

Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
AGENDA January 21, 2021, 5:30-7:00pm Zoom Meeting

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Introductions and Check-in
Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes

Announcements

- FLOW workshop Feb. 20—Tim Dec
- Lobby Week March 22-26—Mac
- New secretary
- Social Media Action: tweet your support for Carbon Fee & Dividend to your MoC
cclusa.org/tweet

CCL-Palouse Reports and Actions

- Ag Outreach – Eric
- Pullman Climate Action Plan – Marilyn
- Moscow Climate Action Plan - Mary
- Chambers of Commerce—Simon, Mary
- Publications – Judy
- University student organizing—Kayla
- Grasstops—Mary

Talking Points exercise explaining climate policy and urgency (text at end of Agenda)

Skill Development: Action Tracker--Diane

Guest Speaker report- Dr. Noah Kaufman, Columbia University economist

As we gear up for reintroduction of carbon fee and dividend legislation in the new Congress, we hear from economist Dr. Noah Kaufman, lead author of the [2019 Columbia University assessment](#) of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The study confirmed the effectiveness of the bill from both an environmental and economic perspective. Kaufman's talk is on his report "Near-term net Zero Carbon Prices." He focuses on the impact of net zero carbon pricing (instead of using a temperature goal) and also provides some valuable conclusions about the impact of other climate change remedies once a carbon tax is in place. <https://ccl.podbean.com/e/noah-kaufman-citizens-climate-lobby-january-2021-monthly-meeting/>

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 5:30-7:00 pm on Zoom

Adjournment

Practice explaining Climate Policy and Urgency

TALKING POINTS EXERCISE

Carbon pricing can come into effect rapidly while regulations will likely take many years. Compared to regulations, carbon pricing is a better match for the urgency of the climate problem.

Instructions: Let's practice talking about the speed and durability of carbon pricing so that you'll be ready to explain it to constituents, community leaders, congressional offices and the media.

You will be in a breakout room with one other person for 6 minutes. Each of you take 3 minutes to read the points and put each point into your own words. When everyone comes back together, a few people can share what they found useful.

Talking Points - Climate Policy and Urgency

Carbon pricing policy is fast acting, and we don't have any time to lose.

- An effective carbon pricing policy will cut emissions faster than regulations, which can take many years to develop and implement. For example, a rule to protect workers from silica dust took 13 years to implement and getting toxic lead out of gasoline took 23 years.
- Carbon pricing works rapidly, because companies and their investors quickly make decisions that maximize profits. With a price on carbon, clean energy and energy efficiency become the way to maximize those profits.

Legislation is more durable than regulation, and we need to make lasting change for a stable climate.

- Regulations can be undone by a change in administration, as we saw with the Clean Power Plan. The CPP, first announced in 2013, never took effect and was repealed under the Trump administration in 2019.
- Since the Constitution gives Congress the power to impose taxes, carbon pricing is less likely to be overturned by the courts. This reduces the chances of delays in cutting carbon, delays we can't afford at this point.
- For more details and footnotes, see this [related Laser Talk](#). To practice other talking points about CCL and climate policy, see the CCL Community "[Interview Talking Points](#)" resource.