

## Agenda – October 18, 2018

### Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby

5:30-7:00pm, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, 225 N. Grand Ave., Pullman

#### Introductions

#### Additions to the Agenda

#### Review of Minutes

#### Announcements

- Washington Initiative 1631 opportunities (letters, door knocking)
- IPCC report; Nobel Prize in economics
- October 30 - Bob Inglis will present a keynote at Washington State University, hosted by The Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy & Public Service
- Moscow City Council resolution

#### Communication Exercise: Talking about I-1631

#### Reports

Tabling: Moscow's Farmers' Market, *Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution*

Media: Recent editorials and letters to the editor

Presentations

Lobbying: CCL Nov. lobby day in DC

National CCL Monthly Call and Actions - **Mark**: Former Rep. David Jolly (R-FL) believes legislation to price carbon will need to be bipartisan. Jolly was an early member of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus and a cosponsor of the Republican climate resolution introduced by former Rep. Chris Gibson. Speaking in 2016, Jolly said, "I'm sick and tired of going nowhere in addressing large problems and I'd like to see our party accept the science and say we believe in conservative solutions." <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

#### Actions

1. Call members of Congress on Friday, Nov. 9 - Support the CCLers on the Hill for the November 13th Lobby Day. So that CCL can (1) track the number of calls made and (2) give you a script and phone numbers, use the online action tool [cclusa.org/call](http://cclusa.org/call) and be sure to click "DONE CALLING" to report the calls.
2. Write a letter to the editor linking climate and the campaigns. CCL how-to at [Write a Letter to the Editor](#)
3. Phone bank, write letters, doorknock for and *talk about* I-1631 for a carbon fee in Washington. Get started today using this [phone banking toolkit](#).
4. GET OUT THE VOTE

#### CCL-P Focus areas for the coming year

- Grow and diversify your membership to Youth, Ethnic Groups, and Conservatives - Marilyn
- Some other areas we selected to emphasize: letters to members of Congress, publishing in media, businesses, health organizations, weather reporters, presentations, educational forums

Next Meeting November 15, 5:30-7:00pm, 1912 Center, Senior Center, 412 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Moscow

# Sharing information effectively

## COMMUNICATION EXERCISE

As climate advocates we often find ourselves in a position where we want to communicate information to someone. This could be in a lobby meeting, a meeting with a community leader or with our next door neighbor. If we aren't careful, we run the risk of having our passion for the topic turn us into people who are overbearing or talking at someone instead of with them. But when coupled with good listening, these conversations can open minds and build relationships.

### Practice exercise

With a partner, imagine a scenario where you want to share information with someone. Read the information below and then try out these three steps: (1) think of an opening question, (2) ask permission to share, and (3) share two sentences and ask a question to elicit their response to your ideas.

Ask a few volunteers to replay their conversation for the whole group.

### How to effectively share information

1) Activate their thinking on the topic first by asking them an open question (starts with who, what, where, when or how rather than a "why" question or one that can be answered with yes or no). For example:

- What do you think about the work of climate scientists?
- What do you think other members of our state congressional delegation think about global warming?
- Do you think a market approach or regulations are better?

2) Ask permission to share your ideas.

- I've been reading some of their work. Would you like to know my impressions of it?
- I like a market approach called carbon fee and dividend. Could I tell you why this appeals to me?
- Our group met with 500 congressional offices in June and compiled the responses into a report. Would you be interested to know what the top issues were for Republicans and Democrats each?

Note: Suppose you ask permission and they say 'no'. If this happens, you might change the topic (What would you like to talk about?), or change the time (When would be a better time to talk about this?), or try listening some more (Tell me more about what you think about this).

3) Assuming you get permission, share two sentences of information, then ask what they think about what they've heard using an open-ended question rather than a yes/no question.

- How much do you agree with \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do you think about \_\_\_\_\_?
- How does this fit with your own thinking or values?

### Additional resources

[Introduction to Motivational Interviewing](#)

[The Effective Communication Action Team](#) (The [Nov 7th call](#) will be on 'Sharing information effectively')