

SLS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES WORKSHEET – October 11, 2016

	Priority	Mission / Key Elements	Team	Required Resources	Work Plan / Schedule
Integrated Reach Design & Implementation	High Priority #2	<p>Complete initial Reach Plan for Lower Sky to provide prototype for others</p> <p>Elemnts: Rch Plan approach/method, reach assessment, F3 priorities, F3 integrated pkg/action plan, links to W/S, ag, flood, land use plans, exec. summary</p> <p>PDS workgroup > input re which plans/projects should go forward</p> <p>Biological Assessment: means for integrating info, approvals?</p> <p>Ag mitigation: ag priorities addressed as part of balanced F3 net gain</p>	<p>Core Team: Dan, Paul C, Erik & Gregg, Monte & Cindy, Heather, Dan Calvert, Terry S & Sean C, Terry & Morgan, Janet C</p> <p>SLS, TNC, Coordinated Investment Initiative, PSP, Fed Caucus, SnoCo, Tribes, SCD</p> <p>SnoCo: assessmt & design lead</p>	<p>Staff capacity to develop & write-up reach concept, plan</p> <p>FbD \$ tapped for Lo Sno & Stilly; Sno Estuary NOAA \$ for estuary projs NEP/NTA for reach plans</p> <p>Resilience \$ (thru feds)?</p> <p>SnoCo: primary staffing capacity, tech support, design/engineering, implementation</p> <p>Ensure goals/objectives; M&E align with Results Washington, PSP's Action Agenda, Watershed & ag plans, etc.</p> <p>Pilot reach plan concept to build buy-in.</p> <p>NOAA take lead on BA tool evaluation.</p>	<p>Draft Sky Rch Plan late 2016, early 2017</p> <p>Stilly and Sno estuary PDS can work on plans</p> <p>Finish Sky plan if get funding in July 2017</p>
Resource Lands Protection Program	Very High Top priority for SLS	<p>Preserving "resource lands" for ag, habitat, open space, flood mgt through purchase / transfer of development rights (PDR / TDR), zoning, etc. is central to SLS mission. See handouts for Resource Lands Protection and</p>	<p>Work Group already formed:</p> <p>Leads: Tristan, Heather, Linda, Monte, Hilary Aten,</p> <p>Key Entities: SLS, TNC,</p>	<p>PCC Farmland Trust funded to begin prioritization</p> <p>PCC FLT & Forterra need funding (\$20k?) for legal development of flexible</p>	<p>Develop SVPI concept (late 2016)</p> <p>PCC FLT prioritization (2016/7)</p> <p>Develop draft easement</p>

		<p>Stillaguamish Valley Protection Initiative (SVPI). Focus on large blocks of contiguous land. Flexible easement allows for movement between F3 uses as environmental and value conditions change, noting floodways and estuaries are especially subject to searise and other changes. PCC Farmland Trust's prioritization effort will help steer focus and resources. Need multiple sources of funding -- Conservation Futures, USDA, PDR/TDR, WSCC, WWRP, NEP, FbD. Flexibility is essential to allow for multiple benefits and broad coalition, and to adapt as conditions change.</p>	<p>SnoCo (PDS, SWM), CII, Tribes, SCD, PCC Farmland Trust, Forterra, Should Master Builders be at table?</p>	<p>easement tool. WS Conservation Commission budgeted \$4M for SnoCo acq. FbD funding level will determine whether SnoCo projects get funded (\$70m requested; Sno at \$60M level). Tough funding yr. Targeted grants: Resilience, NEP, RCPP Forterra Bank, \$25k to start revolving fund. Raise conservation futures from 2 percent to 3 percent and use 1 percent for PDR TDR from So Lake Union (Seattle)</p>	<p>tool based on TDR definition or template from Forterra or PCC FLT (early 2017) "Pre-sign" landowners in Stilly Valley (2017)</p>
Regulatory Coordination & Efficiency	High Priority #3	<p>Efficient permitting and approvals for drainage maintenance (DMP, culvert replacement, tidegates/dike repair), water supply, and riparian areas are critical to F3 interests; currently, regulatory issues are points of friction, cost, and delay.</p> <p>1) French Slough Flood Control District (FSFCD) has been the focus of SLS DMP reform. The SLS worked with WDFW, tribes, and FSFCD to secure a 5-year HPA for drainage maintenance in all four watercourse types defined in the DMP, which can be a template for other districts. Continued work is</p>	<p>SLS has convened several efforts to improve regulatory efficiency and outcomes -- making it easier for farmers / districts to comply with relevant regs:</p> <p>1) DMP work group leads: SLS (Dan, Dave R, Terry W & Morgan, Monte), CII (Paul C), TNC (Heather), SnoCo (Erik, Sean C, Linda), Reg Agencies (WDFW, ECY, Army Corps, NOAA), PSP (Dan</p>	<p>Participation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > key regulatory agencies (WDFW, ECY, Army Corps, NOAA, SnoCo) > key regulated parties (flood control, drainage, diking districts, farmers, public and NGO project proponents) > resource agency supporters (funding and policy support) > SLS / TNC facilitation 	<p>Convene a permitting workshop day at SnoCo with key agencies, farmers, districts (early 2017)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) DMP package (2017) 2) Identify important water management tools (2016/7) and strategies for implementation (2017); collaborate with Snoqualmie WID re water transfers (2017) 3) Develop performance

