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After the irrigation canal was added. Photo credit: Alice Parker

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AN INTERVIEW WITH ALICE PARKER

The Columbia Basin Project and citizen advocate Alice Parker have a long history together. After Alice retired from the League board last year, Executive Director Sara Higgins asked Alice to share her insights and perspective on the Project and the League:

You’ve had a long history of support for both the Columbia Basin Project and the Columbia Basin Development League. Tell us about that history.

“We moved to the Columbia Basin Project area at Royal City in 1965. Block 81 was being developed and we purchased two units within the boundaries of the last block, to be developed on the Royal Slope. Ike [my husband], our three kids, Perry, Sue and Karla and I worked to bring water to the two units. We cleared the land of sagebrush and cheat grass, leveled it for rill irrigation, and put in ditches during the winter and summer months. In late September and early October, we finally received our first test water—our first experience of irrigated farming, we had experienced drought, and it was difficult to expand to be big enough to make a living. We were familiar with the Columbia Basin Project due to family who had moved here through the veteran’s program. We decided to ‘go for broke!’ We would either do what we wanted—farm—or work for wages.”

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Before the irrigation canal, there was a field of sagebrush. Photo, taken in late 1960s, includes Ike and Alice Parker, with their children Terry, Sue, and Karla.

You were an active advocate before CBDL. Tell us about that.

“WIFE [Women Involved In Farm Economics] still exists today, although it is not as active as it once was. Trying to get the new generation to step up and be involved is difficult. Today, farm women are also working other jobs, not just on the farm.

WIFE is dedicated to improving profitability in production agriculture through educational, legislation, communication and cooperative efforts. We used to wear red and white to signify that red is what farmers were operating in, financially. We went through some tough years in the '80s. In the two years I was National President, I made 19 trips to Washington, D.C. I not only testified, but I also went back and lobbied. I was there [during the Alar crisis]. I spent two days working on a PSA to counter [opposition]...it shut them down.

The things I've done have just blown my mind. I never ever thought I would do those things, but it just seemed I was put in the right place at the right time to make a difference.

I became involved in the Columbia Basin Development League as the Executive Secretary in 1992 after Chan Bailey retired. Prior to Chan's retirement, he recruited me to testify at hearings in Olympia and encouraged me to help with the public comment period of the EIS [Environmental Impact Study] that would have expanded the CBP another 87,000 acres. That was when endangered salmon became an issue and a moratorium on any additional water being taken from the Columbia River was imposed. Consequently, the EIS was put on the shelf and did not become final.”

You've seen active Project development, a moratorium on Columbia River withdrawals, and an aquifer rescue mission. How has Project advocacy changed over the years?

“People felt when the moratorium was imposed, the completion of the Project was at risk as well as the water rights that were being held by Reclamation. Focus [shifted] from active development to being vigilant to make sure that the water rights were protected and the boundaries of the project as originally set by Congress were not changed for future development. The mode changed from supporting continued development of infrastructure to protecting what Congress had authorized back in the 1930s.”

How has the role of the Columbia Basin Development League changed over the years?

“Basically, the role of the CBDL has not changed over the years. The mission of the CBDL has not changed. The overall role of CBDL has been to support the entire Columbia Basin Project, both undeveloped and developed portions. The evolution of new members and stakeholders changes, and you need new blood occasionally. Technology also has changed, and when technology changes, perspective changes.”

What stands out to you as milestone accomplishments in Project advocacy through the years?

“CBDL has supported the three irrigation districts by helping them lobby, which has made impacts on issues at different times. The CBDL, under the guidance of Chan Bailey, was a major supporting force in getting the Second Bacon Siphon completed, as well as other infrastructure facilities over the years. The accomplishments have been consistent and with the support from all stakeholders. Incremental development of the CBP was by design.”

What have some of the greatest advocacy challenges been?

