

**Notes**  
**Meeting Dec 16, 2021, 5:30 pm on Zoom**  
**Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**

**Participants:** Mary DuPree, Mason Burns, Lily Premo, Amelie Schmolke, Judy Meuth, Bill Engels, Simon Smith, Trish Hartzell, Tom Dickinson, Clare Peine, Pete Haug, Kayla Bordelon, Mac Cantrell, Marilyn von Seggern, Kathy Dawes, Paul Spencer, Mark Havens, Margaret Davis, Mike Kahn

**Announcements**

- Madeline Para is new national CCL Executive Director. Mark Reynolds is moving to CCL governing board.
- Idaho Climate-Economy Impacts Assessment - <https://www.uidaho.edu/president/direct-reports/mcclure-center/iceia>.
  - Mary: comprehensive report has been issued by the McClure Center (see link); covers every aspect of climate change, e.g., health care, farming, recreation, etc. The report has good summaries for each category. It also lists opportunities – take a look at the report. Although it is for Idaho, it is probably applicable to Eastern Washington as well.
  - Trish: who do you think pays attention to this report?
  - Mary: there were conferences following the release of previous reports which drew a lot of attention. This is not happening this time, and it is up to CCL to help make it visible, including using it in lobby meetings
  - Kathy: League of Women voters will have two speakers Feb 2 talking about the report – watch for the announcement.

**Update on Congressional Action**

- **Good summary on climate provisions in the reconciliation bill** is at [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xZN2rtiCCBsOCK0BbGW9i\\_N9FtWmcCyOEM\\_ozgCfKIKU/edit#slide=id.g4bb4952842\\_0\\_140](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xZN2rtiCCBsOCK0BbGW9i_N9FtWmcCyOEM_ozgCfKIKU/edit#slide=id.g4bb4952842_0_140)
  - Judy: the reconciliation bill is still under negotiation in the senate. Carbon price is still a possibility according to some senators, but no details are public.
- **Contact your Senators** at [https://citizensclimatelobby.org/senate-call/?\\_ga=2.202129681.1284639825.1639268822-511419543.1620754801](https://citizensclimatelobby.org/senate-call/?_ga=2.202129681.1284639825.1639268822-511419543.1620754801) and tell them to include a carbon price in the reconciliation bill under negotiation.
- **Write letters to the editor and op-eds** calling for a price on carbon in the budget reconciliation bill. Resources at [LTE topic ideas document](#), [write letters](#), [latest op-ed templates](#), [Opinion Columns](#)
  - If you want to write one, you can reach out to get help (e.g., from Judy, Pete)

**Celebrate 2021 Progress! - Accomplishments & Congratulations!**

- Judy presented slides showing the progress made in 2021 and the actions taken by our CCL chapter
- CCL helped get 4 pieces of bipartisan climate legislation signed into law and two climate bills passed through at least one chamber of Congress
- Nationally, CCL mobilized over 168,000 calls and emails to Congress and President Biden, reaching over 4.5 million people through text, phone, digital advertising, publishing over 1300 op-ed and LTEs and got news coverage from major media outlets

- Palouse CCL's tracked 2021 actions:

Letters MOC	Phone to MOC	LTEs	Outreach	OpEd	Article	Meetings
224	145	35	29	8	4	7

- This is an underestimate because several actions were not included: remember to enter your actions in the CCL action tracker!

### CCL—Palouse Reports and Actions

- Lobbying
  - Mac: He was in a lobbying meeting with Sen. Crapo's aide last month; a large business owner also joined the meeting. CCL lobbied for the FOREST Act.
- Pullman and Moscow climate actions update
  - Mary: Moscow city supports applying their climate action plan to the whole community, not only city operations. City staff are preparing the plan.
  - Judy: Survey in Pullman conducted in October-November got about 450 responses; Kynan is working on summarizing the responses, Azdren is helping; Pullman city administrators asked Kynan to be involved in a new city climate committee.
- Publications
  - CCL had two LTEs in the Daily News in the past month; LTE from Kathy also published in the Whitman County Gazette today
  - Mary: Home & Harvest is a free local magazine with 6 issues per year; who would like to volunteer to write an article that would appeal to the magazine's readership? We / the article would have to convince editors to include it in the magazine. Pete volunteered to write. Ideally, a photo or picture should come with the article.
- Grassroots
  - Simon: got contacted by WSU student who needed extra credit, he was planning with Simon's help to table at the CUB, but did not get the permissions in time (so it did not happen)
  - WSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance: would that group of people be interested in staffing a table in the spring? Mason thinks that should not be a problem. WSU Center of Civic Engagement might have a lot of resources and could be helpful. Marilyn and Judy had worked with them before, and emphasized that we should re-establish the contact and let them know when we are planning something. What could we focus on? Advertise calling campaign?
  - Mary: Earth Day in April 2022: we should start thinking about what we want to do for that event soon.
  - Kayla: should we work together with other organizations to increase impact? Maybe get students from Pullman High School Environmental Club involved?
  - Kathy: contact Moscow city to celebrate climate action plan on Earth Day?
- Grasstops – Endorsements, etc.
  - Trish's outreach to UU church is resulting in endorsement consideration by that board.
  - Trish: two churches in Lewiston and Clarkston were interested in an endorsement, but Trish has heard no news from them yet and will follow up.
  - Mac: meeting with Northwest River Supplies (NRS) coming up, they signaled interest in an endorsement.
- Presentations

