

**BY-LAWS
of the
COLUMBIA BASIN DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Columbia Basin Development League.

Section 2. The objectives of this League shall be:

a.) To seek appropriations for the continued orderly development of the Columbia Basin Project.

b.) To press for the maintenance of the “Schedule of Development” as contained herein or as amended due to circumstances unknown at the time of formation of this League.

c.) To discuss and act upon any and all programs consistent with policy, particularly as they apply to the entire project.

d.) To make recommendations to and follow up contracts with State and Federal legislative bodies and agencies relating to full multi-purpose development.

e.) To develop a spirit of cooperation and understanding between communities, irrigation districts and all other agencies concerned with the overall development of the Columbia Basin Project area to the end that unified project-wide support of these objectives is obtained.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this League shall be open to all individuals, companies, corporations, partnerships, agencies, organizations or any entity having an interest in the development of the Columbia Basin Project and the area it generally describes.

ARTICLE III – DUES

Section 1. Dues shall be set by the Executive Committee for approval by the board. The League shall conduct its business on a calendar year basis.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this League shall be a chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined into one office.

Section 2. To hold office an individual must represent a group or organization which has paid dues or who has himself individually paid dues through the current year as set forth in Article III, Section 1. Each group or organization is limited to one representative who may hold office.

Section 3. All officers shall hold office for one year. There shall be no limit to the number of years a member shall hold office with the exception of the chair and vice-chair, who shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees may be made up of one member from each incorporated community within the limits of the Columbia Basin Project, plus members at large so that a cross section of labor, industry, agricultural processing, transportation, the professions, utilities, merchandising interests, construction and other pertinent to the orderly development of the Columbia Basin Project, shall be represented. The maximum number who can serve at any one time shall be 30 with a minimum of 20. Trustee terms will be for three years. Trustees that miss three consecutive meetings, with no excuse, are subject to removal by vote of the remaining trustees.

Section 5. The Executive Committee purpose is to govern and provide leadership for the activities and function of the Columbia Basin Development League. The committee will be comprised of up to 9 individuals from the Trustees of the League. The committee shall include the Immediate Past Chair, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer with the remaining positions elected by the trustees. They will each serve a one year term that can be extended.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be appointed by the Chair, or in his absence, the vice-chair, in August of each year a nominating committee consisting of 3 members who shall:

- a.) Select a list of not over 30 nominees for the Board of Trustees who have indicated a willingness to serve for positions as outlined in Article IV, Section 4. The nominating committee shall make a reasonable effort to see adequate representation throughout the Project area.
- b.) Present said list of nominees, duly noting the entity each represents, at the annual meeting.

Section 2. At the first trustee meeting after the annual meeting the trustees shall select officers and the Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to represent the League in all things, shall approve or disapprove any actions of the Executive Committee that in their opinion affect policy, may request the chair and the Executive Committee to take all necessary actions

that generally conform to the objectives of the League. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to determine policy and amend the By-laws of the League.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have authority over all funds of the League, authorize expenditures, shall have authority to hire an executive director, establish an office and determine salaries of its employees, shall select individuals to represent the League at hearings or in any other manner the Executive Committee deems appropriate, shall negotiate with such individuals compensation for such expenses as might be incurred on behalf of the League. In any actions that might in any way conflict that the objectives or purposes of the League, the Executive Committee shall first submit such proposed action to the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The chair, or in his absence, the vice-chair, or in his absence, the secretary, or in his absence the treasurer, shall preside at all meeting of the League, including the Board and the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The secretary shall oversee the process of taking minutes, the sending out of notices and agendas for meetings, coaching staff about proper procedure, validating the accuracy of minutes before they are sent to the full board, and ensuring that the minutes are safely archived.

Section 5. The treasurer shall oversee the financial records of the organization and ensures that the board regularly receives complete financial statements of the condition of the organization.

Section 6. The chair shall have the authority to appoint such other committees as the Executive Committee deems necessary to carry out the objectives of the League.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill vacancies in both the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee.

Section 8. The Executive Committee and other duly authorized committees of the League shall invite to serve in a consulting capacity the Project Manager of the Bureau of Reclamation, state legislators, county commissioners, irrigation districts, public utility districts, and others who might aid the League in the fulfillment of its objectives.

Section 9. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to create and bestow honorary life memberships and Trustee Emeritus positions on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the League shall be held during the month of October or November of each year at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held monthly.

Section 3. Any 10 members of the Board of Trustees may request a special meeting, submitted in writing, or may, in event of inaction by the chair call such meeting themselves after the expiration of the 30 days. Any meeting so called will have full authority attributed to the Board of Trustees in Article VI, Section 1.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary during the year at a time and place it so desires. A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the chair or at the request of any three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. A quorum for meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall be a simple majority.

Section 6. All meetings shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR TRUSTEES

Section 1. Any officer or director may be removed from office by a majority vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting of the membership. Notice of proposed removal must be given to the officer or director at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting at which such removal is to be voted upon. Such notice to the officer or director must state the cause for the proposed removal.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of the League, Trustees shall not make or alter bylaws fixing their qualifications, classifications, terms of office or compensation unless approval is first given by the membership at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose.

Section 2. All other bylaw changes may be made by a majority vote of those present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the membership provided 20 days advance notice is given to the membership.

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