

**SNOHOMISH SUSTAINABLE LANDS STRATEGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3.9.4 2019**

Thursday June 13, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Snohomish County Campus, East Bldg, 6th flr, Room 6A02 (Mt. Baker conf rm)

PARTICIPANTS:

Bartelheimer, Dan - Snohomish Valley Farms
Bernhard, Bob - Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM)
Calvert, Dan - Puget Sound Partnership
Cereghino, Paul - NOAA
Cole, Heather - The Nature Conservancy
Desmul, Lindsey - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
Dittbrenner, Cindy - Snohomish Conservation District (SCD)
Gromko, Anthony – Washington State University Extension
Krienitz, Jay – WDFW
Lakey, Kirk – WDFW
Marti, Monte - SCD, SLS EC Ag rep
Masterson, Ikuno - Snohomish County Planning and Development Services
Neunzig, Linda - Snohomish County Executive Office
Ruff, Morgan - Tulalip Tribes
Stockdale, Erik - Snohomish County SWM
Williams, Terry - Tulalip Tribe, SLS EC Co-chair (Fish)

FACILITATOR:

Roberts, David – Kulshan Services

PURPOSE: The June SLS Executive Committee meeting marks a time of transition. Dan Evans is working on new endeavors and David Roberts will be taking his place as our facilitator. Monte is making his transition as well, and he wishes to discuss how the SCD is represented in the next few months. We also need a conversation on how to engage the Stillaguamish Tribe. Given these changes, this meeting presents the chance to discuss how we look ahead at the future. We have new sources of revenue available through Floodplains by Design (FbD) and will discuss opportunities and priorities. As usual, we will get updates on activities underway including the IT and the Ag Resilience Plan. ([See Tasks and Assignments on last page.](#))

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. David introduced himself and shared his thoughts on working with the EC.

2. LOOKING FORWARD

- a. David's interviews and report – David is visiting with the EC members and many of the partners to gain perspective on SLS and what is desired in the future. Results of interviews will be presented during the July meeting
- b. What's next for SLS?
 - i. Retreat to focus on SLS new direction
 1. Half-day, before August

2. Terry volunteered to host
3. David to send out Doodle poll for retreat date
- ii. SLS EC needs to develop standards in order to complete good quality work.
- iii. Identify joint issues between the Snohomish and Stillaguamish basins/LIOs to help strengthen the partnership—such as development.
- iv. Developers (e.g., Lou Moore/Master Builders) need to be at the SLS table in order for the EC to address the development issue.
- c. Conference call frequency?
 - i. Two weeks prior to EC meeting, next call June 26th
 - ii. David will establish a new call-in number and distribute the info to those participants on the call-in list
 - iii. June 26th topics to include:
 1. Purpose/function of the call-ins
 2. Separate call-in for Integration Team (IT) updates and other topics of interest, or just include in call-in agenda when needed

3. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- a. Monte's replacement and near-term attendance
 - i. Monte's last day at the SCD is 8/9/19, his replacement will be on board in the fall
 1. Partnership Breakfast on 8/9/19 (Craven Farm, 7:30-10:30 a.m.)
 2. Farewell open house at Monte's house 8/9/19
 - ii. Retirement plans
 1. Stay engaged in SLS and FbD, help maintain a community vision/collaborative processes for the area
 2. Continue as EC member until removed, replaced, etc...
- b. How do we engage the Stillaguamish Tribe beyond the Integration Team?
 - i. Thoughts, comments and discussion:
 1. The Stilly tribe is needed if we're going to achieve a community approach.
 2. How do we decide who applies for the next FbD application?
 3. Help the Stillaguamish Tribe develop and implement their plans (e.g., watershed restoration, fisheries).
 4. Should SLS approach the Stillaguamish Tribal Council about participation at the SLS table?
 5. Can the SLS EC wait for momentum to build within the Stillaguamish Tribe (through participation with the Integration Team) to get the tribe back to SLS EC involvement?
 - ii. Next steps:
 1. Patience – let the IT engage with tribal technical folks.
 2. David to reach out to Stillaguamish Tribe.
 3. Communication and outreach conservation. Have a rep from SLS attend Stillaguamish Watershed Council (SWC) meetings.