“One of greatest challenges the CBDL had under my watch was to hold the organization together and remain an important voice for the CBP

during the time of the moratorium. Development was shut down and came to a screeching halt. Environmental advocates were successful in getting no more water removed from the Columbia River, as they wanted the water to remain in the river for the salmon. They wouldn't let us continue development of the project. The EIS [to continue development] went on the shelf. John Keyes was the Regional Director of Reclamation at the time. He recommended that the EIS be put on the shelf to avoid the whole project being shut down."

Where do advocates for the Project need to focus their attention going forward?

"The CBDL still needs to focus on continued development of the CBP but never lose sight of the need to continue to support the existing, developed portion. The viability of the existing developed irrigated acres is vital to any future for completing the entire project. Infrastructure is aging, and repairs and replacement are an ongoing need.

The League and stakeholders need to continue to be vigilant to protect the Project. You have to be aware of what is going on and stay on top of it. The Snake River dams is an example. We need to keep telling the story of the CBP and how important the Project is because of the food supply it creates. The value has multiplied many times since I became involved. Food security is a critical component to our national security. If we have to depend on foreign sources for our food supply, we're in a lot of trouble. Agriculture is as important as Defense."

What advice do you have for the League board and for Project stakeholders?

"My advice is to work with all interested parties—farmers, irrigation districts, Department of Ecology and especially Reclamation. It is great the Conservation Districts are getting involved with the Project development, but don't lose site that the Columbia Basin Project is a Federal Reclamation irrigation project. Reclamation is the agency that holds the water rights. We just have to be patient and persistent, but also diplomatic. With tact, we need to show them why [something] can or can't work."

Is there anything else you would like to add?

"A concern and heartburn I have had [about the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program] is [that it is] strictly a ground water replacement project that some farmers in the area are not allowed [access to] because they don't have deep well irrigation. They remained dryland farmers over the years while waiting to get water. Now that water is becoming available in the area and often goes through their property, they are not allowed to receive [the program] water since they did not invest in a well and become irrigated farmers."

What should be done about that?

It [would] take a change in policy. The way the current Project was developed was by bringing water to an entire area, and now it is a spot approach. It creates conflict in my own mind. Long-term, we need to eventually complete the Project...we've got so much opportunity here to be a first-class source of food production and agriculture in general, and we must not lose sight of that valuable asset.

In closing...

"It's been a challenge, but it's been one that's been very rewarding over the years and something I'm really proud to be a part of." 



Alice Parker and Ike Parker harvesting beets. Photo taken in late 1970s.



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MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS AT RECLAMATION IN JUNE

In June, the Bureau of Reclamation and local partners celebrated the Reclamation's 120th anniversary year and the 81st anniversary of Lake Roosevelt's first fill. A private event to recognize these milestones were hosted at Grand Coulee Dam, and League representatives in attendance included Board Chair Dale Pomeroy, Vice Chair Jon Erickson, Executive Committee member Michele Kiesz, and Executive Director Sara Higgins. "It is an honor to celebrate with our partners as we wrap up Reclamation's 120th anniversary year at Grand Coulee Dam, Reclamation's largest multipurpose project's main feature," said Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton. "Partnerships like the ones demonstrated today will continue to benefit the American public throughout the next 120 years."

As the nation's largest wholesale water supplier, Reclamation is an important part of many communities in the West by delivering 10 trillion gallons of water to more than 31 million people each year. Reclamation owns 491 dams and operates 338 reservoirs across 17 western states. The Columbia Basin Project is critically important to the northwest communities that it supports. This project provides irrigation water to about 680,000 acres of land.

