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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.

Warden Siphon Project Funded with 2013 Grant

Mike Schwisow, Director of Government Relations

At a recent Board meeting, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID) Board of Directors awarded the contract for construction of the Warden Siphon to Rotschy, Inc. with a total bid of \$1,714,625. This is the same company that recently delivered the two Lind Coulee Siphons on time and under budget.

The Warden Siphon is about two miles southwest of the City of Warden and is the next siphon downstream of the Lind Coulee Siphons; one of three remaining siphons necessary to complete expansion of the East Low Canal (ELC).

This project will be funded through the existing \$26 million Department of Ecology Office of Columbia River (OCR) grant. This grant was initially authorized by the legislature through appropriations in the 2013-15 Capital Budget. Like many Capital Budget projects that require significant time for planning, design, and construction, this appropriation was continued in the current 2015-17 Capital Budget (enacted during the 2015 session).

In 2013, when work began in earnest to expand the ELC, ECBID was uncertain whether the Warden Siphon could be funded by the original OCR grant. A lot of work had to happen between then and now, and the potential for funding to be exhausted by that work was not unlikely;

- ECBID staff completed excavation of ELC to increase carrying capacity by removing over 3.3 million cubic yards of material.
- Construction of a new Leisle Road bridge and the Calloway Road canal prism expansion for Adams County.

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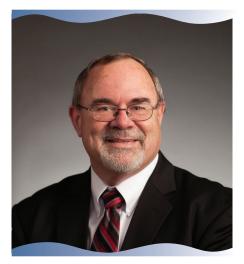
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 ECBID constructed two major siphons crossing Lind Coulee and installed major control structures.

All this work has been completed on time and under the cost estimated by engineers. Thus, ECBID has funds available for the Warden Siphon.

Work remaining on the ELC expansion portion of the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program includes the Kansas Prairie 1 and 2 siphons, a major check structure at canal mile 71.5, minor excavation and eight Adams and Grant County road bridges.

CBDL Conference to Feature AWB's Gary Chandler as **Keynote Speaker**



Gary Chandler, AWB Vice President of Government Affairs.

Join us at the 2016 CBDL Conference on November 3 at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake to hear from a rich line-up of speakers. The program highlights the efforts that brought us to where we are today with over 671,000 acres of productive irrigated lands. Speakers will cover the importance of continued infrastructure investment to ensure water delivery providing the many benefits



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From the Chair
Orman Johnson

The CBDL Conference is right around the corner on November 3 at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake! Have you registered? Register online today, www.cb-dl.org, and SHARE the opportunity to attend with someone you know. This is a great opportunity to come together, learn, network, and support the continued development of the Columbia Basin Project!

In October, progress continued on the East Low Canal expansion

with funding identified for the Warden Siphon project. Both the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District as well as Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District are seeking board nominations. Read on for information on how to nominate. We also have an update about last minute legislation that will ensure that federal business continues, including US Bureau of Reclamation operations, past the elections.

CBDL Conference to Feature AWB's Gary Chandler as Keynote Speaker

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of the Project.

Hear from our Keynote Speaker, former Washington State Representative, Gary Chandler, who now serves as the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Association of Washington Business (AWB). Chandler's address is titled, "Vision for CBP Completion: A Road Paved with Grit, Perseverance, and Collaboration."

Chandler is the AWB's chief lobbyist and directs its legislative and regulatory programs. As a legislator, Chandler co-chaired the House Agriculture and Ecology Committee and served on the Natural Resources and Transportation committees during the last legislative session. He was first elected to the legislature in 1990 from Moses Lake and served in a legislative seat once occupied by his father, Glyn. Chandler has also been a member of AWB's Board of Directors. He owns The UPS Store in Moses Lake. He was a hay farmer, apple orchardist, former manager of the family's farm implement dealership and Grant County Commissioner.

Registration will be available on-site or call 509-782-9442.

ECBID and QCBID Seeking Board Nominations

The filing period is now open through November 7, 5:00 PM, for Director positions on the respective boards for East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (ECBID) and Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District (QCBID).

