

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board
(CFAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017**

Members Attendance

Scott DeGraw	Wendy Pare	Owen Peth
Steve Sakuma	Andrea Xaver	Mike Hulbert

Members Absent

Keith Wiggers

Staff in Attendance

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

Member Update

Kara shared information on the Ag Summit, scheduled for 2/25. The main topics will be Water, Labor, and Economics. Andrea inquired about beekeepers losing bees with the group. The group shared that WSU has research programs around that and also there is a local bee association that might be informative.

Agenda Review

There were no changes to the agenda.

December 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Steve moved to approve the December meeting minutes and Andrea seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2017 Goals

The group discussed the potential for setting up 2017 goals. Ideas included quantifying a protection goal, such as a square mile or 640 acres; implementing marketing strategies, such as a brochure, meetings with succession planner and attorneys, publishing short articles in the Skagit Conservation Districts quarterly newsletter, SPF's newsletter, and Skagit Farmers Supply; sending promotional materials to landowners; creating a brief powerpoint presentation that anyone on the board can use to quickly introduce the program; and meeting with or presenting to the Board of County Commissioners. The group will review the founding resolution of the program and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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The group discussed how easements come to the program, such as traditional enrollments and land segmentations, such as the "39&1."

Property Update

There are four properties in the hopper, one new application, and one landowner is in the lot certification process.

Financials

Kara said the Conservation Futures fund balance is over \$2 million. The County is awaiting final payment of around d \$200,000 from the Recreation and Conservation Office.

FLP Annual Report

The FLP Annual Report is due to publish in the first quarter of 2017. Kara will also work with Bronlea to develop a FLP brochure and a website update.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.