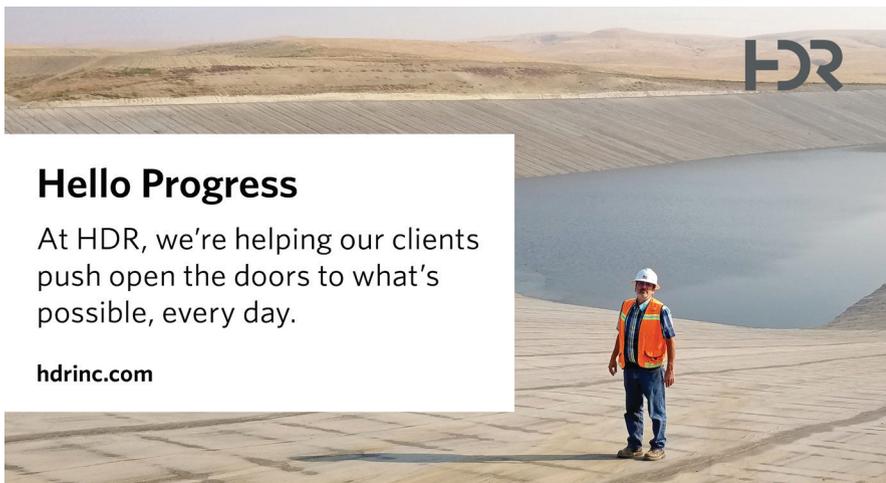
Approximately 50 percent of Reclamation's dams were built between 1900 and 1950, and approximately 90 percent of the dams were built before adoption of currently used, state-of-the-art design and construction practices. Grand Coulee Dam and the Left Powerhouse were constructed between 1933 and 1941. The dam comprises three major hydroelectric power generating plants and a pump generating plant. The facilities provide power generation, irrigation, flood control, stream flow regulation for fish migration, navigation, and recreation. The economic values of the Columbia Basin Project include irrigated crops valued at \$1.2 billion annually, hydropower production of approximately \$500 million annually, and the prevention of more than \$206 million in flood damages since 1950. 



A united front: League representatives with the CBP's three irrigation district managers, USBR Pacific Northwest Regional Director Carrington, and USBR Commissioner Touton.



Reclamation's employees gather in front of Grand Coulee Dam with Pacific Northwest Regional Director Carrington and Commissioner Touton.



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2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OUTCOMES: A SUMMARY AND MULTIPLE WINS FOR CBP

State appropriations during the 2023 legislative session included significant funding for the Columbia Basin Project (“CBP”) and represented the largest biennial appropriations for the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (“OGWRP”) yet. Legislator advocates are applauded for the great work they have done.

The Washington Legislature writes three new biennial budgets in every even-numbered year. The Operating, Capital and Transportation budgets provide the funds for the Legislature’s policies that operate state agencies and programs, construct infrastructure, and provide for the State’s transportation needs. In addition to enacting spending plans, legislators consider well over 1,500 bills that propose changes to the laws that govern the State.

The Columbia Basin Development League’s (“League”) legislative program is focused solely on budgets and policies that impact the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s CBP, unlike a farm organization which has a much broader scope of interests. The foundation of the Columbia Basin Project is delivery of water supplies for agricultural production across about 1,000 square miles of Washington. As a result, the League pays close attention to bills that are introduced that affect the water laws we operate under. State laws governing the use of a limited resource are closely monitored by a large array of other stakeholders in addition to the League. This results in a very limited ability to make significant changes to these statutes.

The 2023 session was no different. While a number of water-related bills were introduced, only three were enacted, making minor changes that did not impact water uses within the boundary of the CBP.

The primary budget focus for the CBP is on Capital Budget appropriations for the Department of Ecology’s Columbia River Water Management Program, also known as the Office of Columbia River (“OCR”). Among numerous other objectives, including within the CBP, this program manages the State’s efforts to replace deep well irrigation of over 87,000 acres in the Odessa Ground Water Subarea with Columbia Basin Project surface water supplies. The program is the State partner in the collaborative effort with East Columbia Basin Irrigation District and the Bureau of Reclamation. Since the effort began in 2006, the State has appropriated over \$130 million to accomplish this goal.

The OGWRP has had the support of the Governor and Department of Ecology since its inception and has been included in every Capital Budget the Governor has proposed. Legislator advocates have built on that starting point and many times have provided increases to the initial proposal through the legislative process.

FIRST WIN DEVELOPS IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET

The OCR, at the beginning of the 2023 Capital Budget process, proposed funding to continue the implementation process of OGWRP. Additional funding was proposed to continue work on the Pasco Basin ground water rulemaking, for mitigation of OGWRP impacts, and for other benefits to the CBP and OGWRP.

