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Since 1964, we have supported the Columbia Basin Project and its future development. We protect its water rights and educate the public on the renewable resource and Multiple-purpose benefits of the project.

Conference Recap

Columbia Basin Development League stakeholders were briefed Nov. 6 on the Odessa Aquifer, infrastructure needs and improvements, governmental partnerships, the post-election political landscape and — brace yourself — historic saloons of Grant County.

Nearly 200 attended the League’s annual conference at Big Bend Community College. The event included election of trustees and the naming of three as Honorary Lifetime Members.

Rufus Woods: Shenanigans and thorny issues

After the League’s Executive Director Vicky Scharlau welcomed conference-goers, Rufus Woods, publisher and chairman of The Wenatchee World, delivered the leadoff speech.

Woods told of his grandfather’s role, beginning in 1918, of promoting in his newspaper Billy Clapp’s idea of a massive irrigation system fed by the Columbia River via Grand Coulee. It took a while to build popular and political support for the idea, but 15 years later construction began on Grand Coulee Dam. Despite “all kinds of shenanigans to thwart” the project, Woods said, its supporters persevered with “clarity of purpose, alliances and partnerships.”

But, he said, “some thorny issues will have to be addressed” to ensure continued success and growth of the Columbia Basin Project. One of those challenges, Woods said, is paying for expansion, improvements and maintenance of the system’s infrastructure.

Another challenge is the upcoming renewal of the 1964 Columbia River Treaty with Canada that governs the development and operation

of dams in the upper Columbia River basin for power and flood control. *A View from the Canals*

“Infrastructure has a lifecycle and at some point will come to the end of its useful life,” Darvin Fales, manager of the Quincy Irrigation District, told League members and conference visitors.

“We can’t sit back and not do anything or let our facilities slip into poor repair,” he said. Given the political and financial realities of the times, he said, there is more and more onus on the districts and the



2014 Conference attendees listen to a Project Irrigation Districts and Reclamation panel

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From The Chair

Milt Johnston, Ellensburg

200 of you turned out to obtain Project updates, Odessa

Groundwater Replacement Program information, and a Project funding outlook at our recent conference and annual meeting. Thank you! If you weren't able to attend, the following pages provide a detailed summary of the event. and speaker presentations are available on our website. If you have feedback, be sure to let us know. Share your thoughts with a League Trustee, or email them to

info@cdbl.org.

December is the month that the Trustees approve the coming year's work plan and budget. As was made clear at the conference, the work is...never ending. Help us achieve success in continued advocacy and education of Project development efforts underway and those yet to be implemented. Be sure to become a 2015 member!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3-5, WA State Water Resources Assn. Annual Conference, Davenport Hotel, Spokane

Dec 10, CBDL Trustee Meeting, Simplot, Moses Lake

Dec 10, NW RiverPartners Annual Meeting and Reception, Portland Airport Embassy Suites, OR.

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farmers to finance improvements.

East District Manager Craig Simpson talked about the routes and operations of the district and how improvements and repairs to the canals and pumps save water and expenses.

South District Manager Dave Solem focused on the Potholes Reservoir, which is not fed by a main canal but is largely dependent on wasteways and return flows from the north.

"What they do in the north districts affects us in the south," Solem said. He also described recent infrastructure improvements.

Stephanie Utter, the Bureau of Reclamation field office manager in Ephrata, told of the history of Grand Coulee Dam and how the need for its power in World War II delayed construction of the irrigation system. She updated League members on the John W. Keys Pumping Plant at Grand Coulee Dam and the factors that influence diversion rates.

Infrastructure and Rising Demand

Dawn Wiedmeier, the Bureau of Reclamation's Yakima-based area manager, painted a grim — but not surprising — picture of prospects for increases in federal support. She said the Bureau's budget has been basically flat for years and is likely to remain so. "It is increasingly difficult to maintain the infrastructure we have" let alone find federal dollars for new projects, she said.

Wiedmeier urged development of public-private partnerships to meet challenges. She cited the Deschutes River Conservancy in Bend, Ore., and the Three Sisters Irrigation District there as examples of successful partnerships.

She also discussed the Bureau's WaterSMART program, the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, the Bureau's financial contribution to widening the East Low Canal and the Odessa Subarea Special Study Area. That study addressed the declining Odessa Aquifer and the resulting threats to irrigation and to the domestic and commercial water supply.