4. SLS FUNDING UPDATES

- a. SLS funding (FbD, ESRP, WSCC, grants)
 - i. Future agenda topics on grants
 - 1. Review of where we're at with grants
 - 2. NOAA Cooperative Agreement for funding for Pilchuck dam removal, work on TNC's Port Susan property, and Integration Team-type work/planning for Ebey Island. The request was \$1.5 million/3 years, actual award to be announced in the near future.
 - 3. Snohomish and Stillaguamish Floodplains by Design funding recipients to present to SLS EC about their packages. Perhaps in the fall.
 - 4. Additional presentations on different types of manure digestive systems, and governor's task force for Orcas (Terry will reach out for that).

5. KEY UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Integration Team
 - i. Carol MacIlroy (facilitator, Carol MacIlroy Consulting) has completed 21 interviews to date; six to go.
 - ii. Lower Stillaguamish IT group
 - 1. Team members:
 - a. Sky Miller (Cardno): to help scope large scale ag projects
 - b. Pat Stevenson and Jason Griffith, Stillaguamish Tribe
 - c. Cindy Dittbrenner and Ryan Bartelheimer, Snohomish Conservation District
 - d. Kit Crump and Frank Leonetti, Snohomish County Surface Water Management
 - e. Morgan Ruff, Tulalip Tribes
 - f. Spencer Easton, Environmental Science Associates
 - 2. May 29th meeting: The group looked at a variety of approaches to targeting and prioritizing.
 - 3. Carol is developing a working strategy for the IT and will present it to the SLS EC in the future (August/September). Once the strategy is developed Carol will then begin phase 2 (scoping of projects).
 - iii. Snohomish group
 - 1. Jessica Hamill is the grant manager for the Sultan FbD package
 - iv. An IT-type approach will be taken by WDFW for Ebey Island. Loren Brokaw (WDFW) is the project manager.
- b. Ag Resilience Plan
 - i. SCD held eight community/reach meetings and received feedback and community needs from local farmers
 - ii. Each community/reach's needs (tier 1 and 2) will be written up by Cindy and presented to the steering committee. After review of the community/reach needs, the steering committee will adjust/prioritize the needs for a region wide approach.

- iii. Cindy plans to present the Ag Resilience information to the Lower Stillaguamish IT. Recommendations from that group will go back out to the local community for their input before proceeding with project work.

6. WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

- a. Recap of future meeting topics and presentations
 - i. July
 - 1. David's interview report and observations
 - 2. Governor's Orca Task Force:
 - a. Terry can help coordinate
 - b. PSP? (Dan will identify the appropriate person)
 - ii. August
 - 1. Economic viability of agriculture (Linda N)
 - 2. Inclusion of ag benefits to WDFW's "Assessing the Benefits of Restoration in the Stillaguamish Estuary" (Jay K)
 - iii. Fall
 - 1. Grants and their process - what does integrated funding look like? (Jay, Paul, Dan)
 - 2. Integration Team (Carol MacIlroy)
 - 3. Manure digesters: different types and products (??)
- b. Today's EC meeting evaluation
 - i. Likes
 - 1. good conversation
 - 2. capturing of ideas with flip charts
 - 3. planning of future EC mtgs
 - ii. Changes
 - 1. Need more EC members present (only 2 present today)
 - 2. Change when "key updates and reports" are discussed
 - a. Past meetings always a scramble to review updates, sometimes not even covered because of time management/packed agenda
 - b. Structure for updates: if an update is available David should be contacted prior to the finalization of the next EC agenda

7. ADJOURN (12:15)

TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

David: Send out Doodle poll to identify date for EC Retreat in July. Work with Terry on logistics.

David: Establish a new call-in number for June 26 meeting and distribute the info to those participants on the call-in list. Work with Bob/Erik.

David: Report out on meeting with Pat Stevenson at July meeting.

David: Report out interview findings at July meeting.

David: Send draft summary of the June 13 meeting to EC and partners within one week.

David: General - Send EC meeting reminders and request for updates 10-14 days ahead. Send draft EC agenda 4-7 days ahead.

Terry: Find a location for the July retreat.

Terry: Coordinate presentation on Orca Task Force for July EC meeting. Talk to Dan Calvert.

Dan Calvert – Identify someone at PSP who can help with the Task Force presentation at July EC meeting.

Linda and Jay: Start preparing for presentations at our August meeting on Economic viability of agriculture and Inclusion of ag benefits to WDFW's "Assessing the Benefits of Restoration in the Stillaguamish Estuary"