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THE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Columbia Basin Development League announced that Sara Higgins has been promoted to Executive Director. Vicky Scharlau, who served as Executive Director will continue in an advisory role. Higgins, who has served as Assistant Director since 2011 has 20 years of experience in nonprofit management and governance.

“Sara has been a steadfast leader of the League’s team. She is focused on breaking down complex issues and has expertly utilized limited resources to continually advance our work with federal, state, and local policymakers and stakeholders. As we look to meet the future needs of the Columbia Basin Project in a difficult political environment, Sara is the right person for the job.” said Matt Harris, League Board Chair and

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Washington State Potato Commission Director of Government Affairs and Assistant Executive Director.

Higgins is a Class 42 graduate of AgForestry. She has a BA in Liberal Studies from Seattle University and is a life-long resident of Eastern Washington.

Higgins added, “Opportunities have been presented to the League to strengthen stakeholder and partner relationships as well as secure funding both for the League and the Columbia Basin Project. I look forward to leveraging these opportunities to increase the

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capacity of the League and, ultimately, deliver greater impact in support of the Project.”

Completion of the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program is a current focus for the League. Other issues include reinvestment in aging infrastructure, availability of adequately funded government programs used by the Project’s three irrigation districts, Project completion, and stakeholder awareness and engagement in challenges and solutions.



QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

In all human affairs there are efforts, and there are results, and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result.

- Writer, James Lane Allen



LEAGUE DELEGATION VISITS DC

A small delegation led by the League returned to Washington DC on March 24th and 25th, after a two-year COVID-induced break. A return to a pre-COVID meeting regime made it possible to schedule in-person meetings in Congressional and Executive Branch offices to communicate League priorities.

The traveling group included, Matt Harris, League Chair & Director of Government Relations for the Washington Potato Commission; Tom Tebb, Director of the Department of Ecology's Office of Columbia River; Duaine Anderson, President, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID) Board of Directors; and Mike Schwisow, League Director of Government Relations.

The message delivered by team members during the various meetings focused on several different areas. Foremost was support for funding pathways for Federal participation in the construction of the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP) distribution systems and county road bridges. The Reclamation pathway has been the primary focus in the past, but a second pathway has opened recently with a grant award to ECBID of a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant. The NRCS Watershed and Flood Operations program, known as PL-566 holds the potential to provide game changing funding for distribution system development. The League will now focus on the Farm Bill funding source for this program in addition to the Reclamation/Interior Department budget. Work is just beginning on the 2023 Farm Bill and the League will join other advocates to assure that adequate authorizations for PL-566 grants are available when the OGWRP watershed plan is complete and OGWRP projects are ready to compete for funding.

The delegation also discussed a Reclamation repayment issue. Congressionally enacted authorizations for Reclamation projects typically require project beneficiaries to repay construction costs over a 50-year period. This is the case for the Columbia Basin Project (CBP) and is accomplished through repayment contracts between Reclamation and local entities who operate the Project on behalf of landowners. The OGWRP lands are not covered by the existing ECBID contract as those lands have not been developed in the traditional manner. The League believes the OGWRP is a public interest environmental and economic rescue program to save the aquifer and as such, Reclamation should review whether construction funds should be subject to repayment. When OGWRP is completed OGWRP landowners will be asked to repay

the Federal investment in completing the Project. Many examples exist of public interest projects which are funded through grants not subject to repayment.

Several other topics were also addressed. Reinvestment in existing aging CBP infrastructure to ensure uninterrupted water supplies is also a priority. The Columbia Basin Project is one of the most drought resilient in the West but continued reinvestment in the infrastructure is necessary to ensure that facilities that are, in some cases, over 70 years old remain reliable.

Always on the list of issues with policymakers is a call to complete the Project. The Congressional authorization for the CBP provides for an ultimate project of 1,029,000 acres. Today about 680,000 acres receive Project water supplies. There are no other places in the United State where the land and water resources exist to increase the food security status of the United States. The long-term droughts now plaguing the West are bring this fact into sharper focus.

