

May 16, 2024, 5:30-7:00 pm

Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse

1912 Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow—Lecompte Auditorium or via Zoom

(Zoom link and contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

Introductions and Earth Day experiences

Attending

Kyle Yoshida, Mary DuPree, Steve Flint, Judy Meuth, David Nelson, Paul Spencer, Margaret Davis, Mac Cantrell, Bill Engels, Kent Keller, Leonard Garrison, Marilyn Von Seggern. Shannon Scott, Bobby Seldon, Trish Hartzell, Bill Voxman, Maggie Blount, Ian Schlater

Values Statement: We are committed to creating a consensus for and the steps needed to achieve fair, effective, and enduring climate change policies, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

Announcements

- **CCL International Conference & Lobby Day!** June 8 – 11 in DC
<https://community.citizensclimate.org/bulletin/2101/447>

Election year activities

- Environmental Voter Project <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/448>
- No on I-2117 <https://cleanprosperouswa.salsalabs.org/capwa-newsletter-1-16-24?wvpld=12cd958d726-4700-ae93-ff9f8950189b> –Judy: the whole nation is watching because Washington State has an aggressive emissions reduction law (the Climate Commitment Act [CCA]). I-2117 would recall that. The CCA did raise gas prices ~ 30 cents/gal although other causes contributed to more rise, but everyone blamed the CCA, which is already bringing emissions down and funds other projects that bring emissions down, supports low income communities, bus conversions to electric, building of a greener grid, more walkways to school, rebates for lower income people to install heat pumps, air quality monitoring, pollution reduction projects, energy vouchers, new urban tree canopy, and public transit free or under 18s.
 - Passage of this campaign could negatively affect others initiatives across the country

Communication Skills Exercise (see toward the end of the Agenda)

Report on CCL-P finances: Steve Flint

We don't fundraise in any organized way, although we have donors. Not a lot of expenses: couple of hundred/year for Moscow meeting room here, Moscow Chamber of Commerce \$140 (someone in Pullman pays Chamber dues there). Other spending includes web site, tabling and printing expenses. Still have about \$1000 that can be used to help send someone to the national conference or get a billboard or for other use. \$750/ month cost for billboard, need lead time. \$69/yr for web site. We don't have a good mechanism for local fundraising. Since CCL is a lobby group, donations to CCL are not tax deductible. However, one can donate to national CCL's tax deductible arm, Citizens Climate Education, get a tax deduction.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress--**
Mac (Senator Crapo, ID) and Judy (Congressman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, WA)

Judy: One of the things we are convinced of is that having national policy would be most effective, which is why we lobby congress. Especially important is the carbon fee and dividend which would impose a rising fee on emissions and the money would be sent back to households. We also strongly back energy permitting reform like faster transmission line permitting and building. A solar farm proposed here was pulled because of lack of transmission capacity. Now we support the BIG WIRES Act which would improve transmission capacity and resilience. When we go to Congress, we talk about what would be most likely to be passed (like BIG WIRES, and things like environmental components of the Farm Bill, and the PROVE IT act which would mandate data collection for comparison to other countries' carbon emissions). Usually we just meet with staff, sometimes also the MOC, and we try to connect with MOC values. Judy liaison for McMorris Rodgers, Mac is liaison for Crapo. Right now over 10 people from WA and four people from ID are going to lobby in DC in June. CCL's is the largest single day lobby effort in DC. Lobby training zooms from national will be available.

- **Carbon Pricing and Cash-back** – Simon Smith and Margaret Davis (leads)
 - Margaret—new Brookings study on carbon pricing: <https://www.hamiltonproject.org/publication/paper/climate-tax-policy-reform-options-in-2025/> . Significance: Brookings respected as a generally conservative organization.
 - Modeling of climate policy effects pre-IRA are outdated
 - Brookings Institute's Hamilton Project published a post-IRA model of the effects of 7 policy scenarios in Feb 2024 ("Climate tax policy reform options in 2024")
 - 3 years ago, the Build Back Better Act included
 1. Clean electricity standard
 2. Carbon price
 3. Clean tech tax credits and rebates
 - Only # 3 passed in the IRA
 - Scenarios considered by Hamilton/Brookings:
 1. IRA + EPA (EPA= tailpipe standards and power plant rules under Clean Air Act to be finalized in 2024)
 - 6 years behind the Paris target
 2. IRA – EPA
 - 10 years behind Paris targets
 3. No IRA or EPA
 - Just bad
 4. IRA expansion + EPA
 - Not much difference
 5. Clean electricity standard + IRA + EPA
 - Not much difference
 6. Carbon price + partial repeal of IRA
 - 2 years behind Paris target
 7. Carbon price + IRA + EPA
 - Best scenario- 47% cuts by 2030, with the EICDA would reach 50%

- **Building Electrification and Efficiency** – Mac Cantrell and Mary DuPree (leads)

Judy: Update on new FERC electrical grid regulations

Require transmission providers to plan 20 years into future.

