

A Resolution Appointing Members to the Voluntary Stewardship Program Watershed Group

Whereas the Washington State Legislature, through Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1886 (2011), created a Voluntary Stewardship Program (“VSP”) for protection of critical areas in areas of agricultural activities while safeguarding Skagit County’s agricultural industry from litigation and excessive regulatory burden;

Whereas, on December 19, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance O20110013, electing to enroll the entirety of unincorporated Skagit County, and all of its watersheds, in VSP;

Whereas the Skagit County Board of Commissioners initiated County participation in the State Voluntary Stewardship Program by approving Resolution No. R20140287 on September 16, 2014;

Whereas state law requires the County to appoint a “watershed group” to develop the County’s work plan for Voluntary Stewardship Program implementation;

Whereas RCW 36.70A.715 requires the County to appoint a Watershed Group that will include broad representation of key watershed stakeholders;

Whereas Skagit County issued a press release on September 23, 2014 seeking volunteers to serve as members of the VSP Watershed Group and help develop the County’s Work Plan;

Whereas Skagit County Public Works received 21 applications from individuals interested in serving as members of the VSP Watershed Group and presented the applications to the Board of Commissioners for review;

Whereas in addition to forming a VSP Watershed Group, Skagit County is establishing a Technical Review Panel made up of applicants with expertise that would be valuable in the technical review of the VSP Work Plan;

Whereas per RCW 36.70A.725, the County must have its work plan approved by the director of the State Conservation Commission within three years of receipt of funding;

Whereas the Board of Commissioners designates and instructs the Director of Public Works to lead implementation of the County’s Voluntary Stewardship Program;

Whereas the Public Works Department will work with the watershed group to complete the required work plan for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners within one year of the date of Resolution No. R20140287, September 16, 2015;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners that:

Section 1. Establishment of a Watershed Group

- 1.1 The people listed in Exhibit A are appointed to the Voluntary Stewardship Program Watershed Group to help Public Works develop the County's VSP Work Plan consistent with Resolution No. R20140287.

Section 2. Establishment of a Technical Review Panel

- 2.1 The people listed in Exhibit B are appointed to the Technical Review Panel.

Witness Our Hands and the Official Seal of Our Office this 10 day of November, 2014.



**Board of County Commissioners
Skagit County, Washington**

Ron Wesen

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon

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ATTEST:

Linda Hammer

Clerk of the Board

RECOMMENDED:

Dan Berentson

Dan Berentson, Director
Public Works Department

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan Walters

Ryan Walters, Civil Deputy
Skagit County Prosecutor's Office

Exhibit A: VSP Watershed Group

Last Name	First Name
Anderson	John
Bluhm	Jodi
Childs	Ann
Clark	Tyler
Dewey	Bill
Graham	Oscar
Lagerlund	Oscar
Olson	David
Schmidt	Bill
Schwab	Jeff
Vander Kooy	Jason
Wolden	John

Exhibit B: VSP Technical Panel

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation
Hamburg	Daryl	Skagit County Dike District #17
Kelly	Carolyn	Skagit Conservation District
Knight	Kris	The Nature Conservancy
Rozema	Allen	Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland
Wasserman	Larry	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community