

Columbia Basin Development League Conference and Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 29, 2019
ATEC, Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, WA

Many Paths, One Goal

- 9:45am** **Welcome**
- Vicky Scharlau, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Development League, Cashmere
 - Matt Harris, Director of Gov't Affairs and Asst. Executive Director, Washington State Potato Commission, Moses Lake
- 10:00am** **The Other Powerhouse: Recreation**
- Richard Finger, Lands Operation Manager, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ephrata
 - Bill Burke, Marketing Director, Grant County Tourism, Veradale
- 10:35am** **Data, Control and Operations: Management of Water Movement**
- Marc Maynard, Ephrata Field Office Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata
- 11:00am** **View from the Canals**
- I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Weed Screens!
 - Eric Dixon, Chief Engineer, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco
 - It's Tough Getting Old
 - Roger Sonnichsen, Technical Services Assistant Manager, Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Quincy
 - I Promise This Isn't About the Odessa
 - Craig Simpson, Secretary-Manager, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello
- 12:00pm** **Lunch Buffet**
- Invocation offered by Jake Wollman Jr. Columbia Basin Development League
- 12:35pm** **Annual Meeting, Honors, Awards**
- Called to Order by Mark Stedman, Chair, Columbia Basin Development League, Othello
- Financial Report by Trustee, Jake Wollman Jr.
 - Board Elections
 - Slate of Candidates by Trustee, Vicki Gordon
 - Elections by Mark Stedman
 - Awards and Honors
- 1:10pm** **Power to the Project! More on the North Dam**
- Tim Culbertson, Manager Project Development, Columbia Basin Hydropower, Ephrata
- 1:35pm** **This is Where We Talk About the Odessa**
- It's in the Details: Contract Subtleties

- Craig Simpson, Secretary-Manager, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello
- Distribution Systems: Was This Supposed to be Easy?
 - Process: Jed Crowther, Development Coordinator, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello
 - Progress:
 - Jed Crowther, Development Coordinator, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello
 - Melissa Downes, Technical and Policy Lead, Washington State Department of Ecology, Office of the Columbia River, Union Gap

2:30pm **Break**

2:45pm **Is There Any Hope from Washington D.C.?**

- Abbey Linsk, Director of Government Relations, Water Strategies LLC, Washington, D.C.

3:05pm **Current Policy—What’s Different?**

- Shelby Hagenauer, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C.

3:30pm **Filling a New Role**

- Alan Mikkelsen, Field Special Assistant for the Pacific Northwest Region, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C.

3:55pm **What Did They Say?**

Mike Schwisow, Owner, Schwisow & Associates, Olympia

4:15pm **Wrap It Up and Give Away the Money (50/50 Raffle)!**

- Vicky Scharlau, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Development League, Cashmere
- Sara Higgins, Assistant Director, Columbia Basin Development League, Cashmere

4:30pm **Safe Journey Home**