East Columbia Basin Irrigation District

To serve as an ECBID Director, an individual must be a qualified voter within the Division he or she represents. To qualify as a voter, an individual must own land included within the ECBID and vote in the Director Division in which he or she resides or is nearest to his or her residence.

The open Director position is for Division Five. Orman Johnson of Othello is the incumbent. Division Five is located in Franklin County and Adams County, bounded on the north by the Grand/Adams County line and on the east by the ECBID boundary. The west boundary of Division Five follows Booker Road from the Grant/Adams County line to Cunningham Road, it then follows Cunningham road to the east for three miles to the range line separating Ranges 30 and 31 East (Fox Road and its extension) which it follows to the Franklin/Adams County line.

The term will be for three years beginning in January 2017.

For more information, contact the East District's main office in Othello at 509-488-9671. The main office is located at 55 North 8th, Othello, WA.

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Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District

The open Director positions for QCBID include Division Three, Division Four, and Division Seven. Phil Stadelman is presently serving as Director of Division Three, covering all of Range 25 and south to Frenchman Hills. Mike LaPlant is presently serving as Director in Division Four, covering all of Range 26 and south to the Frenchman Hills. Derek Allred is presently serving as Director of Division Seven, covering all that portion of the Royal Slope area lying west of Dodson Road, north to include Block 81 and that portion of Block 80 laying west of Dodson Road and south to the QCBID boundary. The term will be for three years.

For more information please call the QCBID office at 509-787-3591 or the Royal City Office, 509-346-2301.

9th Hour Stop-Gap Bill Funds USBR and Other Federal Operations

Ian Lyle, Water Strategies LLC

"No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law" these words, found in Article I, Section 9 of the United States Constitution, invest Congress with one of its most basic and important powers, the power of the purse. By exercising this power, Congress can help set priorities for federal government operations and guide our nation's course.

Congress has historically exercised its fiscal power through a set of appropriations bills aimed at funding specific segments of the government. However, in recent years it has become increasingly common for Congress to turn to short term funding measures like a Continuing Resolution or large multiagency omnibus appropriations bills. It has been more than a decade since the last time Congress passed a majority of its appropriations bills under regular order; indicating that this issue is not specific to any one political party. Funding government operations under continuing resolutions or omnibus appropriations can, for better or worse, impact how federal agencies operate and, in some cases how it handles procurement and the allocation of grant funding.

The federal fiscal year runs October 1 through September 30. If funds have not been made available by September 30, Congress runs the risk of a government shutdown and the limitation of government services. For irrigators, many of which are still running water into October, a full federal shutdown on October 1 can prove challenging.

In 2013, the last time the federal government shutdown, the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) furloughed most of its staff but made it a priority to ensure that water deliveries were maintained. Water users believed that water deliveries would be prioritized again if another shutdown occurred this year. Fortunately, they did not have to find out how USBR and other federal agencies would respond to a shutdown. Congress was able to avoid, at least temporarily, a government shutdown by sending a Continuing Resolution to the President just days before the end of the fiscal year.

On September 28 both the House and Senate passed H.R. 5325, the Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act. The President signed the bill into law on September 29, thirty-six hours before the end of the fiscal year. Division C of H.R. 5325 contains language which extends federal funding, including funding for the USBR, to be maintained at just below current levels (a reduction of about ½ of a percent) through December 9, 2016. This will carry federal operations past the elections and give Congress an opportunity to work on a more long term funding solution.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It is better to try big things, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor souls who neither enjoy much nor suffer much."

-Theodore Roosevelt

What Does it Take to Keep the Largest Reclamation Project Going?

\$4.16 billion! That's the cumulative economic activity generated as a result of the Columbia Basin Project...each year!

We have much to celebrate at this year's CBDL Conference, but there is more to do to complete and maintain the largest Reclamation project in US history. Join CBP stakeholders and experts as we explore options for continued development on Thursday, November 3 at the ATEC Building, Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake. Our future depends on it, and you can make a difference!

What Does it Take to Keep the Largest Reclamation Project Going? Continued from page 3

This year, the CBDL Raffle is back by popular demand. Proceeds from the raffle help off-set conference costs and support League efforts. Tickets are only \$1 and will be available on site.

