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**Washington State Realtors Make Huge Investment in Black Rock**

Washington Realtors Support Black Rock Project

Realtors believe in improving the quality of life for all citizens in the three counties in the Yakima River Basin and the State of Washington. Water is the basis for sustaining all life and the Black Rock Reservoir project has much to offer. Black Rock Reservoir will not only enhance but ensure the survivability of the agricultural industry, aid in the critical restoration of fish and habitat, but will have a remarkable positive impact on our continued economic viability. The Yakima, Lower Yakima and Tri-City Associations along with the Washington State Realtor Association share in that vision. Jointly, they have invested an additional \$55,000 to support this worthy project.

The Realtors know nothing of any consequence is ever accomplished without some extraordinary effort. That is why they acknowledge and appreciate the countless hours and personal sacrifices made by each member of the Yakima Basin Storage Alliance.

The Realtors believe the opportunity is here and the time is now for everyone to stand up in support of the Black Rock Reservoir Project.

The Yakima Basin Storage Alliance has launched a campaign to complete the economic facts about Black Rock that were not included in the recently released Bureau of Reclamation Study. The Bureau looked back and not into the future in their evaluation as restricted by Federal guidelines.

The Alliance says that “the timing of financial support from State and Local Realtors is a greatly appreciated boost to our next steps toward a 21<sup>st</sup> Century water supply to maintain and expand quality of life in the Yakima River Basin,” according to Charlie de La Chapelle, Yakima Basin Storage Alliance Co-Chair.

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