The OCR proposal, when taken together with all of their other Columbia River Basin projects, totaled \$49 million. The Governor through his Office of Financial Management pared the proposal back to just over \$43 million and submitted that to the Legislature in December to begin the budget development process.

The League and others began lobbying legislators in favor of funding at this point, then CBP advocates in the Legislature took over. The work was led by Senators Mark Schoesler and Judy Warnick and Representatives Mary Dye and Tom Dent. Other legislators from the 9th, 13th and 15th Districts played strong supporting roles in the final outcome as well. Senator Schoesler used his position as the Ranking Minority Member for Capital Budget on the Senate Ways and Means Committee to make significant additions to the funding for the OGWRP in the bill that passed the Senate. Schoesler focused on actions that will “get water on the ground” as soon as possible. He worked with East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Development Coordinator Jon Erickson to craft proviso language to focus funding on construction of new distribution systems. He also made sure that funding was included for finishing action necessary to utilize the Potholes Feed Route.

The House Capital Budget Committee developed its own approach to the Capital Budget, adopting for the most part the original, lesser proposal that had been made by the Governor.

The competing versions were the subject of Senate-House negotiations to reconcile the differences. The League reached out to Rep. Mike Steele, the Ranking Minority Member on the House Capital Budget Committee Capital Budget Committee to request support of the Senate version, and he indicated his intention to do so. Rep. Dye also stepped in to connect Jon Erickson with Rep. Mike Steele. The League also organized a joint letter to Rep. Tharinger, the Chair and Rep. Steele in support of the Senate version of the budget.

When the final compromise was reached, the Senate version was adopted. This represents the largest biennial appropriation for the OGWRP.

Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program	\$32,800,000
Odessa mitigation	\$600,000
Potholes Supplemental Feed Route	\$1,700,000
Columbia Basin CD Implementation of Odessa GWRP	\$500,000
BOR Design and Review	\$850,000
Pasco Basin Water Supply (508-14)	\$400,000
Total	\$36,850,000

SECOND WIN DEVELOPS IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Another key accomplishment was the addition of funding in the Transportation Budget, which will provide matching funds for East Low Canal bridge improvements for five of eight county road bridges crossing the widened canal. The bridges must be replaced, but there was not a logical funding pathway since the bridges are not deficient. Federal funding of the Sackmann Road bridge was secured by Senator Murray in the FY 2023 budget, but required a local match. Legislative advocates again went to work to provide the local match funding for the Sackmann Road bridge and an additional four bridges that Adams and Grant Counties are seeking Federal funding to construct. \$4,150,000 is provided in the Transportation Budget for matching funds. Along with the League, County Commissioners in Adams and Grant Counties played a key role in securing these funds, led by Commissioner Dan Blankenship and Danny Stone, respectively. 

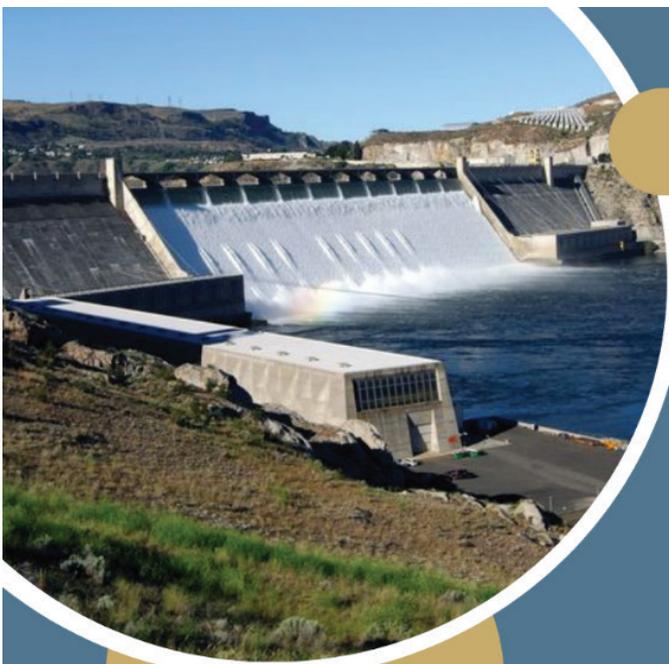
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Columbia Basin Development League poses in front of the U.S. Capitol Building.

