2017 Meeting: CSG West Legislative Council on River Governance

July 25, 2017
Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront
1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, Oregon
2:30 to 5:30 PM

Agenda
Location: Columbia Room

2:30-2:40: Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks
Oregon Representative Cliff Bentz, Chair, Legislative Council on River Governance

2:40-3:10: Update on Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion
In 2016, a federal court rejected much of the federal government’s recovery plan for Columbia River salmon and steelhead and gave federal agencies until March 1, 2018 to submit a new plan that complies with federal environmental laws.
John Shurts, General Counsel, Northwest Power and Conservation Council

3:10-4:05: Obtaining and Financing New Water Rights in a Bucket-for-Bucket Era
J.R. Cook, Director & Founder, Northeast Oregon Water Association
Tom Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

4:05-5:00: Creative Water Infrastructure Financing
America’s infrastructure is aging, but repair or replacement is expensive. How can stakeholders at all levels--individual farmers, water districts and state and federal governments—work together to rethink water infrastructure and find new ways to pay for it?
Rhys Roth, Director, the Center for Sustainable Infrastructure at Evergreen State College
Chris Perry, Infrastructure Investment and Management Branch Supervisor, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (by phone)

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5:00-5:30: LCRG Business

- Proposed updates to LCRG rules. (These updates were proposed at the 2016 meeting, but we did not have a quorum.)
- Selection of new LCRG Chair and location of 2018 meeting.
- State reports.
- Other business.

Evening: LCRG Dinner

Sponsored by Umatilla Electric Cooperative and Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

6:10 PM
Meet in Marriott lobby to walk or cab to restaurant (0.8 miles).

6:30 to 8:30 PM
Dinner: Pazzo Ristorante, 627 SW Washington St. (corner of Broadway & Washington), Downtown Portland.

State reports continued, if necessary.

Optional Policy Tour

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Thursday, July 27

Bonneville Dam and Insitu, manufacturer of unmanned aircraft.

See PNWER agenda for complete tour information: www.pnwer.org/2017summit.html.

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