During the brief two-day visit, the team conducted the following meetings:

- Liz Payne, Legislative Director, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
- Keil Weaver & Annick Miller, Staff Director and Senior Professional Staff, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans & Wildlife, House Committee on Natural Resources
- Senator Maria Cantwell, Staffers Megan Thompson & Devin Helfrisch,
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- Melissa Guerrero & Hart Clements, Staff for Senator Patty Murray
- Reclamation Deputy Commissioner David Palumbo and Reclamation Budget Director Bob Wolfe

THE OGWRP WATERSHED PLANNING PROJECT

PL-566 STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

The Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP) is an aquifer rescue mission that ultimately benefits the residents of multiple communities at risk of losing their livelihood to a declining aquifer. In March 2022, \$765,000 in funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was secured via a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) PL-566 grant for development of the OGWRP Watershed Planning Project. The project, often simply referred to by its funding source, PL-566, represents what is expected to be the start of substantial additional funding for OGWRP.

The current grant requires the approval of a completed Watershed Plan before USDA NRCS funds can be tapped for OGWRP construction activities. This is procedural. USDA is new to OGWRP, and it has its own set of agency criteria that must be met for access to its program funding. The good news is that the OGWRP Watershed Planning Project can build on the significant investments continuing to be made by the State of Washington, Bureau of Reclamation, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID), and ECBID producers.

In addition to grant administration and the selection of a contractor to write the plan, there are four primary steps to the OGWRP Watershed Planning Project:

1. Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report - *Completed*
2. Application for Federal Assistance - *Completed*
3. Watershed Plan Environmental Impact Statement – *In Process*
4. Implementation of the Watershed Plan

Steps 1 and 2 are completed thanks to the effort of ECBID, Grant County Conservation District, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the support of Congressional Representatives, and Washington State Department of Ecology. Step 4 encompasses OGWRP construction activities, including design and construction plans; land rights, easements, and permits; operations and maintenance plans and agreements; project agreements for construction; and actual pump plant and lateral construction. Designs and construction plans already completed, as well as land rights and easement work currently underway, are already contributing to this step.

But, Step 3—the NRCS adoption of the environmental impact statement (EIS)—is the key procedural task required before the Watershed Plan

can be approved and NRCS funding can be accessed for Step 4. Past experience with Reclamation’s Odessa Subarea Special Study (OSSS) EIS that led to OGWRP tells us that Step 3 is complex and has the potential to be time consuming. But, thanks to efforts by OGWRP partners, it is anticipated that NRCS will adopt the OSSS EIS to fulfill Step 3 requirements. This shortens the duration of Step 3, but doesn’t eliminate it. Among other tasks, this procedure requires a public meeting and comment period be held on NRCS’s adoption of Reclamation’s OSSS EIS.

Once this is complete, the approval process can begin. However, approval will also take time as, ultimately, congressional approval is required. Preliminary estimates place this milestone as far out as 2027, and as near as 2025. But, there are many factors and several unknowns yet to develop before a more solid timeline can be developed.

The take-aways for interested stakeholders can be summarized as “stay tuned.” ECBID and Grant County Conservation District will continue to keep stakeholders informed of developments via meetings and other communications. The League will also continue to disseminate information. And, eventually, the League will call on stakeholders to participate in advocacy in support of these efforts.



LEAGUE ACTIVELY ADVOCATES FOR OGWRP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The League’s March trip to Washington D.C. along with quarter one and quarter two developments in the political arena set the stage for a number of advocacy opportunities leveraged in recent months. First, an annual appropriations request was submitted. But, for FY23, strategic collaboration with partners resulted in the League focusing only on a request for report language to again be included in the Appropriations Bill. Report language that has been included in recent appropriations bills acknowledges the critical stage of groundwater depletion in the Odessa Subarea and demonstrates the Appropriations Committee’s urging of Reclamation to support the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP).

