



2022 Columbia Gorge Annual Economic Symposium

November 4, 2022, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
The Dalles Civic Auditorium, 323 E. 4th St., The Dalles

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Doors open for networking, coffee, pastries and fruit
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks
- 9:10 a.m. Connecting Today with the Regional Economic Development Strategy
Jessica Metta, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District
- 9:20 a.m. Regional Industry Trends and Forecasts
- *Scott Bailey, Washington Regional Economist*
 - *Dallas Fridley, Oregon Regional Economist*
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation: Intersection of Housing and Economic Development
Margaret Salazar, Regional 10 Administrator, US Dept. Housing & Urban Development
- 10:30 a.m. Break for networking and refreshments
- 10:45 a.m. Panel Presentation: Renewable Energy Industry in the Gorge
- David Brown, Senior Principal, Obsidian Renewables LLC
 - Anna Chittum, Director of Renewable Resources at NW Natural.
 - Jonathan Lewis, Klickitat Valley Health, Director of Support Services
 - Carol Loughlin, Cascade Renewable Transmission Project
 - Erik Steimle, Vice President, Rye Development
 - Robert Wallace, Executive Director, Wy'east Resource Conservation and Development
- 11:55 a.m. Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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