

Agenda – April 18, 2019
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
5:30-7:00pm, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, Pullman

Introductions

Additions to the Agenda

Review of Minutes

Announcements

- CCL International Conference & Lobby Day, June 9-11, 2019 in D.C. cclusa.org/conference . Support local students?
- Endorsement Campaign #2—return to “climate change” endorsers and ask to endorse the EICDA
- Cathy McMorris Rodgers Town Hall meeting, April 22 at 9: 30-10:30, 310 N. Main St. (Public Service Bldg), Colfax
- Staff of Senators Risch and Crapo and Representative Fulcher meeting, April 23, 11:00-12:00, 313 D St #105, Lewiston
- Lobby meeting with Idaho Senator Crapo’s representative Tony Snodderly in Moscow
- Facebook “likes” to Denny Heck (Congressman from WA 10th district): first of WA delegation to endorse EICDA
- Moscow Mayor’s Earth Day Awards: CCL-P and several others
- Kathy Dawes’ climate change lesson plan

New Washington State Carbon Tax legislation: Pete Haug

CCL—Palouse Business

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- CCL-Palouse website manager

National CCL Monthly Call – Rev. Susan Hendershot, Interfaith Power and Light. To watch/download/listen visit <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

National CCL Action: Tweet Outreach Photos to our Members of Congress.

1. Invite a few folks to take pictures at each event;
2. Send to ??, choose up to 4 of the best;
3. Tag our MoCs (e.g. @RepTedDeutsch using the hashtag #GrassrootsClimate in the tweet)

Laser Talk Practice: Economic Impacts of Pricing Carbon (below)

ID & E WA CCL Conference – April (19)-20, Moscow, ID <https://2019cclidandewa.eventbrite.com>

Final Details

Next Meeting: Thursday May 16, 5:30-7 in Moscow at the 1912 Center

Economic impacts of pricing carbon

LASER TALK PRACTICE

Our laser talk practice offers some useful talking points about carbon pricing impacts that you can use while tabling and presenting, and in your lobby meetings.

Exercise

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the laser talk paragraphs below and then ask each other open-ended questions (usually start with What, How, Where, When or Who).

Laser Talk: Won't a carbon fee be bad for the economy?

A properly designed carbon policy will be good for the economy. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act [1] will have a positive impact on our well-being, especially if we consider the avoided costs of climate change and the health benefits from reduced air pollution.

An impressive *98 percent* of economists agree that a price on carbon will promote efficiency and innovation. [2] A 2013 review by Resources for The Future [3] held that the impact of various carbon tax plans on GDP would be “trivially small,” and a 2014 analysis of the Carbon Fee and Dividend by REMI [4] predicted that over 20 years, it would actually increase job growth.

Neither of those studies accounted for how much money we will save by avoiding fossil fuel damages. [5] According to a 2016 government report, every metric ton of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted now will cost tomorrow's economy from \$12 to \$120, and that cost could double by 2050. [6] We currently emit over 200 metric tons of CO₂ per second. [7] In 2017, a string of climate-related disasters cost our economy over \$300 billion. [5]

If we include the health costs of fossil fuel air pollution, which have been estimated at \$188 billion annually, [8] it's clear that burning fossil fuels is already costing our economy upwards of \$250 billion a year. This was confirmed by the Fourth National Climate Assessment [9] issued by our government in November 2018.

When someone claims a carbon tax will depress the economy, they fail to consider how returning the money back to U.S. households stimulates it, and also fail to account for the huge costs of doing nothing.