



Moses Lake Watershed Council Meeting

Tues., October 15, 2024 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

In-person/Teleconference
CBCD Office
903 W. 3rd Ave, Moses Lake, WA 98837

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AGENDA

10:00 am - Introduction by R. Sawyer

10:05 am - Update on The Phosphorus Mitigation Project by Ryan Van Goethem

10:30 am - Council Member Reports/Updates (10min/organization) (All)

- a. Grant County Health District
- b. Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District
- c. Columbia Basin Conservation District
- d. WA State Department of Ecology
- e. US Bureau of Reclamation
- f. Grant County Tourism
- g. Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
- h. City of Moses Lake
- i. Citizen Representative

11:30 am - Project Updates by R. Sawyer

- a. Pothole Supplemental Feed Route Project
- b. North End Fencing Project
- c. Westshore Sewer Project

11:45 am - DOE Project Updates by Joel Metcalfe

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Meeting Minutes

Call to order - 10:01 a.m.

Introduction - R. Sawyer

Attendance:

Ron Sawyer, Joel Metcalfe, Ty Swartout, Joe Ketterer, Sam Castro, Beth Yonko, Gina Hoff, Brad Mitchell, Jim Coleman, Lynne Lynch, Stephanie Shopbell, Elisia Dalluge, Deanna Martinez, Kristina Ribellia, Harold Crose, Anna Maletzke, Ryan Van Goethem, Gene Welch

Update on The Phosphorus Mitigation Project - Ryan Van Goethem

Ryan Van Goethem from EutroPHIX provided a data update on the Phosphorus Mitigation Project at Rocky Ford Creek. He reported that phosphorus levels in the lake have decreased during the operation of their system. The system will continue running through mid-October, at which time the treatment is expected to be completed. By then, a total of 13 totes of EutroSORB WC will have been applied to Rocky Ford Creek, with seven totes remaining. These remaining totes are planned for use at Drumheller Dam next year. CBCD, MLIRD, and EutroPHIX are working together to develop a plan for the application of the remaining seven totes in the upcoming year.

Council Member Reports/Updates - (All)

Grant County Health District - Stephanie Shopbell

Advisories have been lifted for all areas of Moses Lake, except for the southern advisories, which include the sand dunes and the north and south outlet dams. This is due to a persistent bloom at the north outlet. The Grant County Health District will continue to



conduct toxin sampling before lifting the advisory. The Grant County Healthy Lakes Blue-Green Algae Tracker program has concluded for the season, with plans to resume in late June or early July of next year.

Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District - Sam Castro

MLIRD is working on project development for the \$500,000 NRCS grant that they have been awarded. An application has been submitted for an additional \$5 million to be used for phosphorus mitigation projects. There has been significant public interest in the district's water right and the ongoing collaboration with the City of Moses Lake to convey irrigation water. Sam discussed the need for better representation at the state and federal level referring to successful past advocacy efforts.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Gina Hoff

No new updates from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Potholes Supplemental Feed Route project is currently on hold.

Grant County Tourism - Lynne Lynch

No new updates.

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

No new updates.

City of Moses Lake - Brad Mitchell

Progress is being made on the city's stormwater management plan. The city is working on grant management tasks and hopes to secure further grants that will assist with capital improvement projects that will address the treatment of phosphorus, nitrogen, and heavy metals in the lake. The projects will also tackle stormwater runoff. The City of Moses Lake has identified a \$100,000 budget for the Westshore Drive Septic to Sewer project. City of Moses Lake Councilwoman Deanna Martinez will be tracking the city budget request and reporting back to the Moses Lake Watershed Council.

Citizen Representative - Ty Swartout

Citizens have noticed a positive change in the water quality on the north end of the lake and have seen less algae than in previous years. The day for the 2025 Moses Lake Carp Classic is set for Saturday, May 17th, 2025.



Project Updates - R. Sawyer

Potholes Supplemental Feed Route

This project is currently on hold for two reasons: cultural resource surveys are being conducted and engineering work is being completed to reroute water past the Trout Lodge Fish Hatchery. The Bureau of Reclamation reports that water in upper Crab Creek near Stratford is the result of irrigation deliveries not associated with the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route.

Westshore Sewer Project

The grant application is due today, Tuesday, October 15th for \$500,000 from Ecology. This grant will cover construction costs from the road edge to existing septic tanks and will target 10-20 homes on the lake. This is a two-part project. The first part is funded by the DOE 2024 Non-Point grant and will cover the engineering costs from Western Pacific Engineering. The work being done is a partnership with Grant County, the City of Moses Lake, and the Columbia Basin Conservation District. The next meeting for this will be held on October 17th with team leaders.

WA State Department of Ecology - Joel Metcalfe

A North End Fencing Project is being discussed. Ecology is working with the Department of Natural Resources, the Lessee, and the Columbia Basin Conservation District to develop a budget for fencing to restrict cattle from entering north Moses Lake.

Meeting Adjourned - 11:23 a.m.

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