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Partnerships a 'must' for Odessa Aquifer Program

"There is an urgency and a need to relieve the Odessa Aquifer by getting deep irrigation wells off line," said Levi Johnson, development coordinator of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

Work toward that goal has begun, with widening of the first 13 miles of the East Low Canal and construction of a second pipe under Interstate 90 — the 18-foot-diameter Weber Siphon.

When the infrastructure improvements are complete, the system will bring Columbia River water to 87,000 acres now dependent on deep wells that tap the declining Odessa Aquifer.

Johnson stressed the need for strong partnerships in the program and praised the conjunction of the irrigation district, land owners, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington Department of Ecology, plus collaboration and support from county governments, railroads and others.

"You really need partnerships to make things happen" in the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, said Derek Sandison, director of the Office of Columbia River for the Washington Department of Ecology.



ECBID Development Coordinator, Levi Johnson, emphasizes the key role partnerships have played in Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program progress

Common objectives and "an outbreak of amnesia"

For partnerships to be successful, Sandison said, the partners have to buy in to a common, clear objective. "If you do not have common objectives, you do not have partnerships," Sandison pointed out.

The objective in the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program is to get irrigators off wells and onto surface water, Sandison and others stressed.

Sandison touched on the numerous stakeholders involved and the political and administrative requirements that were met in gaining approval and funding for the Odessa program since it was launched in

2004.

Still, he cautioned, "There seems to be an outbreak of amnesia" in the region as some interests have forgotten or disregarded the objectives of the program and refused to acknowledge the significant public investment necessary to bring replacement water.

"Someday," Sandison said, "there will be a speaker standing before a group like this who will cite the Odessa project. The verdict is not yet in on what that speaker will say, but I hope he says it serves about 90,000 acres and that it put a big dent in water pumped from deep wells and was a shot in the arm to the surface-water irrigation."



Derek Sandison, Ecology's Director of the Office of the Columbia River, recounts the purpose of the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program and the shared objectives of the partners moving it forward.

Word from the capitals

Columbia Basin Project representatives in the state and national capitals briefed League members on the political landscapes following the 2014 mid-term elections.

Bob Johnson, the League's Washington, D.C., representative, extolled the personnel and the work of the Bureau of Reclamation, from Washington D.C. to Ephrata, Washington, despite a relatively flat budget. He delivered a primer on which federal agencies and congressional committees are responsible for policies and budgets affecting the Columbia Basin Project. He implored League members to contact those offices and their members of Congress to educate them about the Project and its need for federal support.

Mike Schwisow, the League's director of government relations in Olympia, said, "This is going to be a tough legislative session." He cited major issues with hefty price tags that are facing the Legislature, especially transportation and basic education (kindergarten through high school).

Later, Schwisow stressed the importance to the economy of farming in the Columbia Basin. Continued depletion of the Odesa

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Aquifer, he said, “is a slow motion earthquake.” But, he added, the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, with its canals delivering surface water to farms, “is the solution that has always been there.”



Conference attendees review a display on the history of the Columbia Basin Project

Annual meeting: awards, trustees

After dinner, Milt Johnson, chairman of the League’s Board of Trustees, conducted the annual business meeting, beginning with a financial report from Jake Wollman, Jr., who reported on the League estimated year-end funds. Wollman thanked members and sponsors for their continued support.

Roger Hartwig of Ritzville was elected to the Board of Trustees. Hartwig moved in the 1960s from Nebraska to Adams County, where he and his brother grew sugar beets and later switched to potatoes. He



Stephanie Utter, Ephrata Field Office Manager, speaks with David Reeploeg of Senator Maria Cantwell’s office during a break

and his wife, Barbara, married more than 50 years, have two daughters and a son.

Re-elected to the Board of Trustees were: Milt Johnson, Ellensburg; Jake Wollman Jr., Warden; Ron Fode, Moses Lake; Kevin Lyle, Othello; Mark Booker, Othello; Mike LaPlant, Ephrata; John Moody, Ephrata and David Stevens, Wilson Creek.

The League also awarded Honorary Life Member status to three people for their longtime association with the League:

Richard “Dick” Erickson, former manager of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

Shannon McDaniel, former manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

Bill Gray, former Columbia-Cascades area manager of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.



