

**COLUMBIA BASIN ADVOCACY GROUP HONORS NEWHOUSE, BOARD MEMBERS**

Congressman Dan Newhouse (R-WA) was honored with a lifetime membership to the Columbia Basin Development League at its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Nov. 5. The Columbia Basin Development League serves as “voice” for the Columbia Basin Project. In accepting the award, Newhouse emphasized his commitment to the work needed to complete the Columbia Basin Project. Newhouse is a third-generation farmer from Sunnyside, a former state legislator and former head of the state’s department of agriculture. Newhouse called the award “a great honor.”

Jake Wollman, Jr., a longtime board member from Warden, was honored with the title of Trustee Emeritus. Wollman is retiring from the board following decades-long service. Wollman first joined the League board in the early 1990s and his service included both treasurer and bookkeeper for the organization.

The League represents the interests of stakeholders in the Columbia Basin and advocates in Washington D.C. Olympia, and locally for continued development and support of the Columbia Basin Project. The largest reclamation project in the U.S., the Columbia Basin Project provides a robust regional and state economy and quality of life through efficient, well-maintained, affordable infrastructure and sustainable environmental stewardship.

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