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