Conference attendees review a Columbia Basin Project map

And... the saloons of Grant County

The conference concluded with a light-hearted talk by Mick Qualls on the history of Grant County saloons, bank robberies and other edgy aspects of frontier life in North Central Washington. In the workaday world, Mick owns and operates Qualls Agricultural Laboratories in Ephrata.

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Three Added to the Roll of Honorary Members

During the League's 50th annual meeting earlier this month, three deserving individuals were inducted as Honorary Life Members of the Columbia Basin Development League.

The concept of an Honorary Life Member started the same year the League was founded, in 1964. These individuals were annually sought out for their long-time association with the Columbia Basin Project, regardless of whether they were involved with the League. That tradition continues, today. Honorary Life Members have demonstrated their support of the Project and its future development with tireless and significant dedication to efforts that advance the Project.

CBDL Trustee Kevin Lyle formally announced the addition of former East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Manager, Richard "Dick" Erickson, former South Columbia Basin Irrigation District Manager Shannon McDaniel, and former US Bureau of Reclamation Columbia-Cascades Area Manager Bill Gray. Although Dick Erickson was unable to attend, Kevin Lyle and Board Chair, Milt Johnston, made a presentation of framed certificates acknowledging their efforts.

Dick Erickson was Assistant Manager of East District from 1974 to 1978 and Manager from 1983 to 2007. He was a Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Board member and a past President of the Washington State Water Resources Association. Dick's accolades include the National Water Resources Association President's Award, and his list of community volunteer positions include the Othello School Board and the Othello Crane Festival. At East, Dick was instrumental in initiating development of lands east of the East Low Canal. Creatively, he used conserved water to enable new contracts in the East High area, and he was instrumental in getting conservation efforts recognized and continued by the legislature. Dick is a professional engineer and he utilizes that background today to do consulting work.

Shannon McDaniel was at South District for 25 years until his retirement in 2010. He is a past president of the Washington State Water Resources Association, a past member of the National Water Resources Association Policy Development Committee, a past annual speaker for the Washington Ag Forestry Leadership Program and a past advocate for the Project at numerous other area events. Among a long list of accomplishments, Shannon was successful in numerous grants to fund water conservation projects promoting good stewardship of the Project's water supply. He also testified in support of a national bill to authorize a program for financing the cost of maintenance and rehabilitation of Project infrastructure. Shannon is still engaged in the Columbia Basin Project, today, as a consultant.

Bill Gray's federal career spanned 40 years of service until his retirement in 2012 where he had been Reclamation's Columbia-Cascades Area Manager since 2010. He spent much of his career in Washington including positions as the Deputy Area Manager and



L-R: Kevin Lyle and Milt Johnston present Bill Gray and Shannon McDaniel with Honorary Member certificates. Not pictured: Dick Erickson

Manager at the Ephrata Field office. Bill's support of Project development continues today. As an example, he was present and engaged during the contract signing in March to deliver water through the new Weber Siphon.

The following comments about the honorees were shared with League staff by various individuals familiar with their work.

"All three have worked tirelessly for the good of the Columbia Basin Project and also for CBDL."

"All were key players in the negotiation between Reclamation, Department of Ecology and the three Columbia Basin Project Irrigation Districts that lead to the signing of their Memorandum of Understanding in 2004...long hours of discussion and rewriting draft language took about 15 months to accomplish! That has been the foundation for all of the cooperative work that has followed"

"Dick and Shannon were both involved in helping the CBDL remain a viable organization from 1992 until 2003 when the moratorium on Columbia River withdrawals was in place. They both kept the League informed of issues to maintain stakeholder interest in spite of the moratorium. They were also inclusive of the CBDL when working on issues that were important to the Project."

"Bill Gray faced a monumental task in the negotiations that lead to the MOU. Representing Reclamation, he knew any result agreement would require buy in from regional and national headquarter. But, he always spoke with authority, new what his boundaries were and was able to push through ideas that were often outside of the box."

"With Bill Grays' work, the Weber Siphon qualified for the "Shovel Ready Projects' to receive federal funding"

State Voters Shape 2015 Washington Legislative Session

Mike Schwisow, CBDL Director of Government Relations

Voters made their choices and the teams are set for the 2015 Session of the Washington Legislature set to convene on January 12th in Olympia. The Majority Coalition Caucus maintained a 26-23 majority and it is anticipated that Democrat Tim Sheldon who was reelected in the 35th Legislative District will again caucus with the 25 Republicans.

