

August 15, 2024, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse
Minutes

Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave, Pullman or via Zoom
(Zoom link and contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

Introductions

Judy Meuth, Kasey Dettlaff, Steve Flint, Kent Keller, Marilyn Von Seggern, Shannon Scott, Leonard Garrison, Kynan Witters Hicks, Simon Smith, Paul Spencer, Monique Slipher, Nancy Nydegger, Tim Paulitz, Pat and Dan Rathman, Mary DuPree, Bill Voxman, Trish Hartzell, Kyle Yoshida, Margaret Davis

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

- Feb 21-23, 2025 – CCL Regional Conference -WA, ID, OR, AK, Guam, HI. Will probably be in Vancouver, WA.
- July 19-22, 2025 – CCL National Conference (a month later than usual due to congressional schedules)
- Public comment period on forest initiative. New forest plan for all national forests, new comment period deadline is Sept 20 at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfp. Judy will put info in post meeting email how to register concerns, including concerns about no protection for old growth, clearcutting allowance and lack of protection for streams.

Successes

CCL lobbied in June to support the PROVE IT Act in the Senate. We've lobbied in both chambers, gotten new signatories, and now have it in the House in large part from CCL and other organizations generating thousands of calls. CCL also lobbied for permitting reform, helping to put the Senate energy permitting reform act on a fast track; after thousands of calls it passed out of committee. Publications: MPDN: "Saving Green" by Leonard, "Understanding climate change" by Pete Haug, "Saving Green: preparing to electrify your home" by Mary, "I'm sick of climate change" by Pete Haug, "Speak up for old growth" by Al Poplawski.

August CCL Emphasis – Electrification

- CCL Monthly International Call: Aimee Witteman, Rewiring America – Mary
 - There is some modeling going on to determine the actual impact of the new Energy Permitting Act since many of our allies think it may not be effective in achieving our climate goals.
 - Energy permitting act includes elements of the Big Wire Act.
Choices that individuals can make re energy use. 40% of US emissions come from personal choices that we make about how we heat our home: dry clothes, cook food, transport ourselves and how we connect to the grid to power these activities.
 - Informal conversations you have about electrifying homes matter; they inform and motivate people.
Talk to neighbors, family and friends.
 - Judy will send link for logging conversations.
- Set a goal – conversations on home electrification. Be sure to [log your conversation](http://cclusa.org/its-electrific) (cclusa.org/its-electrific). Here are some conversation starters.
 - "I found a bunch of clean energy options for my home. Have you ever heard of a [heat pump], [induction stove], [other electric appliance]?"
 - "I learned that upgrading to electric appliances can make the air inside cleaner and safer for my family."
 - "I'm going to save money on my utility bills by electrifying my home. And I'll get tax breaks, too!"

- Bring it up when you run into folks this month, or email/text a few coffee invitations to friends and neighbors.
- Communications Exercise – Electrification safety, performance, and reliability
- Saving Green column

Election year activities - Judy

- Engage members of Congress and candidates at local events during this August recess
- Meet face-to-face with candidates for Congress or their campaign staff members to discuss CCL priorities and find out theirs. Volunteers?
- Help people make a plan to vote
- Activate people identified by the Environmental Voter Project as environmentally minded and unlikely to vote — join CCL’s phone bank any Wednesday night in August, September or October. Every phone bank includes training at the beginning and Zoom details for all the phone banks are on [this phone bank calendar](https://cclusa.org/phonebanking) (cclusa.org/phonebanking).
- Activate your own network by texting friends and asking them to text five more people: Are you registered? Have you made a plan for how you will vote?
- Join the CCL Election Engagement team <https://community.citizensclimate.org/groups/home/2977>

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- Actions, materials – Judy
 - Signs and posters
 - Sending out postcards

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress--**
 - Ian (Senator Risch), Mac (Senator Crapo, ID), Judy (Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers)
- **Carbon Pricing and Cash-back** – Margaret Davis (lead)
- **Building Electrification and Efficiency** – Mac Cantrell and Mary DuPree (leads).
- **Healthy Forests** —Leonard Garrison
 - Activity in Pullman to keep watering recently planted trees.
 - Bill Voxman is working with a neighbor to plant 100 trees there. Also working with the UI arboretum about what to plant. The arboretum has a demonstration plot that has shade trees appropriate for this area.
- **Pullman City** – Azdren Coma, Marilyn Von Seggern
 - Pullman Environmental Resilience Commion’s chair gave their report for 2023-24 to the Pullman City Council. They have developed 6 goals with 11 objectives with each of the 6 commissioners in charge of a single goal. See the Pullman City Council page.
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree
- **Tabling** – Simon Smith
- **Outreach to rural communities** — Bill Voxman and Kathy Dawes
 - Bill met with a group in Genessee. Ages ranged from around thirty to sixty. Probably the most liberal element in Genessee.
 - Need to get younger people involved.
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug (print); Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** – Gisell Zuniga
- **Presentations** - Judy

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 Sept 19, 5:30-7 at 1912 Center, Moscow

COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE- Electrification safety, performance, and reliability

Home Electrification Talking Points

- **Safety:** With fossil fueled appliances in our home, the air we breathe inside is often dirtier than the air outside. Electrifying helps ensure our homes are a safe haven, rather than a safety hazard.
- **Performance:** Outdated fossil fueled appliances use energy less efficiently, which drives up your energy usage — and your bills. When you electrify, your appliances will perform better and save you money in the long run.
- **Affordability:** A couple of years ago, Congress took a big step to make clean energy more accessible and affordable for everyday people. That big step was a piece of legislation called the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA included lots of financial incentives for clean energy home upgrades. Your wallet will thank you for electrifying your home.
- **More info:** Call or text WorkMoney at 833-975-6639 and say you want money to weatherize and electrify your home. The folks at WorkMoney can suggest appliance upgrades and share what rebates and incentives are available to you.

Energy audits from Avista are very helpful. You can see where heat/cold comes into house. Rewiring America had options for renters. One simple thing you can do yourself is to check seals on door and windows. If you can feel cold air coming in the seal needs to be redone.

Appliances and cars can be good conversation starters.

Saving green column – please write letters responding to the columns. We need more eyes on the columns. Would like to encourage the Lewiston Tribune to carry the column.

Words like climate crisis less helpful – words like climate change, global warming are better understood.

This is recess month for congress – no local events? We will try to meet with all candidates – state and congressional candidates.

Additional Resource CCL Community's [Home Electrification and Efficiency Opportunities from the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

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

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