		<p>needed to get other permitting agencies (Ecology, Army Corps, NOAA) to develop complementary 5-yr permits for an integrated, net gain approach that is efficient & effective.</p> <p>2) Water supply — tools from Ecology action; heard from Snoqualmie about WID and irrigation district and banked water;</p> <p>3) Buffers – major issue in the fish – farm interface; instead of big, prescriptive buffers that can make farming impractical near streams and creating farm-fish friction, SLS is seeking to demonstrate workable “performance buffers” that meet the needs of fish and farms.</p>	<p>C), Tribes, Districts (FSFCD), SCD (Monte & Cindy)</p> <p>2) Water wk group leads: SLS (Dan, Erik), SCD (Monte, Cindy), SnoCo (Sean C, Terry S, Ann), Tulalip, Snoqualmie Valley WID (Cynthia Krass)</p> <p>3) Buffer wk group leads: SLS (Tristan, Terry W, Erik, Dan), Tulalip (Kurt N & Morgan), SCD (Monte, Cindy), CII, NOAA, TNC, SnoCo (Linda, Sean C)...</p>	<p>and convening</p>	<p>buffer demonstrations with landowners</p> <p>Develop regulatory initiatives further at future SLS meetings (work groups and Executive Committee)</p>
Ag Resiliency	<p>Potentially High</p> <p>Subject to grant funding and SCD Capacity, Ag Bd buy-in</p>	<p>See Snohomish Conservation District Handout.</p> <p>1) Develop Ag Resilience Plan with SnoCo ag – food & fiber economic viability in face of climate change and development pressure</p> <p>2) Ag representation at other floodplain and planning efforts</p> <p>3) Collaborative multi-benefit implementation (funding, approvals)</p>	<p>SCD is lead (Cindy)</p> <p>Participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >SLS Ag Caucus >SnoCo Ag Board >Linda N & SnoCo >State & Fed agencies – USDA, WSDA, WSCC >Ag NGOs (PCC FLT, SCFB, Growers Alliance, Amer Farmland Trust) >Local farmers >Tech support: Grossman (USGS), Mauger (CIG-UW), Kruger 	<p>Multi-year project requires multiple funding sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >USDA \$\$ grants (note: need grant writing funding, capacity). >FbD CI-9 \$25,000 (Lower Snohomish plan) > Fed/TNC grant \$100k >NFWF \$18k for protection plans pending— >ESRP data / modeling grant >FbD \$150k 	<p>2 to 3 years until draft plan development is the goal.</p> <p>Further work scoping and developing cost-estimate for recommendations. No hard timeline for outreach.</p> <p>All this dependent on funding</p>

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Communications & Engagement	High Critical to SLS long-term impact & success	<p>SLS website with several pages, including: SLS structure / hosting / participants, Reach Plans & initiatives, meeting reports, linked studies, work plan, project status</p> <p>Online SLS videos and “classes” (e.g., Klesick-Stelle fish & farm class)</p> <p>SLS / SnoCo online Story Map</p> <p>Op-Eds</p> <p>Engagement and partnering with key groups: Ag Board, Sno Forum & Stilly Watershed Council, TNC/FbD, PSP, Coordinated Investment Initiative, etc.</p>	<p>SLS website hosted by SnoCo (Erik S lead w/ SWM communications hire)</p> <p>Story Map -- WDFW ESRP (Jay Krienitz & Lindsey Desmul), funding for online videos</p> <p>SCD (Kate Riley) & WDFW (Lindsey Desmul & Jay Krienitz) key media coordinators, partnering w/ TNC, WDFW, SnoCo, Tulalip, PSP, and others</p>	<p>Communications resources largely in-kind, plus capacity & special project grants (e.g., Story Map, online classes). Key partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >SnoCo (website, staff, grant writing, engagement / SLS facilitation support) >SCD (writing, media) >WDFW (Story Map, videos, coord, funding) >Tulalip (message, media) >TNC (msg, media, presentation materials) 	<p>SLS website back up and being built out (late 2016/2017)</p> <p>Story Map v1 (overview; 2016)</p> <p>Story Map v2 (separate SMs for fish, farm, flood / community, tribal)</p> <p>Classes: fish-farm class video (late 2016/early 2017)</p> <p>Op-Eds: August Farm-to-Table dinner (2016), others ongoing</p> <p>Engagement: ongoing</p>