

COLUMBIA BASIN SUSTAINABLE WATER COALITION (CBSWC)

Groundwater levels in areas of the Columbia Basin have been declining for decades and now impact almost all water wells. It is critically important that water systems have a reliable water source. A coalition of water purveyors and other municipal and small community water system stakeholders was created to develop locally and regionally implementable activities to address the issue for domestic groundwater supplies.

VISION

To protect and maintain a water supply for present and future generations of the Columbia Basin.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We generate ideas to help inform decisionmaking and solve problems.
- We serve as the voice of group A and B water systems.
- We convene, coordinate, and unify.
- We leverage opportunities and partnerships.

CBSWC MEETINGS

Where: City of Moses Lake Civic Center When: Bi-monthly on the third Thursday from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

MISSION

Address potable groundwater supply issues by creating locally-driven recommendations that influence water management and policy that will direct resources to create sustainable water solutions.

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GOALS

- Create a sustainable organization to address municipal/small community water system groundwater decline based on localized conditions.
- Generate awareness and create calls to action for the depletion of potable water in the Basin, the urgent need to address the situation, and the efforts of the Coalition.
- Lead the development of regional groundwater planning and the identification and promotion of new and/or alternative water sources.

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