

2023 CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 a.m.

CHECK IN

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

- **Sara Higgins**, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Development League
 - **Jon Erickson**, MC and Vice Chair, Columbia Basin Development League
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OPENING KEYNOTE

- **Dan Keppen**, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, OR
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A VIEW FROM THE CANALS

- **John O'Callaghan**, Secretary-Manager, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco
 - **Roger Sonnichsen**, Secretary-Manager Manager, Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Quincy
 - **Craig Simpson**, Secretary-Manager, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello
 - **Clyde Lay**, Deputy Field Office Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata
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THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE PROJECT'S WATER RIGHTS: WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

- **Mike Schwisow**, Principal, Schwisow and Associates, Olympia
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11:35 a.m.

LUNCH BUFFET & NETWORKING

Invocation offered by **John Moody**, Columbia Basin Development League

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS

Called to order by **Dale Pomeroy**, Chair, Columbia Basin Development League

- Financial Report
- Board Election Outcomes
- Awards and Honors

12:50 p.m.

COLUMBIA RIVER INITIATIVE MOU REVIEW

- **Melissa Downes**, Financial and Projects Section Manager, Office of Columbia River, Department of Ecology
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PASCO BASIN WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

- **Tom Tebb**, Director, Office of the Columbia River, Department of Ecology
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OGWRP UPDATE

Delivery System Updates: An Acceleration Toward Construction with the Largest State Appropriation to-date

- **Jon Erickson**, Development Coordinator, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello

An Update on Bringing USDA Funding to OGWRP

- **Kristina Ribellia**, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Conservation District, Moses Lake

Collaboration with Landowners to Meet On-farm Needs

- **Harold Crose**, Columbia Basin Conservation District, Moses Lake

Presentation of OGWRP Film

FY24 FUNDING

- **Mike Schwisow**, Principal, Schwisow and Associates, Olympia
 - **Gavin Pielow**, Director of Government Affairs, Columbia Basin Development League
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CLOSING KEYNOTE

- **Jennifer Carrington**, Regional Director, Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Boise
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WRAP IT UP

- **Sara Higgins**, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Development League
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4:00 p.m.

SAFE JOURNEY HOME