

## SLS PARTNERS MEETING NOTES

### SNOHOMISH SUSTAINABLE LANDS STRATEGY MEETING

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Zoom videoconference



**Attendance:** Daryl Williams, Lindsey Desmul, Morgan Ruff, C.K. Eidem, Carol MacIlroy, Linda Lyshall, Linda Neunzig, Erik Stockdale, Robin Fay, Spencer Easton, Tara Luckie, Terri Standberg, Cory Archer, Summer Daugherty, Kristin Marshall, Rosemary Martin, Marty Jacobson, Heather Khan, Gretchen Glaub, Heather Cole, Rachel Alger, Randi Shaw, Jessica Hamill

David Roberts (facilitation) and Sarah Parker (notetaker)

#### Breakout Rooms for Networking

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m. The group spent the first 10 minutes of the meeting networking in breakout rooms.

#### Floodplains by Design Draft Application Presentations

Kristin Marshall presented on the Floodplains by Design (FbD) draft grant application that will be submitted by the Stillaguamish Tribe on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The total cost of the package is \$13,362,040 with a FbD request of \$9,357,700.

Project package summary:

- 520+ acres of floodplain and estuary restored for ecological lift and flood benefit
- Up to 400 acres of farmland protected from future development, decreasing flood risk and maintaining open space
- Over 2000 acres of farmland drainage improved for agricultural viability
- Up to 1 million gallons/day of stormwater treated for improved water quality

The meeting participants had positive feedback on the Stillaguamish FbD package. Steering Committee members in attendance were supportive of the package. Feedback included:

- The projects build on prior incremental steps.
- Agriculture is balanced well in the package.
- The package addresses key attributes included in the attribute document.

Kristin noted that the presentation was compiled by Charlotte and Jason from the Stillaguamish Tribe.

Spencer Easton presented the Snohomish County sponsored FbD application. The County submitted a FbD pre-application with a budget of approximately \$18 million. Ecology requested to have the budget adjusted to describe what could be completed with an approximately \$10 million budget (the “base” budget request) and what could be added for an additional \$8 million (the “bonus” budget request). Snohomish County did not take any projects off the base request, but instead, phased and scaled the projects. It is a \$26.5 million project package with matches.

Both Partners and Steering Committee members had positive feedback, including:

- A lot of collaborative work has gone into these packages. It’s remarkable to see the quality of the collaboration that revolves around the SLS table.

The Steering Committee will discuss a letter of support at their next meeting on April 6th. Daryl, Linda, and David will let the ITs know if they need anything else between now and the next meeting.

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## Ag Board Meeting

The Partners considered what presentations could be made to the March Ag Board meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 p.m. Kristin and Jessica will present the two FbD packages. The Ag Board might be requested to provide letters of support to be included in the proposal. One of the SLS storytelling videos will be presented as well, and David Roberts will provide a brief update on the work of the Comprehensive Plan Workgroup.

## Digital Storytelling

Early this year, the Communication Team held a series of video storytelling workshops with the help of Creative Narrations. Twelve participants made videos, including farmers, people with a salmon focus, people with a flood focus, and farmers with a salmon focus. Each participant joined a two-week long training involving five 2-hour sessions. They learned how to tell stories, collect photos that tell those stories, and record videos. The Communication Team is hoping to host an in-person showing of the videos with participants and their families when the weather is nicer.

Lindsey shared one of the videos called "[Dr. Bill](#)" by Morgan Ruff.

## Announcements

- Heather Khan shared that Ralph Svrjcek is retiring from Department of Ecology on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Heather is putting together a list of people to invite to a retirement celebration.
- Sarah Parker requested ideas for future Special Topic Sessions.

To close the meeting, each participant shared one word to describe the meeting, including: beauty, abundance, community, progress, powerful, collaboration, stories, and grateful.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

**Next Partner Meeting:** May 4