

# CONFERENCE AGENDA - MORNING

**9:00 a.m. Check-in**

**9:45 a.m. Welcome**

Vicky Scharlau, Executive Director, CBDL, Cashmere

Matt Harris, Dir. of Government Affairs & Assistant Executive Director,  
Washington State Potato Commission, Moses Lake

**10:15 a.m. Panel: View from the Canals** *Introduced by Dale Pomeroy*

- **Darvin Fales**, Secretary-Manager, Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Quincy
- **Nate Andreini**, Assistant Manager for Technical Services/District Engineer, East Columbia Basin Irrigation Dist., Othello
- **Dave Solem**, Secretary-Manager, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco
- **Clyde Lay**, Deputy Field Office Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Field Office, Ephrata

**Q&A**

**11:05 a.m. Panel: Potholes Supplemental Feed Route Update** *Introduced by Jeff Schibel*

- **Christi Davis-Kernan**, Technical Projects Program Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Field Office, Ephrata
- **Jeff Dengel**, Environmental Planner, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ellensburg
- **Melissa Downes**, Technical Project Lead, Office of the Columbia River, Washington State Department of Ecology, Union Gap
- **John O'Callaghan**, Assistant Manager, Technical Services, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco

**Q&A**

**11:55 a.m. Lunch & Keynote** *Invocation offered by John Moody*

*Speaker introduced by Vicky Scharlau*

David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations,  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C.



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# CONFERENCE AGENDA - AFTERNOON

- 1:30 p.m. Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program Construction and Funding**  
*Introduced by Orman Johnson*  
Jed Crowther, Development Coordinator, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello
- 1:50 p.m. Panel: Exploring Funding Options for OGWRP Bridges** *Introduced by Mark Stedman*
- **Melissa Downes**, Technical Project Lead, Office of the Columbia River, Washington State Department of Ecology, Union Gap
  - **Stephen McFadden**, Director, Adams County Development Council, Othello
  - **Mike Schwisow**, Director of Government Relations, CBDL, Olympia
- Q&A**
- 2:30 p.m. Office of the Columbia River: 10 Years of Accomplishments** *Introduced by Kevin Lyle*  
Melissa Downes, Technical Project Lead, Office of the Columbia River, Washington State Department of Ecology, Union Gap
- 2:50 p.m. Break**
- 3:05 p.m. Columbia River Treaty Update** *Introduced by Jake Wollman, Jr.*  
Derek Sandison, Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Olympia
- 3:25 p.m. Federal Government Affairs Update** *Introduced by Clark Kagele*  
Annick Miller Rivera, Senior Policy Advisor, Water Strategies, Washington D.C.
- 3:45 p.m. State Government Affairs Update** *Introduced by Jeff Schibel*  
Mike Schwisow, Director of Government Relations, CBDL, Olympia
- 4:05 p.m. Annual Meeting**  
*Called to order by Kevin Lyle*
- Financial Report by Jake Wollman Jr.
  - Nominating Committee Report and Elections, by John Moody
  - Awards, introduced by Reid Phillips
    - Honorary Life Member, presented by Reid Phillips
    - Perseverance Award, presented by Alice Parker
- 4:35 p.m. Reception/Raffle**
- 5:30 p.m. Safe Journey Home**



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