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.

39/1
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 $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.