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# Agenda
# Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project
# Workgroup Meeting

**Heritage University, Arts and Sciences Bldg, 3240 Fort Rd, Toppenish, WA 98948**
**September 9, 2026 | 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM | Teams info below**

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**9:30 – 9:45** **Welcome/ Introductions/ Agenda Overview/ Ground Rules**
Derya Sumer, HDR

**9:45 – 10:05** **Executive and Implementation Committees Updates**
Chad Stuart, Reclamation; Larry Mattson, Ecology, OCR; Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation

**10:05 – 10:25** **YBIP Project Highlights**

- **YRBWEP Water Conservation Status - September 2026**
  Michael Horner, Washington State Department of Ecology
- **Sockeye Adult Returns to Yakima**
  Andrew Matala, Yakama Nation Fisheries
- **Water Stargrass 2026**
  Marcella Appel, Benton Conservation District
- **Roza Irrigation District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Project**
  Sage Park, Roza Irrigation District

**10:25 – 10:55** **Current Hydrologic Conditions and the Very Strong El Niño**
Karin Bumbaco, Washington State Climate Office

**10:55 – 11:10** **Public Comment**[1]

**11:10 – 11:25** **Break**

**11:25 – 11:50** **Enhancing the Source & Restoring the Flow – Gold Creek Valley Restoration, Phase 1 Update**
Mitch Long, Kittitas Conservation Trust

**11:50 – 12:15** **Lower Toppenish Creek Habitat Restoration**
Audrey Scott, Yakama Nation Fisheries

**12:15 – 12:30** **Final Thoughts**
Workgroup Members

**12:30** **Adjourn**

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[1] Those wanting to provide public comment can do so during the designated agenda item. Each commenter will be limited to 2 minutes for comments (depending upon number of commenters) to maintain meeting schedule. Previously provided comments are noted and not necessary to repeat.

## Upcoming 2026 YRBWEP Workgroup Meetings:

- **December 9:** Yakima Valley College, Yakima

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