The Democratic majority in the House of Representatives was narrowed to at least 50, the minimum necessary for a majority. Candidates in three races were separated by less than a hundred votes after Election Day counting. Another reminder of the value of every vote and the reason campaigns work so hard to encourage voting.

Major issues for the Session are all about dollars and cents. At the top of the list is funding for K-12 education. The Supreme Court has found the Legislature in contempt for what it views as a failure to meet the Court's education funding mandate. Constitutional separation of powers issues are in play with the Legislature being directed to invest several billion in education. The challenge is identifying a solution that can get 25 votes in the Senate, 50 in the House and that the Governor's signature. No one will be surprised if it takes longer than the 105 days allowed for a regular session to wrap it up.

Transportation problem continue to mount around the State. Central Puget Sound congestion is growing, Ag industries want Snoqualmie Pass improvements and Hwy 167 completed to Port of Tacoma in order to get product to export markets and Spokane needs the north/south freeway. The needed project list all around the state continues to grow. Like the education funding problem, acceptable solutions have eluded past Legislatures and the issue is expected to be taken up again.

The issue closest to CBDL is funding for water projects. Columbia Basin Project efforts, including the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program, have benefited greatly from grants available through the Ecology Office of Columbia River. These grants were part of a \$200M bond authorization that was part of the enactment of the Columbia River Water Management Program in 2006. The original bond authorization has been used up over the first 5 biennia of the program. DOE OCR is proposing project that will commit the last \$18.7M in the 2015-17 Capital Budget.

Like transportation projects, the list of needed water infrastructure improvements continues to grow. Discussions have been underway since the last session on the concept of a major water bond authorization that would be submitted to voters for approval on the 2015 ballot. The types of projects to be funded has been expanded from water supply projects to those focused on flood control and stormwater infrastructure in order to broaden the support for the new

bonding capacity.

The easy part will be setting up the administrative structure and selecting the projects to be built. The hard part will be coming up with the funding for debt service on the bonds. The \$200M Columbia River bond authorization was for general obligation bonds; they became part of the regular State construction program with the debt service coming as part of each two year Operating Budget. The percentage of the Operating Budget that can be used for Capital debt service is capped by law and that limit has been reached. The prevailing view is that for a bond authorization of this nature to pass the Legislature it will have to come with its own package of revenue to pay the debt service. So, like K-12 education and transportation, the debate will quickly get down to who pays and how much. Stay tuned; it promises to be a very interesting legislative session.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have."

*- Vince Lombardi,
American football coach*

2014 Midterm Election and Implications for Water Users

Ian Lyle, Water Strategies LLC

The 2014-midterm elections will bring a number of changes to the Congressional landscape for the 114th Congress. These changes will affect water users in a number of ways. In this year's election, republicans won enough seats to take the majority in the Senate. Republicans picked up Senate seats in Iowa, Colorado, Arkansas, Montana, South Dakota, West Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina. As of November 7th, republicans will hold 52 seats in the Senate next year, democrats will hold 44 seats and independents will hold 2 seats. However, these two independent Senators caucus with the democrats, so the democrats will essentially hold 46 seats. There are currently two undecided US Senate races, one in Alaska and one in Louisiana. The race in Alaska will be determined in the next few weeks as mail in ballots are counted and the Louisiana race will be determined in a runoff election on December 6th. In addition to making gains in the Senate, republicans also picked up additional seats in the House of Representatives; these seats pad the existing republican majority in the House.

The most significant result of the midterm elections is the Senate majority changing hands. The change in majority will result in changes

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in Senate leadership. In a reversal of roles, Republican Senator Mitch McConnell (who has served as Senate Minority Leader since 2007) will become the new Senate Majority Leader and will have a great deal of sway in determining the activities of the Senate. Current Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada has stated that he intends to serve as the Senate Minority Leader. As Majority Leader, Senator McConnell will have the ability to drive the legislative agenda of the Senate, determine which bills get brought up for consideration and also which Executive Branch nominees (such as judges) get brought up for a vote.

The change in leadership will also extend to all of the Senate Committees. At the Senate Appropriations Committee, Thad Cochran a republican from Mississippi will likely take the Appropriations Chair and Democrat Barbara Mikulski (the current Chair) will likely serve as Ranking Member. On the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Alaska Senator and current Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski will pick up the gavel as the Chair of the Energy Committee. It is unclear if current Committee Chair Senator Mary Landrieu will get re-elected to the Senate.

