



Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee

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Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) Fact Sheet

Mission

- To ensure a long-term, quality water supply for the Palouse Basin region.

Committee Role

- The primary role of PBAC is to encourage the pumping entities to implement the Ground Water Management Plan.

Committee Structure

- PBAC consists of representatives from Moscow, Pullman and Colfax, Latah and Whitman counties, UI and WSU. In addition, the City of Palouse provides financial support but is not a PBAC member. The general makeup of the Committee is such that each entity is represented by a technical person and an elected or administrative official.
- A PBAC Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) was formed in 2005 to enhance the overall management of the aquifer system through dialog among a broader range of interested parties and to develop recommendations for consideration by PBAC.
- The Committee is funded through assessments to the member entities. For the current fiscal year (7/1/11 through 6/30/12), assessments are:

	Ops/Admin	Research	Total
Moscow	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Pullman	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Colfax	\$5,000		\$5,000
Latah County	\$5,000		\$5,000
Whitman County	\$5,000		\$5,000
University of Idaho	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Washington State University	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Total	\$95,000	\$80,000	\$175,000

Research Projects

- PBAC is currently funding research projects involving aquifer testing and tritium analysis, and maintains a network of water level monitoring instruments throughout the Palouse Basin.

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