- Judy: Ag program with Chambers of Commerce that was planned for this winter did not happen. We want to continue work with Chambers.
- Bill: WSU fossil fuel divestment campaign – Simon and Bill worked with WSU sustainability alliance on a survey; Mason and other students shared comments at a November WSU board meeting and shared student survey results. Bill received detailed outline of a divestment campaign from Gonzaga: will continue following those ideas for next steps. Divestment effort may target WSU foundation that has oversight of investments but is somewhat separate from WSU; we need to find out who to contact from that organization
- How can we use our chapter money to best effect? – This and planning for 2022 will be a focus of our January meeting

### **How can we grow our power in 2022? Building on CCL's core values**

- Growing our chapter - Judy: how can we grow the number of our active members?
- Judy introduced CCL's values:
  - Focus – on carbon fee and dividend
  - Optimism – work toward a solution (not protest against)
  - Relationships – listen and find consensus
  - Integrity – be a reliable group, fact-based
  - Personal power – grow power of the individual members to take action
  - Non-partisan – open to anybody who wants to work on climate change
  - Diversity – particularly seeking to empower historically marginalized groups
- What draws you to CCL?
  - Kathy – optimism, Mark agrees
  - Simon - individual agency: empowerment to act effectively
  - Mary – focus: keeps us on track
  - Pete – 'lobby' put him off initially, but is impressed by the effective, organized group
  - Trish – non-partisan, necessary to make any progress
  - Margaret – focus
  - Bill – well-organized and productive, committed organization
  - Kayla –long-term, sustained relationships of dialogue
  - Judy – relationships and effectiveness
- What should we tell interested folks?
  - Simon, Mary – giving people hope and agency
  - When doing outreach: only ask for calling campaign or ask for their involvement? Or does that deter folks?
  - Trish: ask them if they would like to talk to someone from our active group, in a ~20 min phone call, and the folks can ask their questions and get more information. Margaret volunteers to conduct such calls.
  - Judy: when signing up folks, it would be good to get their phone numbers along with their email.

### **Communication Exercise 1 (see below)**

Feedback from the exercise:

- Judy: ask for CCL donations instead of presents this Christmas
- Trish: plan on presence at the giving market next year? Giving market: only for local organizations – donations would go to our chapter. We might not be eligible.

- CCL is political, so donations aren't tax deductible. Citizens' Climate Education (CCE), though, is not political, so donations are tax deductible.
- Trish: collect 12 ideas to put on a card – what to do to cut your carbon emission

**Next meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, 5:30 to 7pm, probably by Zoom**

**COMMUNICATION EXERCISE #1: Season of giving role play**

Have you ever had someone thank you for your work on climate change? I bet many of us have had that experience. We can say thanks and/or we can also encourage their support. Let's try saying out loud why we give our time and/or money to CCL and practice inviting someone to support us during this season of giving. You can use the words here or make up your own role play!

Friend: I really admire all that you do for the climate. I feel too busy myself.

CCLer: Thanks! Volunteering for CCL helps me keep my spirits up and gives me hope that we might be able to turn things around. Plus, I've met so many great people there! [or insert your own reason why CCL means a lot to you]

Friend: That's pretty cool.

CCLer: You know you could help a little bit too. One thing you could do is donate, since I know you don't have a lot of time. Every little bit helps and a big chunk of CCL's budget is funded by people like you and me. You can even donate in honor of someone you love, like me!

Friend: You know, I might just do that. What do I have to do?

CCLer: Go to [citizensclimate.org/give](https://citizensclimate.org/give). You can give directly to CCL or you can make a tax-deductible gift to our sister organization Citizens' Climate Education. I can text you the link.