

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Lisa Janicki excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wesen led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Discussion: Draft Environmental Impact Statement Responses to:

1. Commissioner of Public Lands RE: Long-Term Conservation Strategy for the Marbled Murrelet

Chair Wesen and Commissioner Dahlstedt discussed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Marbled Murrelet and supported sending a comment letter to the Commissioner of Public Lands.

The letter executed by the Commissioners can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03132017/>

2. Commissioner of Public Lands RE: Establishment of a Sustainable Harvest Level

Chair Wesen and Commissioner Dahlstedt discussed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding a sustainable harvest level and supported sending a comment letter to the Commissioner of Public Lands.

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3. National Park Service RE: North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan, and, Discuss a Coordination Meeting

Chair Wesen and Commissioner Dahlstedt discussed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding grizzly bear restoration to the North Cascades and supported sending a comment letter to the National Parks Service to request an additional coordination meeting.

Chair Wesen announced that a notice had been received extending the comment period by 45 days and would be ending on April 28, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve sending three letters and setting up a coordination meeting. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

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Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:13 a.m.

b) 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Presentation by Lynn Murphy of Puget Sound Energy: Baker River Emergency Alert System Upgrade

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Lynn Murphy of Puget Sound Energy.

Ms. Murphy provided information to the Commissioners regarding the proposed installation of additional sirens along the river in communities downstream from the dam to improve their early warning system in the event of a dam failure.

She said that four additional sirens would be installed. There were currently three. (One located in Concrete, one in Cape Horn, and another in the Grasmere community.) Ms. Murphy said that Puget Sound Energy would be holding an open house and would be happy to answer additional questions by phone (888) 404-8773.

The Commissioners thanked her for the information and Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:42 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works – Dan Berentson, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

1. Update from Operations Division

Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter invited the Road Operations Division Managers to update the Commissioners on maintenance occurring throughout the county.

Operations Division Manager Andy Shaw provided a general overview of many of the activities performed by the road operations division. Activities included responding to service requests; maintaining roads, shoulders and ditches; maintaining and replacing signs, guardrails and bridges; striping roads; removing snow and ice from roads; resurfacing roads; chip-sealing and fog-sealing roads; and working with solid waste for garbage removal. District 1 Supervisor Tony Crosby, District 2 Supervisor Dale Klinger, and District 3 Supervisor Chris Rowell briefed the Board on the maintenance activities performed.

Shaun Tawes with the environmental services team briefed the Commissioners on the support services they provided to road operations when a project involved water (for example work on a ditch).

Administrative Services Supervisor Connie Price informed the Board that the road operations division would benefit from additional technology for tracking, time keeping, and asset management. The Commissioners thanked Public Works and Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

d) 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one provided county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

John Dave of Sedro-Woolley shared concerns he had regarding Concrete Nor'west proposed gravel mine operation near Grip Road.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

No one provided miscellaneous announcements.

e) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Authorizing Litigation to Abate a Public Nuisance by Sanchez Farms LLC

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:47 a.m. and introduced Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea.

Mr. Honea provided additional information on the Resolution authorizing litigation to abate a public nuisance by Sanchez Farms LLC which was located in Burlington. He said that the owner of the property was not cooperating with Skagit County to resolve code violations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution authorizing litigation to abate a public nuisance by Sanchez Farms LLC (**Resolution No. R20170063**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

IV. AJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:50 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board