

**Skagit County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
May 9, 2017

**Members Attendance**

Scott DeGraw	Wendy Pare	Keith Wiggers
Owen Peth	Steve Sakuma	Andrea Xaver

**Members Absent**

Mike Hulbert

**Staff and Others in Attendance**

Kara Symonds, Skagit County Public Works  
Dan Berentson, Skagit County Public Works

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM

**Member Update**

Wendy shared that the Skagit Conservation District has hired a new manager, Bill Blake. Bill worked at the City of Arlington prior to the SCD. Kara shared information about Linda's retirement events. The Board of County Commissioner's is hosting a recognition event on 3/22 at 11:00 a.m. Keith shared he was recently in Columbia and astounded by the agriculture found on steep slopes, such as coffee and potatoes.

**Meeting Minutes**

Wendy moved to approve the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes and Andrea seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mountain View Dairy**

The CFAC discussed an article that Linda shared with the group. It involves the PCC Farmland Trust. They are a nonprofit arm of PCC Natural Markets. The Trust is seeking to implement their Buy-Protect-Sell strategy with this farm, which includes outright acquisition, then placing conservation easements while they lease the land, then selling the land with the protections in place.

**Miller Amendment**

Kara shared a map of the Miller easement and discussed the proposed amendment. Kara is meeting with a USDA representative in May to discuss amendment procedures.

**July Meeting**

Kara shared that she will be unable to attend the July meeting; the group was ok with cancelling the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM