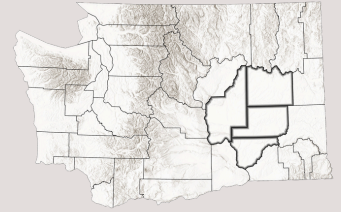




# COLUMBIA BASIN SUSTAINABLE WATER COALITION (CBSWC)

Groundwater levels in areas of the Columbia Basin have been declining for decades and now impact almost all water wells. It is critically important that water systems have a reliable water source. A coalition of water purveyors and other municipal and small community water system stakeholders was created to develop locally and regionally implementable activities to address the issue for domestic groundwater supplies.



## VISION

*To protect and maintain a water supply for present and future generations of the Columbia Basin.*

## MISSION

Address potable groundwater supply issues by creating locally-driven recommendations that influence water management and policy that will direct resources to create sustainable water solutions.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We generate ideas to help inform decision-making and solve problems.
- We serve as the voice of group A and B water systems.
- We convene, coordinate, and unify.
- We leverage opportunities and partnerships.

## PRIORITIES

### Preferred Project Alternatives

1. Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program
2. New Source Treatment and Regional Distribution
3. Water Conservation
4. Columbia Basin Project Completion
5. Aquifer Recharge by Deep Well Injection
6. Aquifer Recharge by Passive Rehydration

### Preferred Water Resource Management Tool Alternatives

1. Groundwater Level Monitoring
2. Numerical Groundwater Modeling

### Preferred Water Resource Planning Alternatives

1. Integrated Planning and Project Implementation
2. Groundwater Management Planning
3. Bureau of Reclamation Basin Study
4. Coordinated Water System Planning

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## GOALS

- Create a sustainable organization to address municipal/small community water system groundwater decline based on localized conditions.
- Generate awareness and create calls to action for the depletion of potable water in the Basin, the urgent need to address the situation, and the efforts of the Coalition.
- Lead the development of regional groundwater planning and the identification and promotion of new and/or alternative water sources.

## CBSWC MEETINGS

**Where:** City of Moses Lake Civic Center

**When:** Bi-monthly on the third Thursday from 10:30 am -12:30 pm

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