

MINUTES Dec 18, 2025, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby
Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue, Pullman or via Zoom
(Zoom link and contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

Values Statement: We are committed to working towards fair, effective, and enduring policies to address climate change, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

Introductions

John Trombold, Paul Spencer, Steve Flint, Leonard Garrison, Shannon Scott, Simon Smith, Mary Dupree, Judy Meuth, Ian Schlater, Kirk Phillips, Bill Engels, Terry Lawhead, Tom Bennemann, Patricia Ratcliffe, Margaret Davis.

Announcements

- Washington Dept of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program public involvement survey on the public's perception of outreach and engagement related to cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Site – Available Jan 12 - Feb. 26, 2026

Celebrating Successes – Judy

What we've done this year.

- 39 + calls to Members of Congress, 258 e-mails & letters to MOCs, 8 lobby meetings, 8 presentations, 24 + media publications, 10+ tabling, 5+ other: the Lentil Parade, Electric Transportation Fair, Pizza for the Planet, Moscow CAWG, Pullman Comprehensive Plan, Pullman Climate Action Plan, the Johnson parade.
- Recent publications: Moscow-Pullman Daily news: Fighting Climate Change, Mary 11/1-2/25; Leonard, Spokesman-Review 12/ 6-7, Mary, Spokesman-Review
- Nationally, CCL sent > 129,000 messages to congress and > 23,000 calls.
- Other successes include budget reconciliation improvements, and bipartisan permitting reform.

Lobby Days Reports

- WA 05 Meeting - Patricia: the staffer was very receptive and friendly and answered questions in detail. It was an hour-long meeting - good relationship-wise for Baumgartner. John: Seconded Patricia's comments; openness of staffer gave him hope for working together.
- ID Sen. Risch - Ian: the lobby meeting with Risch went well.

CCL Monthly Call – Leonard. There is a guest speaker every second Saturday of the month followed by a discussion. Mary will attend in January and recruit others to attend other months.

CCL 2026 Strategic Plan and BRIDGE Advocacy Program – Judy

Strategic plan for next year: the BRIDGE advocacy program emphasizes understanding motivations, knowing your audience, and guiding meaningful conversations that build trust. Training will be offered in 2026 in nine sessions to understand those 3 things. Go to CCL community then trainings at <https://community.citizensclimate.org/events/item/24/19858>.

CCL Fundraiser – Judy

- **Donate.** If you haven't already, consider making a donation. [You can see our progress and contribute here.](#)
- **Pledge.** CCLers have set up Pledge It campaigns to raise funds through activities like [walking their rescue dog](#), [cross-country skiing](#), and [jigsaw puzzling](#). Visit the [Citizens' Climate Pledge It home page](#) to find pledge-a-thons to support, or [use this guidance to set up your own](#). (Bill E has done this for his long walk across US)
- **Share.** Mention Citizens' Climate's fundraiser to friends and family. Our [Fundraiser Toolkit](#) includes resources like a handout, an email template and social media guidance to make it easy for you to share.

Communication Exercise – (near end of agenda) - Judy

Energy Efficiency and Electrification Fair, April 4, 2026 – Leonard, Mac, Mary, Margaret, Simon, Judy, Kent

- Planning meeting Jan 14, 3 pm, Mary's house at 320 N Adams, Moscow
- Leonard update:

- We have at least 7 significant sponsors. Avista, the City of Moscow, Inland Power, both Chambers of Commerce, Moscow Building Supply and Gropp Electric.
- The venue is the Latah County Fairgrounds, and can fit 42 booths plus in the anteroom. There is an extra room where we can have panels and presentations.
- We can put it on different community calendars
- Will be free for attendees.
- The purpose is to show how you can save money on power while lowering emissions with HVAC, solar, windows, etc.
- We have been meeting monthly with Paul Kimmel who has been very helpful.
- We have divided up businesses to contact. We also could include banks because they do loans for remodeling. We are thinking about including Colfax, Lewiston, and Spokane
- If you have contacts with businesses, please let us know.
- We will have food trucks and the Avista electricity safety trailer. Also the Palouse Discovery Science Center will do an event for kids.