If Senator Landrieu does not win her reelection campaign Maria Cantwell from Washington State would be well positioned to take up the Ranking Member position for democrats on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. However, to do so, she would likely have to give up a senior spot on the Senate Small Business Committee where she served as Chair during the 113th Congress. Having Senator Cantwell serve as Ranking Member could benefit CBDL and other Pacific Northwest water users.

While the majority in the House of Representatives will not change, there will be several changes in key committee positions. It is widely assumed that Utah Congressman Rob Bishop will replace retiring Congressman Hastings as the Natural Resources Committee Chair next Congress. The House Natural Resources Committee will likely also have a new Ranking Member. Congressman Peter DeFazio, the current Ranking Member, has announced his intention to seek the Ranking Member position on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member position became open when West Virginia Congressman Nick Rahall lost his reelection bid.

With Congressman Hastings retiring and Congressman DeFazio aiming to be the lead democrat on the Transportation Committee the Pacific Northwest could lose two senior members on a committee that has direct jurisdiction over the Bureau of Reclamation. Senator Cantwell taking over as the Ranking Member on the Senate Energy Committee could help offset these departures. These changes also highlight the importance of engaging the new representative from Washington's 4th Congressional District. As of November 7th, the race

to replace Congressman Hastings was still undecided. Dan Newhouse a farmer and former Director of Washington State's Department of Agriculture had a slight lead over Clint Didier. Didier owns an excavation company and farms in Eastern Washington; he is also a former professional football player.

It is difficult to predict what the next two years will bring out of Washington D.C.. However, with republicans controlling both chambers of congress we could see an uptick in the number of bills that move out of congress and head to the President's desk. In recent years the House of Representatives have passed a number of bills that are of great interest to water users. This includes legislation to reform the Endangered Species Act (H.R. 4315), address duplicative permitting requirements for pesticides (H.R. 935) and legislation to address concerns about the pending proposal defining "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act (H.R. 5078). All three of these bills passed out of the House of Representatives with a decent amount of bipartisan support. However, all three of these bills have stalled in the Senate. Controlling both the Senate and the House will also give republicans in congress additional leverage when dealing with the administration on regulatory issues such as the Food Safety Modernization Act, Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act.

Become a 2015 Member!

Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGRP), infrastructure reinvestment, full development of the Columbia Basin Project...after significant progress in 2014, these are target issues for continued focus in 2015. Upon completion, the OGRP represents over 87,000 acres that will no longer draw from a declining aquifer! And, that's just getting started on the work to be done!

The Columbia Basin Development League is the only group representing stakeholders to protect Project water rights and educate the public on these issues and the renewable resource and multiple-purpose benefits of the Project. Your membership support makes that work possible. Join us for 2015. It's easy: Go to [page 10](#) of this newsletter or visit www.cbdl.org and click on the "join" button to become a member online. The online process helps us improve the accuracy of our records, too!

The Congressional Calendar

Last month, CBDL provided a brief look at the Washington State Legislative Calendar and some of the milestones a bill must pass in order to become law. This month, we offer the same perspective at the Congressional level.

The United States Congress operates on a two-year calendar for

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legislative business broken up into two year-long sessions that generally begin in early January and adjourn in December. Congress is currently in the waning days of the 113th Congress. Any legislation not passed by the end of the 113th Congress will need to be reintroduced in the 114th Congress. The 114th Congress will begin in January 2015 and run through December 2016. Congress will likely release the calendar for the first session of the 114th Congress in the next few weeks.

The Senate and House of Representatives operate on similar but separate calendars. The leadership in each chamber of congress is largely responsible for establishing the calendar. Once the calendar is established it is used as a general guide to determine when congress will be "in session". However, it is relatively common for the leadership in each chamber to make changes to their respective calendars throughout the year.

Session and Recess

When congress meets in Washington D.C. to conduct regular business, like holding oversight hearings and voting, it is said to be "in session". Congress will often be "in session" for several weeks in a row and then enter into a "recess" period. It is uncommon for congress to be in session for more than two months without an intervening recess period. Recess is an interruption in the periods between when congress is in session. A recess period can be brief or, as often happens in August, last most of a month. When congress is in recess members are usually working back in the areas that they represent, holding meetings or focusing on issues that are important to their constituents.

