

## Meeting Notes

### SLS Steering Committee

August 3, 2022 10:30AM – 12:30PM

**Attendance:** Daryl Williams\*, Kirk Lakey\*, Linda Lyshall\*, Linda Neunzig\*, CK Eidem\*, Lindsey Desmul, Kristin Marshall, Spencer Easton

Steering Committee Members\*

David Roberts, Facilitator  
Sarah Parker, Notetaker



### Action Items:

- Linda N. and Linda L. will move forward ideas for honoring Terry Williams.
- David will add “update attribute list” to the SLS priorities list and will send the document to Spencer and Kristin.
- Spencer and Kristin will distribute the list of priorities to ITs and compile input for David.
- David will plan a meeting for legislative outreach planning.
- Lindsey will let Linda L. know if she is available to support legislative outreach planning and handout development.
- David, Sarah, Linda L., and Lindsey (as available) will plan a SLS Partners retreat for October.

### Notes:

The group acknowledged the life and passing of Terry Williams and shared stories.

### Roundtable Sharing

- The next Tale of Two Rivers Film Festival will be held at Hazel Blue Acres Farm on the Stillaguamish River on September 8. Invites will be sent out on Monday.
- The group brainstormed opportunities to honor Terry Williams, including:
  - Creating an environmental leadership legacy award. The first award would recognize Terry’s contributions to starting SLS. Snohomish Conservation District can handle donations to SLS for the award. A SLS retreat would be a great time to make the award.
  - Terry and Sue’s neighbor is putting together a book to tell the story of all of Terry’s work. Can SLS support that in some way?
  - Linda N. and Linda L. will move these discussions forward.
- WDFW (lead), Snohomish County, Tulalip Tribes, Stillaguamish Tribe, Snohomish Conservation District, and Adopt a Stream Foundation are compiling a NOAA package to bring funding into Snohomish and Stillaguamish basins. They are currently identifying projects to include. Lindsey plans to add SLS communications in later in the process.
- In August, the Snohomish IT will start holding project implementation meetings every other month for capital project managers and other interested IT members to provide project updates, coordinate across agencies on details, discuss landowner outreach, and flag opportunities for collaboration.
- Stillaguamish IT is not meeting this summer due to several construction projects. The IT will reconvene for meetings in October and may coordinate a field trip in September.

### Steering Committee Priorities

- David will send the SLS priorities list to Kristin and Spencer to distribute to the ITs for input. As interested, each IT can send feedback to David by the end of August. Each IT should compile feedback from members of the team into one document.
- David will add “update the project attributes list” as an additional priority.
- Peak has space in the budget to move a few of the priority projects forward this fall.
  - Linda N. noted that we should avoid asking for participation from farmers during the growing season. It’s best to advance efforts with farmers in January or February.
  - Any input on riparian buffers from SLS will need to be developed in the next month or two. Recommendations will then go to the Department of Ecology and the Conservation Commission, and presumably, on to the governor’s round table process for riparian buffers in September.
- Linda N. and Kat Klass from Peak are creating a dashboard for the Snohomish County Agricultural Board. CK noted that it would be helpful to have a similar dashboard on the SLS website with information about agriculture, fish returns, water levels, etc. This would overlap with the multi-benefit monitoring project.
- Lindsey shared that the SLS website is almost ready to launch.

### Formation of a Policy Review Group

- David proposed creating a new Policy Review Group. It would be structured similarly to the Comp Plan Workgroup but would address a range of policy topics such as the critical areas ordinance, Comprehensive Flood Management Plan, the climate section of the Comprehensive Plan, and buffers. The group would coordinate with the SLS Partners, hold Special Topic Sessions, as needed, and provide guidance on policy issues to the Steering Committee. The group would meet when there is an issue to talk about and would be ad hoc.
- The group discussed starting legislative outreach for Floodplains by Design. Linda L. proposed planning legislative tours soon and having a site tour in September.
  - David will coordinate a time to have a focused meeting on legislative outreach.
  - Lindsey will explore using NTA funding to create a new handout and to help plan a tour. She will let Linda L. know if she is available for this.

### Retreat for September (David)

The group discussed planning an SLS Partners retreat for early October. Linda L. and Lindsey can help Sarah and David plan the retreat.

### Discussion topics for September meetings:

- The group discussed the following topics for September’s Partners meeting agenda:
  - Legislative outreach
  - Any projects that could use SLS support
  - Challenges and lessons learned from relevant projects

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.