

2023 Conference

Schedule-at-a-Glance

Purpose

The Columbia Basin Project includes 300,000 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.



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- **Registration Open**
- **Sponsorships Available**
- **Conference**
- **59th Annual Meeting**

About: Since 1964, the Columbia Basin Development League has supported the Bureau of Reclamation's Columbia Basin Project and its future development.

The League is working toward a fully developed Columbia Basin Project that supports a robust regional and state economy and quality of life through efficient, well-maintained, affordable infrastructure and sustainable environmental stewardship.

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9:00am - Welcome

Opening Keynote

~Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, OR

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

The Unique Nature of the Project's Water Rights: What You Thought You Knew

~Mike Schwisow, Principal, Schwisow and Associates, Olympia

Annual Meeting & Awards

Columbia River Initiative MOU Review

~Melissa Downes, Financial and Projects Section Manager, Office of Columbia River, Dept. of Ecology, Union Gap

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Pasco Basin Water Supply Update

Tom Tebb, Director, Office of the Columbia River, Dept. of Ecology, Union Gap

OGWRP Update

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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 the 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 CONFIRMED

~Gavin Pielow, Director of Government Affairs, Columbia Basin Development League

Wrap It Up

~Sara Higgins, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Development League

4:00pm - Safe Journey Home

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