

## **Skagit Watershed Council – Final Notes**

### **Phone Meeting of the Board of Directors – October 24, 2016**

(Underline indicates decision point; parentheses indicate attachment #)

Present: Richard Brocksmith, Brendon Brokes, Colleen McShane, Michael Kirshenbaum, Jon-Paul Shannahan, Jon Vanderheyden

Absent: Carolyn Kelly, Steve Hinton, Ken Dahlstedt

#### **Call to Order at 2:06 pm**

Quorum present Agenda approved (#1).

#### **Old Business (#4a, 4b, 4c)**

The Board agreed to this special session to make a decision on the Riparian Strategy Project prior to the end of the October. At their October 6 meeting, the Board agreed to delay a decision to allow time to seek additional input on the project.

Richard provided updates regarding the Project contract discussions (4a), the Assessment and Strategy Development Draft Scope of Work (4b), and the Riparian Restoration and Stewardship Strategy Draft Outline (4c) This project will finalize a common database of riparian actions and maintenance status; conduct conditions assessment for 2006 and 2013 to describe riparian area trends; compare that to desired future conditions in support of identifying our next generation of priorities; and incorporate into our M&AM framework. Additionally, the project will develop ten planting plans. This will be facilitated through discussions with local leadership and implementers.

Richard reported that the process has been very thorough with input and revisions to the contract provided by SWC staff, SRSC, SWC Board members, and the Technical Work Group (TWG). The contractor, Environmental Science Associates (ESA), also provided additional detail. He described contents of the Draft Scope of Work (4b) and highlighted responses to comments received.

Motion made by Jon Vanderheyden and seconded by Michael to approve the final draft scope of work as presented and to execute a contract with Environmental Science Associates with a budget of \$79,950. No objections. Motion approved unanimously.

**Adjourned at 2:23 pm.**

#### **Next SWC Board Meetings:**

- **November 3, 9am to noon**
- **November 9, 9am to noon - SWC Quarterly Council of Members**
- **December 1, 9am to noon**