

Minutes - March 20, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby–Fiske Room, 1912 Center in Moscow or via Zoom
(Contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

Attendees: Tyler Barton, Kent Keller, Mac Cantrell, Marilyn Von Seggern, Lynn Weaver, Andrika Kuhle, Leonard Garrison, Judy Meuth, Bill Engels, Shannon Scott, Steve Flint, Paul Spencer, Simon Smith, Francy Bose, Mary DuPree, Trish Hartzell, Ian Schlater, Emmanuel Osei-Bonsu, Lauren Niriger

Values Statement: We are committed to working towards fair, effective, and enduring policies to address climate change, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

Announcements

- Earth Day/Week
 - Pizza for the Planet, April 22, 2025, 12-4pm, Ruby Street Park, Pullman
 - CCL Earth Day presentation at Bishop Place, April 23, 2:00pm, Pullman
 - Good Food Co-op Stream Cleanup – Sat, April 26, 10:00-12:00, City Playfields at 820 SE South St. <https://www.pullmangoodfoodcoop.com/events>
 - Earth Day Event, April 26, Moscow's East City Park, sponsored by Inland North Waste
- Webinar by climate investor and activist Tom Steyer. March 27, 2025, 4:00 PM. Come learn about why local climate action is critical. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Hands Off! Protests — April 5, 12-2 in Pullman's Cougar Plaza and 11-1 in Moscow's Friendship Square Make your own signs (sponsored by Indivisible)
- Statewide ID CCL call - Sam Daley-Harris, author of Reclaiming our Democracy, Zoom <https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/6382303221>, Meeting ID: 638 230 3221.
- AARP-sponsored Town Hall with ID Senator Mike Crapo, March 25, 12-1 pm. Call 866-767-0637 to join or listen at [AARP Idaho's Facebook page](#).
- WA Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Community Meeting. April 1, 5:30PM – 7:00PM, WSU Lewis Alumni Center, Pullman. Give input on the state's new Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and its strategies to meet WA's climate goals for 2030 and beyond,. Contact Tyler Hughes tyler.hughes@commerce.wa.gov with any questions. [Registration to attend the WA Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Community Meeting](#)
- Fossil Free WSU, March 25th, at 5-6 pm in the Compton Union Building (CUB) 406 and online: [tps://wsu.zoom.us/j/98199778563?pwd=fJ3MQLgd9a8yozcBbsY0VuS3ru7Hf4.1](https://wsu.zoom.us/j/98199778563?pwd=fJ3MQLgd9a8yozcBbsY0VuS3ru7Hf4.1) Bill E. described the current legal strategy being used to push for divestment.
- Washington state transmission bills - HB 1673 and HB 1819 in the Washington State Legislature could significantly stabilize Washington's fragile energy infrastructure and enable more green energy. Email/call your State Reps and State Senators in support of these two bills at <https://leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/bills/how-to-comment-on-a-bill/>

Climate Activism Workshop — Simon

Planning for this hands-on activism workshop for high school students is ongoing.

CCL Greater Pacific Northwest Conference Report – Judy described talks by former WA Gov. Inslee, climate scientist and activist Katherine Hayhoe, and sessions on permitting reform, youth team action, electrification fairs, and healthy forests priorities. The conference was a great place to learn, network, take action ... and it was fun!

Current Congressional actions affecting CCL agenda – Leonard reported that a continuing budget resolution passed the House and Senate and is effective until Sept. 30. General allotments don't change, but the resolution is very general, so the president will have leeway. There will be a \$4.5 trillion tax cut, so some programs will have to be reduced or cut entirely.

Scientific Literacy and Student Activism on Climate: Lauren Nirider, WSU Ph.D. candidate. Washington is in an energy crisis – we are using more than we regularly are producing and the demand is going up. Scientific literacy involves understanding fundamental literacy, knowledge, epistemology, relevance, and solutions. It is not just what you know, but also what you do about scientific issues (for example, new nuclear, wind farms, etc.). Lauren surveyed first year WSU students to gauge their scientific literacy. A higher rate of literacy was correlated with factors including greater concern about climate change (regardless of political stance) and more affluent and urban school districts. Lauren recommends that schools ground science education in local issues, educators support student learning, and educators use local scientists and other experts in their teaching.

Lobbying Congress - Ian reported on March meetings with ID's Senator Risch and Senator Crapo in Washington DC that focused on retention of the Inflation Reduction Act clean energy tax credits. Kent reported on a March town hall with Rep. Baumgartner, WA 05. We didn't get to ask a climate related question. Baumgartner identified himself as an "Article 1 kind of guy", referring to Congress being the first branch of government created by the Constitution.

National Actions from CCL

- Write a letter to your MOC for Spring drop-offs - Mary
- Defend the Inflation Reduction Act clean energy investments in other ways - Judy
- Make a monthly donation to national CCL: 4 to 1 match through May cclusa.org/donate-march-25

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian S.(Senator Risch), Mac (Senator Crapo, ID), Judy (Rep.Michael Baumgartner, WA)
- **National CCL Initiatives: local team leaders:**
 - **Carbon Pricing:** Carbon Border Adjustments– Margaret Davis (lead)
 - **Building Electrification and Efficiency**—Mary DuPree and Mac Cantrell (leads)
 - **Healthy Forests**—Leonard Garrison (lead)
 - **Permitting Reform**
- **Pullman City** –Marilyn Von Seggern
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree
 - Saving Green Columns
- **Tabling** – Simon Smith
- **Agriculture and rural issues**—Judy Meuth, Bill Voxman, Kathy Dawes
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth; Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** –
- **Presentations** – Simon Smith, Judy Meuth

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call on the 3rd Saturday of the month on CCL Community
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send photos and info about CCL and our activities to Margaret Davis

Next meeting April 17, 5:30-7, Community Congregational Church in Pullman

Lobbying action: write a letter to Congress for Spring drop-offs

CCLers nationwide are pulling each of the [Levers of Political Will](#) to bring us closer to our federal climate policy goals. We're asking you to pull the lobbying lever by **writing (preferably by hand!) letters to your member of Congress**. Your [CCL liaisons](#) and other chapter members will take these letters to in-district meetings or drop them off at your members of Congress. The spring in-district work period is April 14-25. Your letters will send a strong signal of local support for important federal climate policies.



Grab a pen and paper! Here are the basic elements we recommend including in your letter:

- Greeting and appreciation
- Brief bio information about yourself
- Your topic and ask (chosen based on who you are writing to — see guidance below)
- Closing and signature

For Republican senators and representatives:

- *Topic:* The Inflation Reduction Act's clean energy tax credits
- *Points you could mention:*
 - Your district or state benefits from the IRA. Specifics here: cclusa.org/defend-IRA-data
 - If applicable, mention how you or people you know have benefitted from the IRA
 - Some Republicans in Congress are speaking up in defense of these clean energy tax credits (examples [here](#) and [here](#)). (If your representative is one, thank them!)
- *Ask:* To keep the clean energy tax credits, specifically [45Y, 48E, 45X, and 48C](#) (Appendix A), in place.

For Democratic senators and representatives:

- *Topic:* Clean energy permitting reform
- *Points you could mention:*
 - To meet our climate targets, we must build clean energy faster. Permitting reform will speed up our ability to build and connect new energy projects.
 - If we don't start building clean energy infrastructure faster, most of the potential climate pollution cuts from the Inflation Reduction Act won't be achievable.
 - Why climate change is important to you and your community
- *Ask:* To work together in Congress to advance clean energy permitting reform.

