

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

AGENDA – OCTOBER 12, 2021

8:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Meeting will take place via ZOOM Webinar

- 8:15 a.m. ***(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)***
- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll**
- 8:35 a.m. **Approval of September 14, 2021, Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 8:40 a.m. **Land Acknowledgement**
- 8:45 a.m. **Warm Springs Word of the Day:** Commissioner Jerry Meninick will share the Yakama Nation word of the day.
- 8:50 a.m. **Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission:** As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process, the Commission welcomes input from Treaty Tribe Nations on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 8:55 a.m. **Public Comment* for items not on the agenda.**
- 9:05 a.m. **Executive Director's Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski and staff will provide updates on:
- Klickitat County Compliance Study
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative
 - Vital Sign Indicators Initiative
 - ACCESS Database Replacement Project
 - County MOU's
 - 2021-2023 Budget and Audit
 - Governor Inslee's visit to the Gorge
- 9:35 a.m. **Progress Report*: Climate Change Action Plan:** Jessica Olson, Senior Natural Resources Land Use Planner, will present a progress report on the Climate Change Action Plan and recent public engagement.
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. **Information Item: Mid-Columbia Economic Development District's Bi-State Economic Vitality Plan for the Gorge:** Jessica Metta, Executive Director of MCEDD will present highlights from the new 5-year Bi-State Economic Vitality Plan, their transportation/transit initiative, and the new \$1.9 million grant MCEDD received for WIB and OIB loans and grants in the National Scenic Area. Kevin Waters, Executive Director of Skamania Economic Development Council will provide an update on recent WIB loans and Craig Bowder, OIB Chair, will provide an update on recent OIB loans.
- 11:45 a.m. **U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager's Report:** Donna Mickley/Casey Gatz will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 12:05 p.m. **Information Item:** Commissioner Rodger Nichols and Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel, will review the bylaws, officer roles, and process for conducting elections of new officers scheduled for the November 9, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioners may use this opportunity to express interest in serving as officers for the November elections.
- 12:30 p.m. **Other Business**
- 12:40 p.m. **Adjourn**

NOTE: The * indicates that public comment is welcome and is limited to 3 minutes.

The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

Meeting materials are available on our website at: [October 12, 2021, Gorge Commission Meeting](#)

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please follow the Public Commission Meeting Protocol found on our website at: [October 12, 2021, Gorge Commission Meeting](#)

Be courteous and professional.

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone.
Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

Effective use of public comment time.

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

Submitting written comments.

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please email your written comments to PublicComment@gorgecommission.org **before noon on October 11, 2021**, to allow Commissioners adequate time to review your comments.

Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest in the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.