



## Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) Fact Sheet

### Mission

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

### Committee History and Role

- The original committee, made up of representatives from UI, WSU, Pullman and Moscow, was formed in 1967 to address concerns with declining ground water levels in the area.
- The primary role of PBAC is to encourage the member entities to implement the Palouse Basin Ground Water Management Plan, enacted in 1992. Additional roles involve education and information exchange, monitoring of pumping and ground water levels, and funding of ground water system research.

### Committee Structure

- Current membership consists of representatives from Pullman and Moscow, Whitman and Latah counties, WSU and UI. In addition, the City of Palouse has provided financial support, but is not a PBAC member. Up to two voting members are selected by each participating entity. It is preferred that each entity be represented by one member with a technical background and another member who is an elected or administrative official. Ex officio committee members include representatives from the Washington Department of Ecology and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. PBAC officers consist of a chairperson and vice chairperson. Administrative support is provided by executive manager and technical advisor positions.

### Committee Financing

- The committee is financed through contributions from the member entities. Voting levels (one or two votes per entity) are based upon contribution amounts. For the current fiscal year (7/1/14 through 6/30/15), contributions are:

	Ops/Admin	Research	Total
Pullman	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Moscow	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Whitman County	\$5,000		\$5,000
Latah County	\$5,000		\$5,000
Washington State University	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
University of Idaho	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Total	\$90,000	\$80,000	\$170,000

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### Monitoring and Research

- PBAC maintains a network of water level monitoring instruments throughout the Palouse Basin, and funds a variety of research projects aimed at gaining increased understanding of the behavior of the basin aquifer systems. PBAC also administers an informational web site ([www.webpages.uidaho.edu/pbac](http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/pbac)) and manages a central clearinghouse of technical documents related to basin hydrogeology.

### Further Information

- Information about committee activities is provided at the PBAC web site ([www.webpages.uidaho.edu/pbac](http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/pbac)). PBAC holds monthly meetings on the afternoon of the third Thursday of the month, rotating between Pullman and Moscow. Parties interested in advance notice of PBAC meetings may join an email list by sending their email address to [pbac@uidaho.edu](mailto:pbac@uidaho.edu). For specific questions, or to learn more about an individual member entity's activities, PBAC representatives can be contacted at the email addresses or phone numbers below.

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