Fossil Free WSU Update – Bill

We only had 3 meetings this fall and gave public comment at every Regents meeting. At the last meeting Kent Keller presented a striking graph showing the data on climate change. Fossil Free and WSU ESA will stage a demonstration in March or April and have asked CCL and other orgs to join in.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Update – John

More on was state commission web site <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2024/240891/docsets>

Avista made a request for recovery of cost specific to their investment in Colstrip (a coal plant in Montana) over time. They are asking permission to charge customers to pay for previous investment in Colstrip in order to sweeten the deal for the Montana company that is buying it. This is technically legal but questionable. It might be a good idea to approach media for attention. The Montana Energy Information Center is a good source of information, as is the NW Energy Coalition. It is rare to focus on one energy source in this way.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian (Senator Risch ID), Judy (Rep. Baumgartner, WA)
- **National CCL Initiatives: local team leaders:**
 - **Carbon Pricing:** Carbon Border Adjustments— Margaret Davis (lead)
 - **Building Electrification and Efficiency**—Mary DuPree and Mac Cantrell (leads)
 - **Healthy Forests**—Leonard Garrison (lead)
 - **Permitting Reform**
- **Pullman City** –Marilyn Von Seggern, Stephan Flint. Marilyn is working on the Pullman Comprehensive Plan revision process. Steve reported that the Environmental Resilience Commission will recommend that the city be a sponsor of the EEE Fair. CCL will present our request for sponsorship to the city council January 27.
- **Whitman County Planning Commission on wind project code -**
Judy, Simon, Kent and many farmers were at the commission meeting. The new drafted code includes miles-wide setbacks around Kamiak Butte and other public lands. It also requires wind turbines to be set back from nonparticipating properties by six times the height of the tower. Setbacks would make it impossible for small farms to have turbines. If adopted, this code would be one of the most restrictive of anywhere in the US. Moscow-Pullman Daily News has an article: <https://www.dnews.com/local-news/wind-energy-code-on-docket-at-colfax-9ec37c40>
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree
Saving Green Columns - Mary is looking for writers to write about rebates that will last after the new year.
- **Tabling** – Simon Smith
- **Agriculture and rural issues**—Judy Meuth, Bill Voxman, Kathy Dawes
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth; Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** – Margaret Davis
- **Presentations** – Simon Smith, Judy Meuth

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call on the 2nd 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

COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE Support CCL's Year-End Fundraiser - Judy

PART A — Sample Outreach Message

Hi [Name], hope you're doing well! I'm reaching out because I'm volunteering with Citizens' Climate Lobby, and I'm helping with our year-end fundraising effort.

I wanted to see if you'd be open to a short 10-minute chat this week or next. I'd love to share what we're working on and ask whether you might consider joining me in supporting their work by making a year-end gift — totally no pressure either way.

Would you be open to that?

PART B — Sample Conversation Once They've Opted In

You: Hey, [Name]! Thanks for taking a few minutes to talk with me — I really appreciate it. How's everything going?

Friend: Good! Thanks for thinking of me. I'm excited to learn more about Citizens' Climate Lobby.

You: That means a lot — thank you. As I mentioned, I volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby, and this year has been a big one for us. Just last month, we held more than 300 virtual lobbying meetings with Congress to help move climate policy forward. *[If you participated in a lobby meeting, mention that.]* Even in a polarized political landscape, we're still making real progress with lawmakers — it keeps me hopeful and motivated.

Friend: That sounds great. That's so important.

You: I care about this work a lot, which is why I'm reaching out to a few people in my life about supporting it. CCL is funded mostly by individual donors, and year-end gifts help keep our grassroots lobbying and volunteer training going. Would you consider making a donation this year?

Friend: Maybe — what exactly do you use the money for?

You: We have a small national staff who use their policy expertise and timely insights from Capitol Hill to train volunteers, coordinate the asks for our lobby meetings, and help us respond quickly when Congress is taking action on climate. Funding keeps that engine running so volunteers like me can be effective.

Friend: That sounds great, I'd be happy to contribute.

You: Thank you so much! I really appreciate it. You can go to cclusa.org/yef-2025 to contribute.

Next meeting Jan 15, 5:30-7, Fiske Room, 1912 Center, Moscow

Contact Info: (REMOVED)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948476493?pwd=9oBlwOswUuteymndoJST9UonkX1Jj0.1>

Meeting ID: 859 4847 6493, Passcode: 939133

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