

**Columbia River Policy Advisory Group**  
**Thursday April 4, 2024, 9:30am – 1:00pm**  
**Hal Holmes Community Center, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg**  
**+ Online Option**

For those joining online or via phone please use the Zoom info below:

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**AGENDA**

9:30 – 9:45am	Welcome/ Introductions / Hybrid Meeting Orientation <i>-New facilitator, Rob Willis, Ross Strategic</i>
9:45 – 9:55am	Ecology/OCR 2025-2027 Capital Budget Development (concepts) <i>-Tom Tebb, Melissa Downes – OCR</i>
9:55 – 10:25am	2024 Legislative Session Summary <i>WA – Noah Wentzel, Ecology Water Resources Program</i> <i>OR – Chris Kowitz, Oregon Water Resources Department and</i> <i>Anton Chiono, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation</i>
10:25 – 10:55am	Lower Snake River - Irrigation Sector Economic Impacts - Updated Benchmark Study <i>-Darryll Olsen, Columbia Snake River Irrigators Association</i> <i>-Mark Nielsen, Franklin County Conservation District</i>
10:55 – 11:05am	BREAK
11:05 – 11:15am	Washington Association of Counties - Columbia River Caucus Update <i>-Wes McCart – Stevens County Commissioner</i>
11:15 – 11:40am	Columbia River 2024 Forecast and the Columbia River Drought Insurance Program (concepts) & discussion <i>-Scott Turner, Tom Tebb – OCR</i>
11:40 – 11:50	Public Comment
11:50– Noon	<i>Columbia Basin Updates</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OGWRP 2024 proviso and other updates</li> <li>• Pasco Basin 508-14 Rule-Making</li> </ul> <i>Tom Tebb – OCR</i>
Noon – 12:20pm	2024 Drought & Water Supply Conditions <i>-Caroline Mellor, Ecology Water Resources Program</i>
12:20 – 12:30pm	Columbia River Policy Advisory Group membership & vacancies

12:30 – 12:45pm

Wrap Up, Member Announcements, and Adjourn

*Next meeting: July 10, 2024.*