Moving Legislation

In order for a bill to get signed into law it must pass both chambers of congress and get signed into law by the President (if the President does not sign a bill within 10 days of congressional passage it automatically becomes law).

Once a bill is introduced, under regular order, it is referred to the committee that has jurisdiction over the issue at hand. For example, a bill dealing with the Bureau of Reclamation would get referred to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the Senate and the Natural Resources Committee in the House of Representatives. Committees are further broken down into subcommittees and once a bill is referred to a committee it is often subsequently referred to a subcommittee. In the Senate, bills are only referred to a single committee of jurisdiction. In the House of Representatives a bill can be referred to multiple committees based on its subject matter. As an example, the Water Rights Protection Act (H.R. 3189) is a bill that deals with water rights issues under a US Forest Service proposal. In the House of Representatives this bill was referred to both the House Committee on Agriculture (because the Forest Service is a unit of the Department of Agriculture) and the House Committee on Natural Resources (because

the Natural Resources Committee has oversight over both the Forest Service as well as right issues on federal public land). In the Senate this bill was solely referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

For a bill to move out of committee it will usually need to be subject to a hearing where members discuss the bill and witnesses give testimony on it. Following the hearing, the bill could later be brought up for a markup where the committee will vote on the bill and any amendments to it. Once a bill has been voted out of committee it can be brought to the floor.

In the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader can bring legislation to the floor. Senators can also bring legislation up for a vote on the floor by asking for "unanimous consent" or UC. A Senator can bring a bill up for a vote by UC if no other Senator objects to considering the bill. A good deal of the floor proceedings in the Senate is conducted by UC. When considering more controversial bills, the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders try to work out an agreement to structure how the bill will be considered. The Senate Majority Leader can still bring up a bill without an agreement, but things like a filibuster can occur and slow consideration of the bill down significantly.

In the House of Representatives, the House Rules Committee determines how bills are considered on the floor. This is usually done in close consultation with the House Majority Leader. The Rules Committee determines when a bill will be brought up, how long it will be debated and what amendments will be considered. The Rules Committee puts noncontroversial bills on the Suspension Calendar. A bill placed on the Suspension Calendar may be debated for up to 40 minutes, but cannot be amended and must be approved by a 2/3rds margin to pass. The Rules Committee will set a rule for the consideration of more controversial or complex bills. There are four types of rules that can be set for the floor consideration of a bill in the House.

They are:

- Open Rule: allows the offering of almost any amendment and allows for 5 minutes of debate per side on each amendment.
- Modified Open Rule: similar to an open rule but with more restrictions placed on amendments. These restrictions could be a set amount of time set aside for debate or a requirement to have amendments turned in by a specific time.
- Structured Rule: Rules Committee pre-approves all amendments that will be offered to a bill and sets a specific amount of time for debate.
- Closed Rule: basically eliminates the opportunity to offer amendments. Sets time that the bill will be debated.

LOOKING BACK

The Wenatchee World, November 9, 2014

Editorial: Still the advocates

The Columbia Basin Development League held its 50th annual meeting at Moses Lake last week, and paused only briefly to dwell on a half century as advocates for an economic miracle. As is typical, the focus of the meeting quickly turned to the great work ahead. The Columbia Basin Project is not complete. Land needs water, the nation needs food.

We should break for a moment, however, to express appreciation for the long and determined work of the league. When it held its first annual meeting the Columbia Basin Project was a dream in fruition. Central Washington was bursting with energy and growth. But the effort to see that the project reaches its full potential is never-ending. Much is happening, now. The East Columbia Basin Irrigation District just announced the allocation of new Columbia Basin Project water to 17,639 acres south of Interstate 90, until now watered by failing deep wells in the Odessa Subarea. The expansion is the first of more, made possible by \$35 million in state and federal investment in the Weber Coulee siphon and expansion of the East Low Canal.

There is far to go. It is comforting that the members of the Columbia Basin Development League have not tired of their role. That is to our benefit.

This is the opinion of The Wenatchee World and its Editorial Board: Publisher Rufus Woods, Editor Cal FitzSimmons and Editorial Page Editor Tracy Warner.

DID YOU KNOW?

A delegation from the Columbia Basin Development League annually visits both Olympia and Washington D.C. to meet with state and federal senators and representative. Additionally, throughout the year, elected officials participate in League events and communicate regularly with League Trustees and state and federal advocates.

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