

**SNOHOMISH SUSTAINABLE LANDS STRATEGY (SLS)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday October 3, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Snohomish County Campus, East Bldg, 6th flr, Room 6A02 (Mt. Baker conf rm)

PARTICIPANTS (EC members in bold):

Aten, Hilary - PCC Farmland Trust

Bernhard, Bob - Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM)

Bookey, Brian - National Foods, SLS EC Co-chair (Ag)

Bratton, Nick – Forterra

Cabanillos, Patricia – Forterra

Calvert, Dan - Puget Sound Partnership

Cereghino, Paul – NOAA

Cole, Heather - The Nature Conservancy

Crump, Kit - Snohomish County SWM

Desmul, Lindsey - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Dittbrenner, Cindy - Snohomish Conservation District

Eidem, CK - Ducks Unlimited, EC Fish rep

Hamill, Jessica - Snohomish County SWM

Lakey, Kirk – WDFW

MacIlroy, Carol – Carol MacIlroy Consulting

Masterson, Ikuno - Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS)

Neunzig, Linda - Snohomish County Agricultural Coordinator

Roberts, David - Kulshan Services (SLS facilitator)

Ruff, Morgan - Tulalip Tribes

Stockdale, Erik - Snohomish County SWM

Strandberg, Terri - Snohomish County PDS

Werkhoven, Andy - Werkhoven Dairy Inc.

1. Welcome, introductions and agenda review

2. Approval of meeting summary – The Summary of the September 12 meeting notes was approved by the EC.

3. Roundtable/Sharing

- Cindy Dittbrenner shared that there will be a kick off Ag Resilience plan on 11/19 (4-7 pm). She also shared that the Conservation District Board has selected Linda Lyshall for their new Executive Director. She starts work 10/14/2019. <https://snohomishcd.org/blog/2019/9/30/new-executive-director-hired>

- CK Eidem shared that the SnoWater project has been completed. The land is privately owned by a duck club and is farmed 9 months of the year. Someone asked if CK and maybe Dan B could present during a weekly call-in or the December mtg.
- Nick Bratton noted that the TDR marketplace is finally emerging. There are 3 developers along Hwy 99 (Everett to Lynnwood) took part. Revenue from reselling the credits will be used for future projects
 - Linda Neunzig mentioned that the USDA declared a drought for Snohomish County, especially for grazing land. Subsidies will be coming. Also, Focus on Farming which will be held on 11/7/19. She hoped everyone would attend.
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/1399/Focus-on-Farming>
- Morgan Ruff shared that the Snohomish IT concept is being planned by a small group. It would include Ebey Island, the Sultan Reach, and the in-between areas.
- Lindsey Desmul announced that the Leque Island breach would occur between Oct 14 and 22. They are holding off on celebration until April. The site should be open to the public in mid-November.
- Dan Calvert mentioned PSP's State of the Sound report is coming out. A write up on SLS and Ag Resilience Plan will be in the report.
- David Roberts shared that he toured several pilot communities engaged in the Chinese government's initiative for ecological civilization. He offered to share a slide show in the future.

4. Primary presentations or discussion topics

- Stillaguamish IT Phase II Work Strategy (Carol MacIlroy)

Carol provided the second in her two-part report on progress and recommendations from the Stilly IT group. See Carol's ppt on the website for highlights and next steps.

Carol would like to plan for a FbD pre-proposal check-in in early winter with SLS for the FbD package. The pre-proposal is due to Ecology in January. Public engagement will occur by area of focus. She noted that for FbD proposals, the strategies must be balanced for F3, however, the actions do not need to be balanced. We can have projects that are ag heavy, pointing out other funding sources can be used for habitat. She also suggested we need to have a 50-year strategy for the focus area that everyone can agree upon (F3). FbD can be utilized to fill the ag gaps that funding has missed in the past.

Under the current proposal, the Stilly Tribe would be applying for the FbD grant. If not, then SWM is willing to apply. An EC member noted that there would be better buy-in from the ag community if the County were to apply for the grant because the Stilly Tribe isn't at the SLS table. Others raised concerns about the lack of ag involvement with the IT.

EC members were asked, should ESRP funding be released for Phase II of the IT project? **Brian, CK and Andy approved the funding of Phase II.** It was noted that the IT facilitation needs to be transparent to get buy in from the Ag community.

- What does integrated funding look like? (Paul Cereghino)

Paul provided an excellent overview of the range of grants and programs that are available for SLS initiatives. For each category he pointed out the opportunities and the complexities involved. He also noted the limitations in funding for agricultural initiatives compared to those for habitat. More conversation is needed, but this overview gave a good basis for the focus needed on funding. See Paul's presentation on the website.

5. Outreach and engagement updates

- David discussed plans for the November Strategic Conversation. A draft agenda was shared and there was no comment. He indicated that a planning team was continuing to refine the program.

6. Decisions, next steps and future agendas

- Conference calls – days and times: David suggested we go back to holding coordination calls on Wednesdays but changing the time to 10 a.m. There were no objections.
- David reviewed the Fall EC meeting schedule and topics as planned.

7. Adjourn

Upcoming meetings and proposed topics:

November 14 Meeting

- Strategic Conversation – details coming

December 12 Meeting

- Update on Ag in Snohomish County
- Ag Resilience Plan