In May, the Columbia Basin Development League coordinated a DC fly-in to advocate for the Columbia Basin Project. In a demonstrated partnership, the League was joined by Columbia Basin Conservation District Executive Director, Kristina Ribellia, who rounded out the traveling delegation that also included League Board Chair, Dale Pomeroy, Sr. Ag Operations Specialist, Michael Dixon of Lamb Weston, League Executive Director Sara Higgins, and League Director of Government Relations, Mike Schwisow.

The group met with Congressman Newhouse, representatives from the offices of Senators Murray and Cantwell and Congresswomen McMorris Rodgers and Gluesenkamp Perez, NRCS Associate Chief and Director Astrid Martinez and Regional Conservationist Astor Boozer, Reclamation Deputy Commissioner Mike Brain and Regional Director Jennifer Carrington, and professional committee staff for the Senate and House Ag Committees as well as the House Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries.

Focus was on policy favorable to Columbia Basin Project water delivery and advancement of the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP). Listed below are some of the League's key talking points, which often mirrored Project irrigation district positions.

COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT PRIORITIES

Whether through maintenance of facilities, development of artificially stored groundwater, protection of the Project, or future development, there are a number of different needs to be addressed in overall Project advocacy. The League will bring the following specific requests to policymakers as they relate to the Project:

- **Maintain the Columbia Basin Project budget line item in Reclamation's overall budget to ensure adequate funding for current projects**
- **Proceed with timely, favorable rulemaking for the Pasco Basin Ground Water Program in order to maximize efficient use of Project water by tapping accumulated groundwater mounds**
- **Urge Reclamation to explore settlement with the Colville Confederated Tribes as an alternative to adjudication of Lake Roosevelt, acknowledging that adjudication may necessarily result in inclusion of the entire Columbia River**
- **Support a fair and equitable outcome of a modernized Columbia River Treaty with assurance to Northwest irrigators that flows and levels will be maintained to protect irrigation water rights**
- **Support Reclamation assignment of staff and allocation of funds to initiate a Columbia Basin Project Completion Study**



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NRCS AND THE ODESSA GROUND WATER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The East Columbia Basin Irrigation District was awarded Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding to develop a Watershed Plan that will help achieve the objectives of the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP). NRCS manages a program called the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO or PL-566). The program is gaining attention from irrigation districts across the Western United States as a mechanism to help modernize aging infrastructure and provide benefits to farmers and ranchers.

As the next Farm Bill is developed, the League has adopted East Columbia Basin Irrigation District messaging and urges support for and improvements of the WFPO to meet needs:

- **Modernize the WFPO program to streamline the review process for Watershed Plans and provide more transparency from NRCS about its administration of the program**
- **Raise the statutory cap for required Congressional approval of projects from \$25 million to \$50 million**
- **Increase annual mandatory funding by \$25 million to a total of \$75 million annually for the WFPO program**
- **Prioritize annual WFPO funding towards projects that provide multi-benefit to agricultural producers; environment; and local, rural communities**
- **Reauthorize the Farm Bill in a timely manner**

There is a movement to centralize decision-making within NRCS headquarters; however, this minimizes the critical role State Conservationists play in assessing projects. Maintaining local control over the WFPO decision-making process is important to ensuring that the program is utilized in the most efficient manner possible in each state.

