

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

Thursday September 12, 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):

Bartelheimer, Dan - Snohomish Valley Farms
Bernhard, Bob - Snohomish County SWM
Bookey, Brian - National Foods, SLS EC Co-chair (Ag)
Calvert, Dan - Puget Sound Partnership
Desmul, Lindsey - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Dittbrenner, Cindy - Snohomish Conservation District
Easton, Spencer - ESA
Eidem, CK - Ducks Unlimited, EC Fish rep
Farrant, Jill - SnoValley Tilth
Fay, Robin - PCC Farmland Trust
Hamill, Jessica - Snohomish County SWM
Lakey, Kirk - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Masterson, Ikuno - Snohomish County
Neunzig, Linda - Snohomish County
Nicolello, Bree - Forterra
Roberts, David - Kulshan Services (SLS facilitator)
Ruff, Morgan - Tulalip Tribes
Stockdale, Erik - Snohomish County SWM

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review (10:00-10:10)

2. Roundtable and Sharing (10:05-10:15)

- Dan Calvert: On October 10 there will be a workshop to discuss Puget Sound Partnership targets (e.g., floodplains, land cover development). Brian Bookey and CK Eidem think SLS should have a presence at the workshop. Dan will send out an email with more details.
- Linda: Focus on Farming event planned for November 7th
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/1466/Conferences>
- Morgan Ruff: Edgecomb Creek effort is still moving forward. A tribal liaison is working with BNSF.
- CK Eidem: The Leque project is planned to finish up in October. SnoWater is going to construction next week.
- David Roberts: He will be gone for the last two weeks in September. Please send October agenda items to Jessica and Bob.

3. Approval of August 8, 2019 Meeting Summary (10:15-10:20) – no objections to the August notes as amended by Morgan.

4. Primary Presentation or Discussion Topics (10:20 – 11:30)

- Stillaguamish IT Phase 1 Work Strategy (Carol MacIlroy and Spencer Easton)

Carol provided an overview of her work with the Stilly IT folks. She also offered some conceptual ideas around collaboration and how we define outcomes. She provided suggestions on how we can structure the relationship between the EC and the IT. Her handout will be posted on the SLS website along with the notes.

Carol also proposed that Phase 2 of the project be focused on the development of a Floodplains by Design grant proposal. The proposal needs to be ready by June. The schedule would include an early winter discussion on the progress of package of actions, and a late spring proposal presentation.

Carol offered some preliminary thoughts on behalf of the IT:

- The goal of IT is to facilitate actions, not implement them;
 - 80% of efforts are aimed between Estuary and Silvana;
 - It is too early to develop decision making processes;
 - GIS maps can be developed for focus areas, not for larger area focus.
- Comments and discussion
 - Need to create a strategy for ag from Silvana down, but we are lacking structure and capital. Need a joint strategy. FbD is probably not flexible enough to address the needs of ag. Need to find a way to bring together multiple sources of funding.
 - As the SLS gets more projects going, the Stilly Tribe may be interested in coming back to the table.
 - We need to create a funding package the community can get behind.
 - Carol noted that she has worked with Ecology to create an improved FbD rating system for ag projects.

Actions needed:

- Provide ideas on Phase 2 to Carol for discussion at the next conference call;
- Need a decision to move forward from Jay and Paul to release the funds for phase 2.

5. Outreach and Engagement Update (11:30 – 11:40)

- David handed out preliminary plans and agenda for the November Strategic Conversation developed by CK, Jessica and Lindsey. Plans are to use the Port's Blue Heron Room. Jessica is sorting out the food issues. The meeting will be November 14th and will run from 10-3. People on the conference call list will be invited. David welcomes any comments on the agenda.

6. Funding Updates

- David reported on Jessica's behalf that FbD contract is currently being negotiated with Ecology. She anticipates the need to discuss the details in a conference call in the future.

7. Project Updates

- Ag Resilience Plan (Cindy Dittbrenner)
Cindy reported that the reach summaries are out for review. There are two steering committee meetings left. She plans to launch in November but needs a bit more review by landowners. She is considering planning an event.

8. Decisions, next steps and future agendas

- We discussed how the EC makes decisions outside of normal meetings. We decided that it would be acceptable for the EC members to use email to make decisions as long as we formalize the agreement at the next meeting.
- We also agreed it made sense to add an Ag element to Leque project, though the details of what should be included in this part of the project and the cost still need further conversation.
- We discussed our general plan for conference calls. We will continue to have one call at mid-month, and if needed, we will add additional calls as topics arise.
- Finally, we also reviewed the topics for our fall meetings which are listed below.

9. Adjourn

Upcoming meetings and proposed topics:

October 3 Meeting

- Integration Team – Phase II Scope of Work
- Grants and their process - What does integrated funding look like?

November 14 Meeting

- Strategic Conversation – details coming

December 12 Meeting

- Update on Ag in Snohomish County
- Ag Resilience Plan