

**AGENDA March 17 2022, 5:30 pm on Zoom
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**

Introductions

Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes

Announcements

International Conference June 11-13 in D.C. cclusa.org/juneconference.

Sign up to become a monthly Evergreen Donor to CCL

https://citizensclimatelobby.org/donate/?c_src=2022MARCH&c_src2=ACTION SHEET

New US climate opinion maps <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/>

Priority local actions: please refer to the minutes of our February meeting for the detailed list of actions we have agreed upon for 2022.

Families for Climate Action at Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) on Sunday March 27, 3-5. Margaret, Judy, Nancy.

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22): feature local events on our website - UI, WSU, PCEI, Moscow City,

Postcards at UI April 20 and at Friendship Square April 22

Radio/TV interviews

Video shorts

Letters/Opinion pieces: "fresh topics"—Russia/Ukraine war, inflation, new EV data

Search these topics on "Community"—many good resources here as well as at LTE topics

<https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/456>

Updates on other Palouse CCL actions

- Pullman Climate Change Survey – Kynan, Azdren, Marilyn
- Moscow CAP – Mary. Input by March 26 <https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/1002/Climate-Action-Plan>
- Grasstops – Endorsements, etc. – Mac, Mary
- Media—Pete (print), Margaret (social media), Joe Pallen (website)
- Member of Congress liaisons: Mac, Judy

Continuing Individual Actions

- watch the monthly national meeting and call: 2nd Sat. of each month. Link on Community.

- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>

- Send information for Facebook posts to Margaret Davis (maddvm101@gmail.com)

- Sign up to write a LTE this year

Next meeting Thursday, April 21, 5:30 to 7pm, possibly hybrid in Pullman and by Zoom

COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE 1: Practice inviting someone to an event

Many people feel disconnected and fatigued by COVID-19 and the lack of good news from Washington D.C. Your CCL chapter is an oasis in the storm, offering connection in a value rich environment and action as an antidote to fatigue. This month let's practice inviting a friend to experience the connections and mutual support in our chapter gatherings.

Suggestions for how to practice

We know that people learn best by saying the words out loud themselves. Practice this communication with a partner. You'll have six minutes with a partner in a breakout room to do the following.

1. Write down the names of two people you know who you believe are feeling disconnected or fatigued and would benefit from joining you at a chapter gathering.

2. Write down what makes your chapter an oasis in the storm for you and then say it out loud as part of a verbal invitation for the two fatigued people you know to attend a chapter gathering.
3. Discuss your invitation with your partner.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE 2: Practice what you'd say to an MOC/candidate at an event

You're at a town hall or a candidate forum (or a farmers market) and you have an opportunity to ask a question of an incumbent or candidate. What would you say? It's campaign season which means candidates are out and about so let's practice to be ready to offer an appreciation and ask an open question.

Suggestions for how to practice

We know that people learn best by saying the words out loud themselves so for this exercise:

- Ask someone to read the sample questions below out loud (put them in the chat if you're on Zoom)
- Read these instructions to meeting attendees

Instructions: With a partner, take turns reading a sample question or saying your own question out loud. Afterward, discuss with your partner the question you plan to use. You'll have six minutes.

- Have two people model the exercise, and then have everyone practice.

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Sample questions for candidate forums and town halls - practice the ones that apply to your region

Where the audience is **politically mixed**, we shouldn't assume everyone will be on board with climate action.

"[include your specific appreciation] Until recently, I didn't think much about climate change, but I've started to notice changes over the years. [Insert one sentence with a local impact, like "The ice fishing season is shorter, and I almost never get my cross-country skis on."] So I think we should take the threat of climate change seriously. How can we best manage the risks to our health and economy from a changing climate?"

Where the audience is **liberal**: it can be assumed that most attendees view climate policy as a top priority.

"[include your specific appreciation] Climate change is the issue I am most concerned about, and it looks more urgent to me every day. I was pleased to see President Biden set a goal of 50% reductions of emissions below 2005 levels by 2030 and believe we must enact meaningful climate solutions to reach it. What climate policies will you prioritize in Congress to enable our country to reach the President's goal of 50% emissions reduction by 2030?"

Where the audience is **conservative**: it can be assumed that some attendees are skeptical of climate change and climate policies

"[your appreciation] The wildfire season has already started again out West. Last year, my friends in Idaho were telling me about all the smoke and ash falling in their neighborhoods. I worry about their health and their homes, and I also wonder how much fighting these fires is costing us taxpayers. I think we need to take prudent action about climate change. What kinds of solutions would be consistent with conservative values?"