



# Community Convenings

## *Schedule-at-a-Glance*

### *Purpose*

The Columbia Basin Project includes 300,000 acres still waiting for Project water. What would it actually take for those acres to be irrigated? Is it even feasible today? Gain a better understanding of what Project completion would entail, including the, what, why, who, and how.

**Monday, October 2 Meeting 1:** This event will revisit the importance of the CBP, including a brief history and current benefits, as well as explore what full completion means and why some people are in favor and others are opposed or indifferent.

**Tuesday, October 17 Meeting 2:** This event will explore the step-by-step process for Project completion, including requirements that would need to be met, who would need to be involved and what their role would be, and the dollars and financing mechanisms that would be needed.

### Top News

- **Registration Open**
- **Sponsorships Available**
- **2 Meetings**
- **2 Dates/Locations**

The League is working toward a fully developed Columbia Basin Project that supports a robust regional and state economy and quality of life through efficient, well-maintained, affordable infrastructure and sustainable environmental stewardship.



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# PROGRAM FLOW

## 2023 COMMUNITY CONVENINGS

### *Monday, October 2 - Meeting #1*

**Connell, WA**  
**Connell Community Center**  
211 E Elm St, Connell, WA 99326

**9:00am - Welcome and introductions**

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**11:00am - Conclude**

**Pasco, WA**  
**Columbia Valley Grange, #938**  
6300 W Court St #64, Pasco, WA 99301

**2:30pm - Welcome and introductions**

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**4:30am - Conclude**



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#### **Connell, WA**

#### **Connell Community Center**

211 E Elm St, Connell, WA 99326

**9:00am - Welcome and introductions**

**Recap of Meeting #1**

**Who are the players and what are their roles in CBP completion?**

*~John Stuhlmiller, Executive Director, Washington State Water Resources Association*

**Water availability and constraints.**

*~Melissa Downes, Financial and Projects Section Manager, Office of Columbia River, Department of Ecology*

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**10:35am - Closing Comments**

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**4:05pm - Closing Comments**

**4:15pm - Conclude**

## Your Support Matters

Your membership makes our work possible. The League relies primarily on membership for the necessary funds to engage in continuous advocacy and outreach activities in support of the Columbia Basin Project and related initiatives. You make it possible for the League to regularly monitor and shape policy and legislation impacting the Project, and to take action when needed.

