

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 14, 2017

**Members Attendance**

Scott DeGraw	Mike Hulbert	Wendy Pare
Steve Sakuma	Keith Wiggers	Andrea Xaver

**Members Absent**

Owen Peth

**Staff and Others in Attendance**

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works  
Linda Christensen, Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM

**Member Update**

Mike reported topics discussed at a recent Skagitionians to Preserve Farmland (SPF) meeting: current agriculture issues; Bay Baby Produce appeal and reasons SPF filed the appeal; SPF role in supporting the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee (CFAC) and Agriculture Advisory Board; drainage and irrigation and the importance of producing high quality farm products in the Skagit Valley.

Wendy announced that Carolyn Kelly, Skagit County Conservation District Director, is retiring.

Kara offered her appreciation to the CFAC members who attend the recent Ag Summit held at the WSU Extension Center.

**Meeting Minutes**

Wendy moved to approve the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes and Andrea seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017 Goals continued**

Kara will bring the Farmland Legacy Program's founding resolution for review and discussion to the next CFAC meeting. Scott is interested to learn if a trend exists in funding sources, amounts spent, and acres protected by year since inception of the Program. Kara will produce graph(s) to illustrate possible trends.

**Ranking**

Kara presented two new applications for ranking and review. One application has 23.39 acres with one possible development right, and the other has 160 acres with four possible development rights.

**Property Update**

Kara reported another application was received and will prepare maps and ranking information for the CFAC to review at a future meeting.

**FLP Annual Report**

Kara distributed a draft report. The CFAC discussed and offered comments and edits. Kara will incorporate these changes into an updated draft for further discussion at future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM