

SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL
Board of Directors Meeting
Skagit Watershed Council Conference Room
September 6, 2012
8:30 a.m. - Noon

Meeting Notes

The meeting began at 8:40 a.m. with Steve Hinton, Dave Plug, Carolyn Kelly, Bob Carey, Bob Everitt and Shirley Solomon in attendance. Ken Dahlstedt joined the group at 9:45 a.m.

The August 2 meeting notes were acknowledged.

Financial. No Budget Report this month. Preparations are underway for the audit to be conducted by Hoekstra Associates.

Watershed Coordinator Report (written report only). Shirley briefly reviewed the content of the report.

Annual Lunch. The plans for the event, scheduled at Maple Hall on September 12, were reviewed including the menu and program. Nearly 70 people have signed up.

Draft SRFB LE Grant Program Guide. Shirley introduced the document which is intended to codify the process and procedures and bring the program in line with accepted Salmon Recovery Funding Board requirements. It will also serve as an important document in the Council's transition. It is on the agenda for the Technical Work Group meeting of that afternoon, with a focused review meeting planned for October 4. The schedule calls for Board adoption at the December 6 meeting.

PSAR RFP decisions. The process and decision was reviewed, including the change made as a result of the SRSC request for reconsideration. Members agreed that a formal appeal process should be established as a better way to handle such requests in the future.

RCO letter to SRSC. The Council has a responsibility for implementation performance but has yet to develop a satisfactory process for tracking and monitoring projects once under RCO contract. Rather than focusing on a particular sponsor the Council should research how other lead entities address this responsibility and, in consultation with the Technical Work Group, develop a process to address this matter.

Transition Planning Continued. Jay Watson joined the group and reviewed the additional three options developed for Board consideration (SCOG Option, LIO Option and Status Quo). After much discussion on the aspects of each the Board agreed that we should prepare to move the lead entity program to another organization and dissolve the Council. The Skagit Council of Governments was the organization of choice and the timeline for the transfer was the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2012. Shirley would remain in her position to undertake these tasks, with the assistance of Jay Watson and the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.