As part of the strategy developed with partners, the League simultaneously supported requests via the earmarks process for OGWRP bridge funding. The federal earmarks process--reintroduced last year after a multi-year hiatus--continues this year and is known as Community Project Funding in the House and Congressionally Directed Spending in the

Senate. The League was successful in securing \$2 million for OGWRP last year via this process. This year, OGWRP partners agreed that OGWRP bridges needing replacement due to East Low Canal widening should be the focus of a Columbia Basin Project earmarks request. Adams County took the lead submitting requests, and the League provided support letters.

In late April, the House Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing as part of the FY23 appropriations process. The League worked closely with Representative Dan Newhouse’s office to submit a question for record to address concerns around the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s repayment policy currently applied to the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP).

The submitted question for Record concludes: “There are many examples of Reclamation investments in public interest projects that do not require repayment. Will Reclamation commit to reviewing whether Reclamation

investments in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program facilities are subject to repayment or are public interest projects not subject to repayment?”

Finally, following the recent USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) PL-566 grant award to East Columbia Basin Irrigation District via the Grant County Conservation District to initiate the OGWRP Watershed Planning Project, it is anticipated that once the watershed plan is approved, additional PL-566 funds can be accessed to for construction. But, the NRCS program needs to be reauthorized and adequately funded in order to respond not only to future OGWRP funding requests, but to many other NRCS project requests across the county.

With that in mind, the League sent letters to members of the Washington congressional delegation urging support of NRCS programs in the 2023 Farm Bill, particularly the Watershed and Flood Prevention Program (PL-566) which represents a new source of federal funding for OGWRP.

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OCR CAPITAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND CBP PROJECTS

The Columbia River Policy Advisory Group (CBPAG) at their June 2nd meeting received a presentation on the 2023-2025 Capital Budget Development from Melissa Downs, Office of Columbia River Financial and Projects Section Manager. The development of the biennial Capital Budget, which is the primary source of funding for a number of Columbia Basin Project activities, starts with the Department of Ecology Office (DOE) of Columbia River (OCR) planning over a year before the start of the biennial funding period on July 1, 2023.

OCR reviews all the projects that are underway across the entire program and develops a plan to move some projects along to completion and to identify new project to be started. Once OCR has their plan set, it is submitted to DOE Headquarters for review and approval about the end of June. The Director of Ecology determines the agency priorities and submits the agency request to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) in early September. OFM, the Governor’s

budget office, rolls up the requests from all the agencies and applies the Governor’s policy directives and priorities. The Governor submits his budget proposal to the House and Senate in early December. The Legislature has the final authority to appropriate funds for both operating and capital budgets during the session beginning on January 9, 2023.

Downes and OCR Director Tom Tebb briefed the CRPAG on the details of the proposal they anticipate sending to the Director later this month. Included in the proposal are the following Columbia Basin Project related items.

Odessa Ground Water Replacement Project - \$20 million for support of all pumping plant/delivery system designs. Director. Tebb indicated that this proposal is in keeping with the desire to complete what is started. He also indicated that system designs could be done at the same time the recently funded OGWRP Watershed Planning Project is being developed. Systems would then be “shovel ready” when funding

through USDA NRCS PL 566 could be available. Potholes Supplemental Feed Route - \$1-1.75 million. This funding would go toward completing the impact mitigation of making the feed route operational. Using Crab Creek to replace East Low Canal capacity to feed water to Pothole to ensure South District’s water supply is a necessary component of the Ground Water Replacement Project.

Pasco Basin Water Supply - \$400,000 The funding will support the formal rule making process that OCR is undertaking to allow access to Artificially Stored Ground Water (ASGW) that exists in the Pasco Basin. The area is also known as WAC 508-14 for the section of administrative code establishing a ground water management area. ASGW has accumulated in the region as a result of Columbia Basin Project operations and a program will be developed to access the Reclamation water by issuing water service contracts to interest landowners. A similar program exists in the Quincy Basin where over 55,000 acres are now irrigated in this manner.

