LCRG Annual Meeting
August 20-21, 2018
Butte, Montana

Agenda

Lodging Location
The Hotel Finlen
100 East Broadway Street
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-5461

Meeting Location
Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives
17 West Quartz Street
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 782-3280

Monday, August 20

Breakfast is on your own. Suggested: Park & Main Café, 8 West Park St. (corner of West Park St. & South Main St., 5-minute walk from hotel).

9:00 a.m. Welcome
• Montana Representative Zach Brown, LCRG Chair

9:15 a.m. Balancing Economic Development and Environmental Protection in the Columbia River Basin
• Kristin Meira, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, Portland, Oregon
• Kevin Lewis, Executive Director, Idaho Rivers United, Boise, Idaho

10:15 a.m. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Mitigation
• Thomas Woolf, Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena, Montana
• Bryan Horsburgh, Resource Services Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior, Boise, Idaho

11:15 a.m. Irrigation Modernization and Small Hydro in the Columbia River Basin
• Matthew Swindle, CEO, NLine Energy, El Dorado Hills, California

12:15 p.m. Lunch and State Reports
• LCRG members are invited to share Columbia River Basin-related work taking place in their legislatures and states.

1:15 p.m. Update on the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement
• Sonja Kokos, Environmental Compliance Officer, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, Boise, Idaho
2:00 p.m.  **Cleanup of Toxic Spills and Contaminants**
- Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Spills Program Preparedness Manager, Washington Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington
- Nikia Greene, Remediation Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Helena, Montana
- Joel Chavez, Project Manager, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Helena, Montana

3:00 p.m.  **Butte Area History and Policy Tour**
Montana State Representative Jim Keane and Senator Jon Sesso, along with staff from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will lead a tour of Butte-area Superfund remediation sites, the Berkeley Pit and Uptown Butte. They will discuss the area’s mining history and the impacts of mining and cleanup efforts on the area’s economy and watershed. Transportation is provided by Butte-Silver Bow Transit.

6:00 p.m.  **Group Dinner**
Uptown Café, 47 East Broadway St. (half a block from the hotel)

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**Tuesday, August 21**

7:30 a.m.  **Breakfast**

8:00 a.m.  **Perspectives on the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations**
- Senator Jim Honeyford, Washington
- DR Michel, Executive Director, Upper Columbia United Tribes, Spokane, Washington
- Michael Tehan, Assistant Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, Portland, Oregon

9:00 a.m.  **Power Generation in the Lower Snake River**
- Keegan Moyer, Principal, Energy Strategies, lead author of *Lower Snake River Dams Power Replacement Study*, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Wendy Gerlitz, Policy Director, NW Energy Coalition, Seattle, Washington
- Todd Myers, Environmental Director, Washington Policy Center, Seattle, Washington

10:15 a.m.  **Break**
10:30 a.m.  **The Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force**
- Jennifer Anders, Vice Chair, Northwest Power & Conservation Council, Helena, Montana
- Robert Austin, Fish & Wildlife Director, Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation, Happy Valley, Oregon
- Michael Tehan, Assistant Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, Portland, Oregon

11:30 p.m.  **Lunch**

12:30 p.m.  **Working with Landowners to Protect Watersheds: Challenges and Best Practices**
- Bob Budd, Executive Director, Wyoming Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- Bill Eller, Voluntary Stewardship Program Coordinator, Washington State Conservation Commission, Selah, Washington
- Pedro Marques, Restoration Programs Manager, Big Hole Watershed Committee, Divide, Montana

1:30 p.m.  **LCRG Business**
- Selection of 2018-19 Chair and location of 2019 meeting (Washington)
- Twenty years of the Legislative Council on River Governance and discussion of the future
- Other business.

2:00 p.m.  **Adjourn**

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