Federal energy regulatory commission will step in if process too slow

Contentious vote: “red” states don’t want to pay for “blue” state clean energy
BIG WIRES act is still necessary.

- **Healthy Forests** — Trish Hartzell (lead)
 - CCL sponsored planting at the WSU fruit farm. Many trees were planted but they have a rodent problem (ground rodents girdling the base of young trees and they die). They will try bringing in raptors, or castor oil balls.
 - Arbor day event planting at the elementary school near the University of Idaho.
 - We will continue watering plants at the Pullman center.
 - There is a plot of land in northeast Moscow where we could start planting now.
 - We could partner with PCEI.
 - Latah conservation district
- **Presentations**

We are reviving our presentations team and seeking new presenters. Will discuss in June
CCL provides very useful slide decks, can be adapted to our needs.
- **Pullman City** – Azdren Coma (not here) Marilyn: The Environmental Resilience Commission in Pullman is working on a climate action plan. They are preparing a survey that is a follow-up to the last survey.
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree

Mary: Report on Moscow Issues. A recent questionnaire was sent out randomly and each commission was allowed to include questions. People expressed concern about climate change, especially air quality, transportation costs, reduced precipitation and snow pack, more frequent high heat days. Actions they would support included promoting local food sources, utility rebates, alternatives for pest control, charging stations, and electrification of buildings. The city’s climate action working group is working on an action plan and talking about having a building efficiency and electrification workshop.
- **Tabling** –Leonard to table on Saturday, May 18 at Moscow Farmers Mkt.
- **Outreach to rural communities** — Bill Voxman and Kathy Dawes
 - Bill V has good contacts in Genesee. Need contacts in Deary? Bovill was easier than Deary. Kathy Dawes and Bill went to Bovill.
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug (print); Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
 - Send info on new carbon price research to your members of Congress (MOC); write an email via CCL website: https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/price-on-carbon/?c_src=cap-may-2024&c_src2=community_goal-card&_ga=2.96108188.1093892510.1715981985-511419543.1620754801 .
 - Daily News: “Saving Green” by Kelli Cooper and Cristin Reisenauer 4/13
 - Spokesman Review: Why a climate change group went to the Republican state convention- Connor Lincoln and Mike Kelly 4/27/24
 - Sign up to write an LTE
- **Social Media** – Giselle Zuniga

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker 3rd Saturday of the month on CCL Community

- Log actions on CCL’s Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send photos and info about CCL and our activities to Margaret Davis and Gisell Zuniga

Next meeting is June, 20, 5:30-7 at Community Congregational Church in Pullman

Communication skills exercise: Practice welcoming new recruits

Questions (examples below) and listen carefully to learn how to best get them engaged. Then introduce them to a volunteer who has similar interests who might guide them into a project.

“Welcome. My name is ____ and I’ve been volunteering with CCL for __ years. Thank you for being here! Do you mind if I ask you a few questions about your background?”

(Menu of open-ended questions. Ask a few or think of your own)

- ○ What did you think of today’s meeting?
- ○ Tell me about yourself and things you’re good at.
- ○ What about CCL sounds especially interesting to you?
- ○ If you don’t mind, tell me about community activities you’ve done that you found really fulfilling.
- ○ What questions do you have for me — maybe about CCL, our chapter, or anything we’ve discussed?

“Thank you! What you shared reminded me why I love CCL. Here at our CCL gathering, Megan has interests similar to yours so I’m going to introduce you two. I think you’ll enjoy getting to know each other. Give me a call if you’re looking for more information or if you need another introduction.”

Additional Resources

- For guidance on how to ask questions, check out CCL Community’s [Creating a Welcoming Space](#) resource
- CCL Community’s [Welcoming New Volunteers to Your Chapter](#) training and [Volunteer Inventory Form](#)
- If you have questions, join CCL’s [Onboarding Action Team](#) and post in the team Forum

Contact info. <https://cclpalouse.org>

CCL Meeting Zoom joining info

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84989723588?pwd=ejBiUkdZRllzK3BBZkVXOStwdVJVZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 8972 3588

Passcode: 113356

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84989723588?pwd=ejBiUkdZRllzK3BBZkVXOStwdVJVZz09>