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GRANT AWARD IS A MILESTONE IN JOURNEY TO ADDRESS STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

In 2021, the League was awarded a Simplot Foundation grant to increase stakeholder engagement by promoting understanding of and generating support for the Columbia Basin Project. The award represented a significant milestone in a continued journey responding to outcomes of a 2019 stakeholder survey.

In 2019, 255 stakeholder survey responses from CBDL members, landowners, farmers, Columbia Basin residents, government agencies, elected officials, food processors, and others informed League short-mid-and-long-term goals related to outreach, education, and advocacy. Response analysis identified 10 specific action items for the League to undertake to acknowledge different target audience needs and improve engagement with each audience. But, funding for implementation of many of the action items proved a barrier. So, in 2020 the League explored creative funding solutions and ultimately, in 2021, established a special

project fund with the 501 (c) 3 Columbia Basin Community Foundation that would create access to grant funding previously unavailable to the League due to its 501 (c) 6 nonprofit status.

Then, grant researching and applications began. The Simplot Foundation award was the first successful application in late 2021. After grant administration and development of a detailed work plan, the League set to work in Quarter 1 of 2022 on the first of two phases of the grant project—data collection and improvements for a specific segment of the League’s stakeholders referenced as “Key Communicators.”

Primarily consisting of local government contacts and community leaders within the Columbia Basin Project area, it was acknowledged in 2019 that relationships with this group of community influencers needed to be improved in order to address 2019

stakeholder feedback, and that started with a comprehensive, current contact list and a solidified process for regularly updating it (in light of the ever-changing nature of elected positions).

As of the writing of this article, Phase 1 of the Simplot Foundation grant project is nearly complete, and Phase 2 is now being developed. Phase 2 is intended to incrementally begin increasing the League’s outreach profile with what is anticipated to be a small series of stakeholder meetings in different parts of the Columbia Basin Project. Meeting topics are yet to be determined, but will likely include updates and input on the League’s priority initiatives as well as issues of interest and concern for different regions of the Project area. The League’s list of “Key Communicators” will be tapped to assist in development of the meeting series.

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LEAGUE AND COALITION TAKE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY INSECURITIES

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

The League has been a Coalition stakeholder since the group’s inception. Although the League’s current work to advocate for the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP) has been categorized as an effort to solve water supply issues for deep well agricultural irrigators drawing from the depleting Odessa aquifer, the reality is that OGWRP has far greater impact. Transferring those irrigators from deep wells to Columbia Basin Project surface water is environmentally responsible and it preserves the Odessa aquifer for domestic supplies. OGWRP can be part of the Coalition’s solution to domestic water supply issues. So, there is an inherent connection between the work of the League and the work of the Coalition.

To further emphasize the importance of that connection, the League acknowledges that if Columbia Basin Project communities are threatened by water supply insecurity, so too are the service and supply providers based in those communities. And, ultimately the farms whose owners and employees live in those communities are also threatened. If Columbia Basin Project communities dry up, so does Columbia Basin Project agriculture.

But, last year, with sponsor assistance from the Lincoln County Conservation District, a \$100,000 federal Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant was awarded to support the Coalition to build on efforts to resolve water quantity issues in the Mid-Columbia Basin. Efforts under the short-term WaterSMART grant are intended to help the Coalition gain momentum in what is hoped to be longer-term service to Columbia Basin communities. The end goal is for the Coalition’s work to inform and influence decision makers so that they may create policies and direct resources for long term groundwater solutions.

The grant project has two primary objectives. On the technical side, the grant will fund selected contractors—Landau Associates and GeoEngineers—to build on studies done by the Columbia Basin Groundwater Management Area (GWMA), collect data representing experiences of municipal water systems in the Basin, and add that data to the larger effort in the Basin seeking to preserve groundwater levels.

