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ZIGLAR TO KEYNOTE AT CBDL ANNUAL MEETING

Theme "Paying for Public Projects: Process, Options and Benefits"

The annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Development League will be held November 1, 2011 on the Big Bend Campus, in Moses Lake highlighting James W. Ziglar as keynote speaker. Ziglar is Senior Counsel with Van Ness Feldman of Washington DC and he will address the *Structure and Politics of Public Infrastructure Financing*.

Ziglar has over 40 years of experience in law, finance, management, and public policy. His experience includes eight years as a practicing lawyer and over 16 years as an investment banker specializing in the development and financing of public infrastructure projects, particularly water and power projects. During his career, he has served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science, Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at The George Washington University Law School, Resident Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Institute of Politics, congressional and public affairs officer at the Department of Justice, and aide to the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The annual meeting begins at 1:30 with project updates from the US Bureau of Reclamation, Washington State Department of Ecology, and the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District. Wolfgang Opitz, Assistant Treasurer for the State of Washington has been invited to speak on where infrastructure projects fit in State debt.

Options for financing public projects will be explored including an overview of Federal project financing requirements, State monies available for infrastructure projects, Local Improvement Districts (LIDs), and private investor financing.

The full agenda and registration are available on the CBDL website: www.cdbl.org The event is open to anyone interested in the Columbia Basin Project and the League's work.

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