Updated Agenda

2016 Columbia River Basin Supply & Demand Forecast

Jennifer Adam, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, WSU-Pullman and Associate Director, State of Washington Water Research Center

Infrastructure Needs, What it Takes to Keep Things Going

Lorri Lee, USBR Pacific Northwest Regional Director

A View from the Canals

Dave Solem, SCBID Nate Andreini, ECBID Darvin Fales, QCBID Clint Wertz, USBR Ephrata Field Office

Politics and Federal Financing

Ian Lyle, Water Strategies, Washington DC

Odessa Successes and Challenges: Financing, Funding, and Construction

Tom Tebb, Director, Office of the Columbia River, Department of Ecology

Next Steps for Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program

Construction | Nate Andreini, ECBID Federal Funding and Financing | Mike Schwisow, Government Relations Director, CBDL

State Funding and Bonds | Washington State Senator Judy Warnick

Keynote Address: Vision for CBP Completion: A Road Paved with Grit, Perseverance and Collaboration

Gary Chandler, Vice President Government Affairs, Association of Washington Business

Register at **509-782-9442**, in advance, or onsite on November 3, as space is available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CBDL Conference
Thursday, November 3, 2016
ATEC, Big Bend Community College,
Moses Lake

CBDL Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Simplot, Moses Lake

LOOKING BACK

Roosevelt's Reaction: 'We'll build it!'

Wenatchee World, July 8, 1983 By Rufus Woods

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt considered the construction of Grand Coulee Dam as one of his greatest political accomplishments, according to his son, Elliott.

Elliott Roosevelt, now living in Bellevue, had just graduated from college when his father gave the go ahead for the Columbia Basin Project in 1933. Now in his 70s, he operates a commercial fertilizer company in Arlington. He also lectures on government policy.

"It was one of the projects approved early on in his administration,"

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The construction of Grand Coulee Dam also provided thousands of jobs for unemployed laborers during the 1930s.

"You have to remember that when Grand Coulee Dam was built, we had a very high unemployment rate in the state. It did a great deal to help and assist getting many families in gainful employment."

Roosevelt's predecessor in the White House, Herbert Hoover, had been reluctant to approve the multi-million-dollar project, to the dismay of dam enthusiasts in North Central Washington.

When Roosevelt was elected in 1932, the dam proponents found they had a friend in the White House.

During the 1932 presidential campaign, Roosevelt had given a clear indication of where he stood on the issue.

"The next great hydroelectric development to be undertaken by the federal government must be that on the Columbia River," said

"It means cheap manufacturing production, economy, and comfort on the farm and in the household."

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Roosevelt during a stop in Portland, OR. "It means cheap manufacturing production, economy, and comfort on the farm and in the household."

He lived up to his word the following year, when he met with Sen. Clarence Dill and state Grange leader Albert Goss. After listening to their concerns, Roosevelt is said to have proclaimed, "We'll build it."

Roosevelt, without so much as asking for congressional approval, promised financing to Dill and Goss.

The act was legalized in 1936, when Congress passed the Parker Dam Bill, allowing federal money to be used in the construction of major energy facilities.

The Columbia Basin Project was one of several reclamation projects approved during Roosevelt's New Deal years, including the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Until that time, private power companies monopolized the generation and sale of electricity. Power shortages were becoming common and the companies were charging up to 15 times what it cost to produce the electricity.

President Roosevelt, according to his son, described these utilities as "economic royalists."

"They didn't feel they had any responsibility to anybody else, and he brought them into the 20th Century," said Elliott Roosevelt.

He described his father as "a man of action and innovation...and at that time we needed innovators."

Those projects helped turn the tide of power ownership from the private sector to the public arena.

He asserts that the Columbia Basin Project was "probably done before its time, but was done at a cost far less than if we had waited for 20 or 30 years until the necessity was forced on us to build it.

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"An enormous amount of the good living that is available in the state of Washington came...as a result of complete development of the Columbia River Basin."





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Become a member or renew your membership on or before November 3 and be entered to win a \$100 gift card for Michaels on the Lake. The winner will be drawn at the CBDL Conference.

Join at **www.cbdl.org** or complete the form on p. 6.



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