

Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Location: Moses Lake City Council Chambers, 401 S Balsam St, Moses Lake

Meeting Purpose: Re-engaging in Coalition purpose and development

Meeting Outcomes: Initiation of steps to accomplish our end goal

The Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition, a group of water purveyors and other municipal and small community water system stakeholders, was formed in 2018 to address Columbia Basin domestic groundwater supply issues and create locally-driven recommendations that influence water delivery methods and policy that will direct resources for long-term groundwater solutions.

The Coalition made great headway to identify and advance short- and long-term goals, then COVID slowed progress, but it didn't cease. A grant was secured to fund a specific set of short-term priorities. We've recently spent months on grant administration and preliminary tasks required to pave the way for the Coalition to do what it set out to do. Now, it's time to roll up our sleeves and do the work. YOUR help is needed!

Agenda:

9:00am

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Sara Higgins, Columbia Basin Development League

Recalling why we are here and what our impact will be, long-term?

- With comments from Derek Sandison, Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture

What is the Coalition's responsibility?

- With comments from Shawn O'Brien, Engineer, City of Othello

What are our obstacles?

Moving forward:

- ✓ Addressing obstacles
- ✓ Organizational formalization
- ✓ Well monitoring referrals and contacts
 - Ben Lee, Landau Associates; Alicia Candelaria ,GeoEngineers

Wrap up and next steps

12:00pm

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Grant Project Milestone / Task / Activity	Planned Start Date	Planned Completion Date
Complete environmental and Cultural Compliance	11/2022	11/2022
Create formation documents and expand the coalition membership group	12/2022	10/2023
Establish a board of representatives and committees.	10/2022	10/2023
Contract a project facilitator	06/2022	08/2022
Host regular meetings	01/2022	12/2023
Develop outreach and education plan and materials for recruitment of addition members and stakeholders	04/2022	12/2022
Submit 270-day report	08/2022	09/2022
Review of existing/historical data and propose project alternatives for inclusion into the watershed management plan	12/2022	2/2023
Contract groundwater monitoring consultant	10/2022	01/2023
Identify select monitoring wells for groundwater level monitoring and collect water level data	01/2023	02/2023
Produce map of monitoring well locations and water level hydrographs	02/2023	3/2023
Selecting and prioritize projects through an evaluation ranking system	06/2023	10/2023
Develop preliminary watershed management plan	10/2023	12/2023