



## **Moses Lake Watershed Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

In-person/Teleconference  
CBCD Office

903 W. 3rd Ave, Moses Lake, WA 98837

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Call to order - 10:00 AM**

#### **Introduction - R. Sawyer**

**Attendance:** Sam Castro, Harold Crose, Richard Deal, Gina Hoff, Lynne Lynch, Anna Maletzke, Deanna Martinez, Joel Metcalfe, Brad Mitchell, Kristina Ribellia, Ron Sawyer, Ty Swartout, Ryan Van Goethem, Gene Welch, Beth Yonko.

#### **Update on The Phosphorus Mitigation Project - Ryan Van Goethem**

EutroPHIX is preparing a 2024 report on the Phosphorus Mitigation Project, which should be completed in about a month. EutroPHIX is working with CBCD and MLIRD to plan the implementation of the remaining totes in 2025.

#### **Council Member Reports/Updates - (All)**

##### **City of Moses Lake - Deanna Martinez**

The last city council meeting focused on water and included a discussion about a proposed development near Moses Lake that may use lake water for irrigation.

##### **Grant County Health District - Ron Sawyer on behalf of GCHD**

The Grant County Healthy Lakes Blue-Green Algae Tracker will resume in June. MLWC has funding to support staffing for the program for the next few years.

##### **Grant County Tourism - Lynne Lynch**

Paramount Pictures will be filming in Grand Coulee and is seeking local actors to participate. MLWC will be distributing a survey about Moses Lake and has asked Grant County Tourism to assist in sharing it.



### **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Gina Hoff**

No new updates.

### **Washington Department of Ecology - Joel Metcalfe**

Jordan Bauer, hatchery permitter at Trout Lodge, has been invited to present at the next MLWC meeting. All Trout Lodge water sampling data is publicly available. There are no new updates regarding cattle on state property at the north end of the lake. Efforts are ongoing to determine the best course of action.

### **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife - No updates**

### **Citizen Representative - Ty Swartout**

The 2025 Moses Lake Carp Classic is scheduled for May 17th, 2025 at Connelly Park in Moses Lake.

### **Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District - Sam Castro**

The MLIRD board election results were discussed. Richard Teals is the new president, Joe Ketterer is the vice president, and the board directors are Chris Dexter, Chuck Perry, and newly elected director Sam Dart. The MLIRD board will meet to discuss short and long-term goals. For 2025, MLIRD has planned an aquatic vegetation treatment and is working to identify a location for the treatment. Funding will be pursued through NRCS. A lakeshore cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, from 8 AM to noon, and volunteers are needed.

### **Columbia Basin Conservation District - Ron Sawyer**

MLWC meeting minutes are now being recorded and will be posted on the MLWC website. The Moses Lake Water Quality Survey will be shared in the next few days and is asking council members to assist with the distribution of the survey. MLWC is working on updating the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan and has identified a contractor to assist with the updates. MLIRD has requested to review and approve edits to the document and the plan.

### **Septic Tank Ranking System Update - Harold Crose**

The septic tank ranking criteria include factors such as soil types, the last time a septic tank was managed, and whether it is still functioning. These factors help assess the ranking and document where each applicant fits within the system. Once the application



period ends, the applications will be evaluated and ranked accordingly. The announcement of accepted applications is estimated to be made on February 1st. The results of the ranking system will be shared at the next MLWC meeting. Gene Welch provided information on septic tank drain fields to the group.

**Meeting Adjourned - 11:16 AM**

Next Meeting February, 18, 2025  
10:00 AM to Noon  
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