

Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
AGENDA Oct. 21, 2021, 5:30 pm on Zoom

Participants: Mary DuPree, Judy Meuth, Kathy Dawes, Paul Spencer, Kent Rinne (Spokane), Steve Flint, Mac Cantrell, Martina Ederer, Kayla Bordelon, Simon Smith, Stevie Fawcett, Tom Benemann (Spokane), Louise Stonington (Seattle), Margaret Davis, Joseph Vaughan, Trish Hartzell, Hayleigh Holmgren, Kynan Witters-Hicks, Amelie Schmolke, Jesse Johnson (Spokane)

Announcements –

Shortly after 6pm, this CCL meeting will adjourn so members can join the virtual Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee 2021 Summit.

Braver Angels "Skills for Bridging the Divide" Workshop, 9-11 am on October 30. – Kathy. You can register for this event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skills-for-bridging-the-divide-id-state-registration-186399655387>

OR write to Rob Hanson at rhanson@braverangels.org

CCL assessment of carbon pricing in legislative process – Mary

Carbon pricing is still very much on the table as legislation in Congress, and will be likely discussed for the next weeks or months: it is important for us to keep the pressure on our representatives.

Climate Change – a Pro-Life Issue?

Series presented by Sacred Heart Parish, Pullman. First speaker was CCL member Ian Clark, a fifth generation farmer. Final event in the series is October 28, 6:30-7:45 pm and will feature Dr. Brian Henning, Gonzaga University professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies, Director of the Gonzaga Center for Climate, Society, and the Environment. Attendance is in person (with a mask) at 400 N.E. Ash St. in Pullman or virtually at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89122344769?pwd=NDZpbE9hbU9EOFhhcEk5QktjSUIZUT09>

Take Action Now

- **Register for Nov 13-14 CCL Conference** cclusa.org/November It's free! And if you have not done a Climate Advocate Training, that session is on Sunday and ends with a mock Lobby meeting!
- **Email President Biden and Democratic Senators** at cclusa.org/white-house and tell them to include a carbon price in the reconciliation bill under negotiation. Make a list of 5 people and ask them to email Biden in the coming few days.
- **Generate media for carbon pricing**
 - **Write letters to the editor and op-eds this month and next** calling for a price on carbon with carbon cash back (dividends) in the budget reconciliation. Great ideas and other CCL resources for writing are at [LTE topic ideas document](#), [write letters](#), [latest op-ed templates](#), [Opinion Columns](#)

Get out as many op eds as possible (template can be used as starting point)

Joe and Kathy volunteered to write an op-ed

Simon, Margaret, Paul volunteered to write an LTE

Recommendation: send LTE to as many newspapers as possible; CCL has a list with local/regional papers and Kathy has a more extensive one for media in the region: kdawes208@gmail.com

- **Share CCL posts on social media** – On your favorite social media, find CCL’s account, and then look for a CCL post about carbon pricing. Pick one, like it, comment on it, and share it including the hashtag #PriceOnCarbon and your MOC’s social media handles. [Ten Social Media Actions to take RIGHT NOW to support a #PriceOnCarbon in Budget Reconciliation](#)

See link below for the finance committee members list, important to contact these folks (e.g., contact friends in the respective states):

https://www.senate.gov/general/committee_membership/committee_memberships_SSFI.htm

- **Do CCL Phone or Text Banking for carbon pricing** [text and phone banking with CCL](#)
Goes to CCL members only (folks who had signed up at some points), not calling the general population.

CCL—Palouse Reports and Actions

- Nov. 15-19 Lobby Week – Mac, Judy will lead the respective lobbying groups
- Pullman and Moscow climate actions update – Kynan, Mary

Moscow city council has instructed city staff to work on a city-wide climate action plan.

Kynan: Please take the Pullman climate survey. Results will be shared with Pullman leaders.

- Publications – Judy

See slide: we had two LTEs and the announcement of the Pullman survey in the DN, and article about the climate change survey in the Daily Evergreen.

- Grassroots – Tabling – Simon

Season is closing (farmers market): postcards are popular, also the cards with the contact info of the representatives. Moscow market is moving indoors for the winter.

- Grasstops – Endorsements, etc. – Trish

Trish drafted 1-page info sheet (Call Biden campaign), chamber of commerce appears interested and ready to send this out to its members.

Kent is sending it out to his students.

- Braver Angels events Oct 30, 9-11am – Kathy

For more Braver Angels events coming up, go to this site: <https://braverangels.org/events/>
Most workshops are available to anyone even though they are sponsored by specific states

Continuing Individual Actions

- Log actions on CCL’s Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send information for Facebook posts to Margaret Davis (maddvm101@gmail.com)
- Check out CCL Resilience Hub – Build resilience to stay the course through the highs and lows of climate work <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/resilience-hub>

Next meeting Thursday, Nov. 18, 5:30 to 7pm, probably by Zoom