

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board  
(CFAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

**Members in Attendance**

Scott DeGraw            Steve Sakuma            Mike Hulbert  
Andrea Xaver            Carolyn Kelly

**Staff in Attendance**

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works  
Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning Department

**Guests in Attendance**

Dan Berentson, Skagit County Public Works  
Allen Rozema, Skagitionians to Preserve Farmland

**Open**

Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m.

**Agenda Update**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Meeting Minutes**

Steve moved to approve the January 13, 2015 meeting minutes and Carolyn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Property Ranking**

Kara provided documentation (maps, score sheet, and score criteria) to rank the 2013 properties. She pre-scored the properties and the CFAC discussed each applicant's property and the score was modified as needed. The task was completed, and she will provide an updated ranking sheet with new scores at the next meeting. Kara will also provide ranking review packets for the 2014 properties.

Kara announced that a Public Works engineer, specializing in legal descriptions, will review each property for accuracy.

**Other Business**

Andrea said she would like to discuss the "no net loss of farming" with the Board of Commissioners in the near future.

Scott suggested that the CFAC meet with the Land Trust to discuss possible funding partnerships and other topics of interest.

Scott said that the Farmland Legacy Program needs an updated brochure developed this year that would provide interested parties with information about the Program. Allen said he would provide a sample brochure from his agency that he is currently working on.

### **Washington State Bill 5628**

Dan Berentson gave an overview of SB 5628, a bill providing for storm water, flood control, and water supply infrastructure in the state. The Bill is to establish three programs created in the Department of Ecology: reduce storm water pollution, reduce the risk of flooding, and improve the availability and reliability of water supplies for in-stream and out-of-stream uses. A special benefit assessment will be imposed, ratified by voters, to finance project funded through the programs. Complete information about this bill can be found at [www.app.leg.wa.gov/SB 5628](http://www.app.leg.wa.gov/SB_5628)

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.