- **Give statutory authority to NRCS State Conservationists to review and determine best course of action for watershed plans and projects that will be implemented in their respective states.**

Also, within NRCS, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land. An appreciated program in the Western U.S., in recent years, OGWRP landowners along with the Columbia Basin Conservation District have explored RCPP funding opportunities to help meet requirements for OGWRP water delivery. The League has adopted Family Farm Alliance messaging to improve program accessibility for those landowners:

- **Reduce administrative burdens and increase effectiveness of the RCPP by adopting the granting and contracting processes of the successful Conservation Innovation Grant's On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials program, simplifying eligibility, and expediting fund delivery to projects**

Finally, NRCS Technical Assistance is in high demand, as OGWRP landowners and producers across the Western U.S. navigate contracting and compliance. Again, the League is aligned with Family Farm Alliance messaging for requested improvements:

- **Ensure an adequate and durable funding source is available for this critical activity. Additionally, improvements to the Technical Service Provider certification process should be considered.**

A recent scientific analysis by The Freshwater Trust has documented reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through irrigation conservation actions, but currently, irrigation districts don't qualify for the Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Program.

- **Seek the addition of Irrigation Conservation Standard Practices (CSP) to those currently meeting the eligibility criteria for participation in the Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Program. Funding provided through the Inflation Reduction would then be available to the CBP Irrigation Districts for conservation activities.**

FUNDING FOR THE ODESSA GROUND WATER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

In recent months, the League has advocated on multiple fronts for funding and related support of various OGWRP projects. Specifically, the League requests:

- **Support for previously submitted Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding requests for four OGWRP Bridge improvement projects in Grant and Adams Counties in this fiscal year.**
- **Report language in the 2024 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill that urges Reclamation to prioritize OGWRP**
- **\$13 million for construction of one OGWRP distribution system that is not subject to reimbursement since the system is a temporary, public interest project to address aquifer depletion and job retention.** 



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CONGRESSIONALLY-DIRECTED SPENDING, COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS FOR OGWRP BRIDGES IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER CBP BENEFIT

Earlier this year, the Columbia Basin Development League worked closely with Adams and Grant counties, multiple stakeholders, and key congressional offices to submit FY 24 earmark requests—known as Congressional Directed Spending in the Senate and Community Project Funding in the House—to address needed bridge improvements at East Low Canal crossings.

Bridges improvements are a critical part of the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program (OGWRP). As part of OGWRP, the East Low irrigation Canal has been widened to accommodate additional water deliveries to deep well irrigators awaiting surface water. However, areas of the canal around existing bridges have not yet been widened and act as a bottle neck, posing health and safety risks if the canal were to operate at intended OGWRP capacity. Ultimately, a total of eight remaining county road bridges in Grant and Adams Counties must be lengthened to alleviate the risks and prevent curtailment of water contracts, starting with municipal and industrial users.

In response to submitted requests, Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers advanced a \$3,978,000 request for Booker Road bridge in Adams County, Senator Murray advanced a \$3,888,000 request for Road W bridge in Grant County, and Senators Murray and Cantwell also advanced a request for approximately \$1.5 million for preliminary engineering and design for a multi-bridge replacement project, paving the way for additional bridge improvements to follow Road W and Booker Road.

Additionally, Senator Cantwell advanced a \$600,000 request for a John W. Keys III Pump Generating Plant Study to document and address issues related to aquatic habitat and flood hazards.

The requests are now subject to the appropriations process, which could still take several months to complete. In the meantime, appreciation is extended to members of the Washington Congressional delegation who are repeatedly demonstrating their support for the Columbia Basin Project and OGWRP. 



NRCS CHIEF TOURS OGWRP WATERSHED

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief Terry Cosby joined approximately 30 invited guests for a tour of the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP) in June. The tour was jointly organized by the Columbia Basin Conservation District (CBCD) and the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID). In support, the Columbia Basin Development League attended, represented by Executive Director Sara Higgins.

Besides Chief Cosby, dignitaries and participants on the tour included Astor Boozer, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regional conservationist for the West Region; Roylene Comes-At-Night,

Washington State conservationist; Chris Duke, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Columbia-Cascades Area Office Manager, Washington State Representatives Tom Dent, Mary Dye and Joe Schmick, Washington State Senator Judy Warnick, Director Derek Sandison of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Tom Tebb of Washington State Department of Ecology's Office of the Columbia River, Rich Burrell of Lamb Weston, Ken Dey of J.R. Simplot, Washington State Potato Commission's Executive Director Chris Voigt, landowners, and others.

