust Fund managed by an Administrator. After administrative costs, the net funds constitute the pool for carbon dividends.

Recipients are identified from existing tax records or through a special form for those who haven’t filed income taxes. Most people will get their dividend as a direct deposit or on an existing government-issued debit card, with paper checks as a backup. Eligibility changes are taken care of on a monthly basis, and any underpayments or overpayments for the year are reconciled on the recipient’s next income tax return. CCL is satisfied that these steps will make the carbon dividend distribution fair, flexible, universal, and highly visible to households.

For more information

See the [Dividend Delivery Study](#) on Community

Laser Talk #2 - How Climate Change Affects Hurricanes

People often ask if climate change caused a particular hurricane. The short answer is “no.” Hurricanes happened long before humans started pumping excess carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

What we can say with great certainty, however, is that human-induced global warming is making storms bigger, more powerful and more destructive for a number of reasons:

- **Warmer water:** Hurricanes derive their strength from warm ocean water. That’s why they form in late summer and early fall when temperatures are at their highest. Global warming has increased those temperatures, thereby increasing the power of these storms.
- **Warmer air:** Climate change is also making our atmosphere warmer. Warmer air holds more water vapor, increasing the amount of rainfall produced by a particular storm.
- **Higher sea levels:** As our oceans heat up, the water expands. That expansion, combined with the melting of glaciers, is raising sea levels, making storm surges more destructive and deadly.

These factors played out in storms that made landfall in 2017. As temperatures continue to rise, we can expect to see more of this destructiveness and worse unless we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.