



Moses Lake Watershed Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 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 - Ron Sawyer

Attendance: Ron Sawyer, Anna Maletzke, Griffin Hansen, Kristina Ribellia, Harold Crose, Gina Hoff, Stephanie Shopbell, Ridwan Akogun, Joel Metcalfe, Mikahala Waters, Brad Mitchell, Gene Welch, Jordan Bauer, Ty Swartout, Richard Teals, Deanna Martinez

Council Member Reports/Updates - (All)

City of Moses Lake - Brad Mitchell & Deanna Martinez

The Boardwalk Avenue project is underway. Plans include installing a new boardwalk and outfall to the lake at Montlake Park. Public involvement opportunities will be available as the project progresses. The City of Moses Lake is actively working on its Stormwater Comprehensive Plan.

Grant County Health District - Stephanie Shopbell

The Grant County Health District (GCHD) has appointed a new Volunteer Coordinator and will begin recruiting volunteers in June, with volunteer work set to start in July. Additionally, the new GCHD septic ordinance went into effect on February 1, 2025, with some changes taking effect on April 1, 2025. Anyone conducting inspections is required to be certified, and certification is now available through GCHD.

Grant County Tourism - Ron Sawyer on Behalf of Grant County Tourism

Grant County Tourism has assisted with sharing the 2025 Moses Lake Water Quality Survey.



U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Gina Hoff & Ron Sawyer

A groundwater study will take place in April, with monitoring at five locations. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has granted the Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC) permission to collect water samples. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Washington Department of Ecology - Joel Metcalfe

No updates.

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

No updates.

Citizen Representative - Ty Swartout

The 2025 Moses Lake Carp Classic is scheduled for May 17, 2025, at Connelly Park in Moses Lake. In support of the event, Moor Brewing in Moses Lake is launching a special beer, donating \$1.25 to the Carp Classic for every beer sold.

Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District - Richard Teals

A lakeshore cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, from 8 AM to noon, and volunteers are needed. The interlocal agreement has been signed with CBCD and the MLWC.

Columbia Basin Conservation District - Ron Sawyer

The Westshore program has identified 20 participants. Richard Law stated that the city intends to install pipes for all participants while the road is under construction. However, the contractor the city consulted has declined to install more than 100 sewer conversions. The total number of pipes to be installed is still unknown. The city is currently working with the contractor to find a solution.

The water quality survey is currently underway.

The Washington Association of Lake Protection Agencies (WALPA) conference will take place from October 8-10, 2025 at the Hallmark Inn. This event will highlight the work done on the lake over the past year. There will be a presentation on the Algae Tracker, which is the first one in Washington State.



Hatchery presentation - Jordan Bauer

Jordan Bauer provided an update on the Trout Lodge Fish Hatchery in Soap Lake and provided a background on increased monitoring that is being done to reduce phosphorus.

Mikahala Waters - ALTA Science and Engineering Group

ALTA Science and Engineering Group will be assisting with the development of the Columbia Basin Groundwater Cooperative Interactive Web Application. This resource, in partnership with the Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition, will compile past water quality and quantity data alongside ongoing well-monitoring efforts. The app will help track groundwater levels and provide users with information to make more informed decisions about water use and management

Urban Water Efficiency Program - Griffin Hansen

CBCD has launched the Urban Water Efficiency Program, focusing on improving sprinkler systems and irrigation efficiency for residential lawns, parks, and municipal water use in the area. This is a sister program to the Heritage Garden Program. The program offers free water-use assessments, evaluating system health and efficiency. Assessments generate reports and maps detailing water usage. There is potential for a rebate system to support lawn replacement and turf conversion, with efforts underway to secure grant funding to assist with this initiative. The program is currently funded by an NACD grant.

The History of the Moses Lake Watershed Council - Harold Crose

Harold Crose provided the group with a background and brief history of the Moses Lake Watershed Council.

Meeting Adjourned - 11:39 AM

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