

Skagit Alternative Futures Project
Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Skagit Valley College Multi-Purpose Room
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Expected Outcomes:

- Understand and vet the underlying assumptions inherent in each alternative future scenario
- Overview the indicators used in modeling
- Understand the use of Envision in this project and how the model distributes population based on the underlying assumptions for each future
- Provide an update on the Citizen Committee Selection process

9:00–9:10 Welcome, Agenda Review, Introduction (*Kirk Johnson*)

Scenario – assumptions

Indicator – status, role (measure landscape performance)

Citz Committee selection and next steps

9:10 Brief Overview of Indicators and Status (*Kirk Johnson*)

Use all indicators to evaluate all scenarios

Measures of how scenarios affect landscape

Some – summary statistics

Others – more involved processes/dynamics

Tech committees been working hard

Considered, and discarded, many ideas – not tech feasible – data, etc.

List still under consideration

Some of these may fall off –

Want to provide overview – and will come back to indicators today

Most significant focus at July 14 meeting

9:20 Presentation of Scenario Assumptions

Remember scenarios intended to represent extremes

Developed for modeling purposes

Pieces may end up in final vision/preferred future

Concern – groups get too attached to these starting scenarios

Purpose today – fully vet assumptions in scenarios – now's your opportunity

Get SC guidance before all put into model

Some of this in model; not all; John won't be running a lot

9:20 – 10:00 Plan Trend (*Kirk J. and John B.*)
10:00 – 10:40 Agriculture/Forestry (*Kirk J. and John B.*)

10:40 Break
10:50 – 11:30 Ecosystem (*John L. and John B.*)
11:30 – 11:50 Economic Development (*Kirk J.*)

11:50 Indicators – Additional Discussion

Questions, thoughts:
Why these?
What's missing?

12:20 Citizen Committee Process Update

- Letter to Steering Committee
- Selection Process
- Citizen Committee Process throughout the project
- Role of Steering Committee

Field trip support, briefings – individually or group
Any interest in writing your “preferred future” which made part of orientation packet?

Envision Skagit 2060: Preserving Our Heritage, Shaping Our Future – broad public discussion – speakers, etc.

12:50 Next Steps

July 14 meeting – expect to have model 80-90 percent done
Can run model, show indicator outcomes, fine tuning

Sept. 8 meeting – model 95% done – very fine tuning

1:00 Adjourn