The second grant objective is organizational refinement of the Coalition. Still in its infancy, it is a loosely organized group in need of more structure and stakeholder engagement. With a sense of responsibility to the Coalition’s purpose, the League responded to the call for contractors to facilitate Coalition development, and the League was selected for that work which will extend over the next year. Meetings of the Coalition have been held regularly this year thanks to support from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The League kicked off its facilitation of the Coalition on June 23. Community water system owners and purveyors are welcome to participate. More info: sara@cdbl.org



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MEET JON ERICKSON - ECBID NEW DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Q. Tell us about yourself!

A. My name is Jon Erickson, and I am the Development Coordinator of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID) where I have worked since 2019. I grew up in Warden and lived in the Columbia Basin until I left for Alaska in 2000. I moved back to Eastern Washington 10 years later and have lived here ever since. I sit on the Othello City Council and am on the Board of Trustees for the Columbia Basin Development League.

Outside of work I enjoy coaching my kids, camping, and doing anything related to hanging out with my kids.

Q. What did you do before coming to the ECBID?

A. I have been working in construction for two and a half decades. I specialize in government contracting and have worked on multimillion dollar projects for federal, state, and local governments for the majority of my career. I specialize in solving problems: taking projects that are hard to build and getting them built,

taking companies that are hard to manage and managing them.

Q. What is your overall vision for the ECBID?

A. My vision for the ECBID is in line with the district’s vision as a whole. I am here to coordinate efforts between the district, the regulatory agencies, and the landowners not just in OGWRP but in all other aspects of development in the ECBID.

Q. What are your priorities as the ECBID’s New Development Coordinator?

A. My priority is to work with the landowner groups and regulatory and funding agencies to help bring some of their proposed projects to light. Additionally, I want to help educate the landowner groups that are not quite sure how to move some matters forward.

Q. What is your perspective on the Columbia Basin Project and its path toward completion?

A. The completion of the Project is very important. All of us would like to see the Project



completed because it is what the Bureau set out to do. Right now, lots of effort is focused on the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program, a rescue mission, but it is just our temporary solution. There still needs to be a level of focus on the big picture of completing the overall Project – it is essential!

Q. What is your involvement in the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP) Watershed Planning Project (PL-566)?

A. As you know, the PL-566 been funded \$765,000 for the development of the watershed plan, which has to happen before additional NRCS funds can be secured. My role right now is to coordinate these efforts so we can move forward into requesting funds to build these delivery systems.





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- Briefly review the League's financial standing

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If you are not a member and would like to become one, contact Julie at julie@cbdl.org.

COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT COMPLETION PROCESS AT A GLANCE

As the Columbia Basin Project (CBP) is the largest Reclamation project in the nation, full development of the authorized 1,029,000 acres was intended to be phased and take multiple decades. Decades since ground breaking on the CBP, it is often asked what it would take to complete the Project. Below, is a high-level overview. Some steps involve multiple years and millions of dollars per step. Construction would require billions of dollars. For comparison, OGWRP construction, alone (excluding bridges), is roughly \$2.7 million (with inflation continuing to increase costs).

STEP 1

Authorization Complete

The Columbia Basin Project was authorized by Congress in 1945 for 1,029,000 acres.

STEP 2

Key Partner Commit to Financial Support

Given its size and scope of work, the CPB requires financial support from multiple partners such as the Bureau of Reclamation, the State of Washington through the Department of Ecology, Columbia Basin Project Irrigation Districts, and landowners.

STEP 3

Appraisal Study

The Appraisal Study calculates the size and scope of the project along with possible viable solutions.

STEP 4

Plan of Study

The "Plan of Study" is a guidance document that lays the foundation for doing a Feasibility Study. The partners, Congress and the Washington State Legislature, would fund the study.

STEP 5

Feasibility Study

A detailed evaluation of all aspects of the project—consistent with numerous legal requirements. This step includes identification of alternatives and viable options to pursue.

STEP 6

Construction

Full construction of the Projects is difficult to estimate as costs and timeline can only be determined once all studies are completed, the benefit/cost ratio is above one, and a build options is selected.