In 2022, several partners initiated the OGWRP watershed planning effort. The funding for this effort was made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL-566). The allocation of federal funding comes through the NRCS to ECBID to develop a watershed plan that will assist in obtaining future funding for the design and construction of the OGWRP's remaining large infrastructure projects. ECBID has partnered with the CBCD to facilitate the watershed plan.

"NRCS is playing an increasingly important role in implementing solutions for the declining aquifer and specifically the OGWRP. Chief Cosby's visit to OGWRP illustrates the agency's commitment to advancing efforts and we couldn't be more grateful for their support," explained Kristina Ribellia, Executive Director of the Columbia Basin Conservation District and one of the organizers of the tour. [B](#)



NRCS Chief Cosby addresses tour attendees as Ecology's OCR Director Tom Tebb (L) and WSDA Director Derek Sandison (R) look on.



3 Generations of Swinger Family: Dennis Swinger Sr. explains the value of surface water at the family's 47.5 turnout as grandson Brandon (L) and son Dennis Jr. (R) listen.



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The Columbia Basin Project includes nearly 300,000 thousand acres still waiting for Project water. What would it actually take for those acres to be irrigated? Is it even feasible today?

Gain a better understanding of what Project completion would entail, including the what, why, who, and how, at a series of upcoming Columbia Basin Project Community Convening meetings:

Meeting 1, on Monday, October 2, will revisit the importance of the CBP, including a brief history and current benefits, as well as explore what full completion means and why some people are in favor and others are opposed or indifferent.

Meeting 2 on Thursday, October 17, will explore the step-by-step process for Project completion, including requirements that would need to be met, who would need to be involved and what their role would be, and the dollars and financing mechanisms that would be needed.

Both meetings will start at 9am in Moses Lake and repeat at 2:30pm in Pasco. There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP will be requested. Stay tuned for more info. [B](#)

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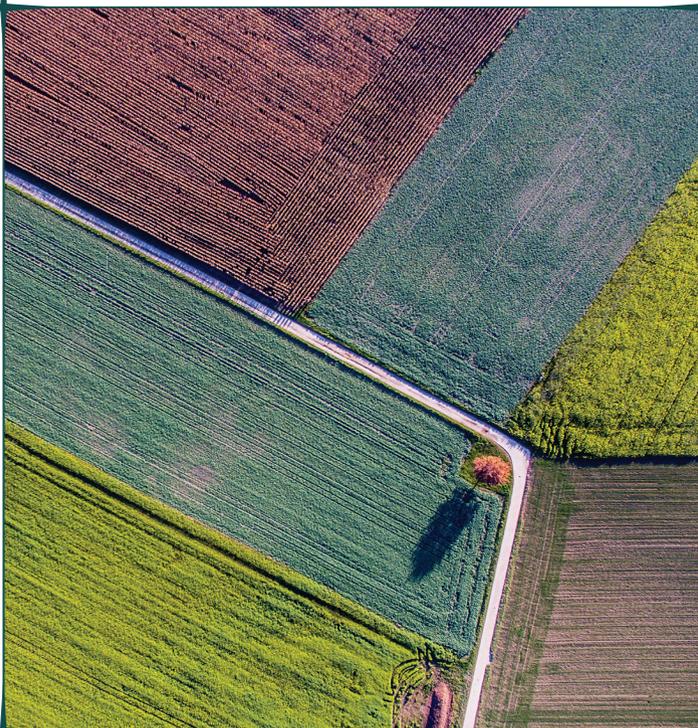
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The Perseverance Award signifies someone who successfully showcases the ability to carry on and complete a task no matter how hard it may be. The recipient of this award will accurately demonstrate the ability to fight regardless of the odds.

The Honorary Life Member Award goes to someone who demonstrates support of the Project and its development with dedication to efforts that advance the Project, regardless of whether they are involved with the League.

Do these award descriptions bring someone to mind? Nominate them now and allow them to get the recognition they deserve at the CBDL 59th annual meeting on November 14!

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