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**Minutes June 14, 2010**

Present: Dave, Tom, Steve, Gordy, Paul, Aubrey, Tim, Fred, Chuck, Lisa

Absent: Al, Ken

Guests: Samantha Chang USFS, John Cooper, PDS

- I. Minutes: Paul moved and Gordy seconded to approve the amended minutes. Unanimous.
- II. Announcement: Tim Raschko is now the new manager of Olympic Resources...congratulations!
- III. Discussion
  - a. Blanchard Mountain Update: Kendra informed the FAB that the Court of Appeals had unanimously reversed the King Co. court decision. This is a very good turn of events in favor of the Trusts. This reaffirms the Skamania case and really does what was hoped for in the Lake Whatcom Case for confirming that the DNR trust lands are not a public trust and that the SEPA review was in fact complete. (Note; this is a condensed version- will try to put the court decision on the web page). There was some discussion as to who would now be serving on the Strategies Committee that was originally appointed by Sutherland. Kendra said she would look into it.
  - b. NW DNR office. A decision has not been made yet as to who will take over Bill Wallace's position, but Ben Cleveland has been acting and some members of the FAB noted that they would like to see him continue.
  - c. Conservation Subdivision: Commissioner Wesen noted at the Ag Leaders meeting on Friday that several proposals will be taken to the Planning Commission (PC) for their review. It will be up to boards and community to go before the PC to voice their concerns. It is important for the community as a whole to be able to voice their options on the topic. No date has been set. It will be Ryan Walters bringing the proposals forward. Comments can also be given to Betsy Stevenson in PDS.
  - d. Conversion of Working Forest: There is no committee report this month.
  - e. Forest practices: There was not a June meeting. Kendra noted that RMAP extensions is a main topic along with the landslides and clean water. SEPA will be done on climate change, but only at a lg scale.
  - f. Alternative Futures: This is now being called Envisions. Paul gave an update on the forest tech work and on the Steering Committee

meeting. There was some concern that the Ecosystem future was going to model 300 foot buffers but at this point that is not feasible. There is not enough time to be able to get economic information as how this would affect the resources. The percentage for the amount of forest land that is harvestable in each zoning designation was discussed at the forest tech meeting and the FAB wanted to re-look at those numbers. After some discussion the FAB came up with the following numbers that they felt were more appropriate. Tom did note that this process (Alternative Futures) needs to understand the small landowner participation in the amount of timber that goes to the mills and their role in the sustainability. The SLO also have a set of rules that were promised during the Timber Fish Wildlife negotiations and into Forest Fish policy. With what is allowed under each zone and associated development standards the FAB felt that 98-99% of the land could be harvested in Industrial Forest. 95% in Secondary Forest; 90% in Rural resource and 80% in Rural Reserve. However, once the rules and regulations were applied then on an average 75% in IF; 65% in SF; 65% in RRes; and 50% ion RRV. Industrial forest have on an average a 40 year rotation whereas a 60 year in Secondary Forest. Kendra and Paul will take this information back to Kirk for the modeling.

- g. Future Agenda: A person from Seattle City Light will be coming to the September meeting.

IV. Adjourn 9:10.