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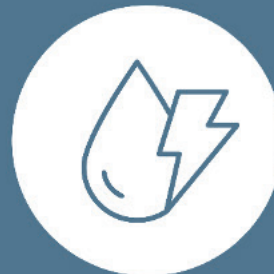
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Alford Farms
Anderson Farms, Inc
Anderson Perry &
Associates, Inc.
Association of Washington
Business
Baird Orchards
Basin Pacific Insurance &
Benefits
Best-Test Analytical
Services, LLC
Big Bend Agricultural
Appraisals, Inc.
Boersma Farms, Inc
Brett & Bryan LLC
Bruce & Diana Carlson Inc
Campbell Kirson Farms
LLC/ Campbell Ranch
Canyon Crest Farms
Carnosi LLC
Cegnar Company
Central Bean Co
Central Bonded Collectors
Chamberlain Dairy

Chelan Douglas Regional
Port Authority
City of Warden
Cochrane Sons
Connell 76 LLC
D&D Gilbert Farms
Dan Piper Farm
Desert Circle Farms
Earthbourne Resources Inc
EL & JH Ray Farms LLC
Escure Farms Inc
Fink Again Inc.
Flying T LLC
Franklin County
Commissioners
Franz Lund LLC
Fresno Valves &
Castings Inc
Golden West Cattle
Company
Grange Supply Company
of Odessa
Grant County Economic
Development Council
Grant County PUD
Grigg Farms
GTM Transformations LLC
Halverson Northwest
Law Group
HDR Engineering Inc
Horning Bros LLC
Horrigan Farms Inc
Isaak Brothers
J & E Schafer Farms Inc
J&S Myers Inc
Jack L Gilbert & Sons Inc
Jeffers Danielson Sonn &
Aylward, P.S.
Johnston Property
Management LLC
Jones Produce
Kagele Acres Inc.
Kagele Family Farms LLC
Kenison Franz
Knierp Ag, inc
L&L Ag Production LLC

Landau Associates
Leffel, Otis & Warwick, PS
Lenwood Farms Inc
Lincoln County
Conservation District
Lincoln County Economic
Development Council
Lindcrest Ranch/Preston
Farms LLC
Lyall Farms
Lyle Family Land LLC
Marvin and Neil Joint
Venture
McGuire, DeWulf, Kragt, &
Johnson
McKay Seed Company
MCL Farms
MGS AG Inc.
Middleton Family Farm
Moody Family
Moses Lake Irrigation &
Rehabilitation District
Northwest Ag
Nutrien Ag Solutions -
Formerly Crop
Production Services
Owl Lake LLC
P&P Farms
Parsons Behle & Latimer
Patty Kagele Farms Inc
Perkins & Zlatich CPAs PS
Petrus Partners, Ltd.
Phillips Family Farms, LLC
Piper Farms
Pomeroy Farms
Port of Mattawa
Port of Moses Lake
Port of Quincy
Port of Royal Slope
Port of Warden
Prior Farms LLC
R & J Lyle LLC
RH2 Engineering Inc
RJ Circle Farms Inc
Rod Rottinghaus Farms
Rosebud Vineyards, Inc.

RP Stucky Properties LLC
Rubicon Water
SAC Enterprises Inc
Sackmann Law Office
Schibel Farms Inc
Schneider Farms -
Pasco LLC
Schroeder Law Offices PC
Schutte Farms Inc
Seed-Rite Inc
Skone Irrigation Warden/
Pasco
Soiltest Farm
Consultants Inc
Sunset Farms Inc
Tippett Company of
Washington LLC
Tom Downs Farms
Treat Farms
TRReapers Inc.
Voise Farms
Wajer Farms Inc
Washington Association of
Wheat Growers
Washington Fruit &
Produce Co
Washington Winegrowers
Association
Wilbur Security Company
Windy Prairie Inc
Brad Hirz
Cecelia Quirk
David Andrews
Della Kiesz
Don Beus
Donald Stucky
Glen Bair
Henry Field
James Brodie
Jon & Sharon Fink
Kelly Shinn
Mark Booker
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