

SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting
Farmers Supply Conference Room
March 1, 2012

Meeting Summary

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with Steve Hinton, Dave Pflug, Bob Carey, Bob Everitt, Carolyn Kelly and Shirley Solomon in attendance.

The meeting notes of February 2 were acknowledged.

Financial. No Budget Report

Transition Planning. Shirley reported on several meetings conducted over the past month with Rebecca Ponzio and Jay Watson, with Steve Sakuma and Mike Shelby, with Ken Dahlstedt, and with Rebecca Ponzio and Steve Sakuma. Re the conversation with Sakuma and Ponzio it was noted that an agreed-to structure/organization and process was necessary before this watershed can tackle the substance/content of the Action Agenda. Sakuma indicated that PSP could take on the role of advocate/cheerleader for the transition planning that the Watershed Council is about to embark on as long as there was an agreed-to end date so as not to be locked into a “forever” process of organizing. December 2012 was mentioned as his preference.

The Board then reviewed the Watson draft contract and scope. Questions and concerns included: How to coordinate with PSP? Give Jay “room to work” and “don’t kick the can ahead too fast.” What will the County do? How will Jay interact with the Board? There was agreement that he should be at the next Board meeting. There was some concern that there is “not a huge amount of clarity around deliverables.” Will he meet the deadline of June 30 for Phases 1 and 2?

It was decided to specify the start date as “start when signed.” The Board then agreed to accept the contract with that one change. Dave Pflug abstained from the vote.

The Board agreed to shift the April Board meeting date to the 12th.

Update on Salmon Recovery Budget issues. Shirley passed on the information recently received from PSP and RCO that there will undoubtedly be cuts to the Lead Entity budget and less money from federal sources, while acknowledging that all is in flux and won’t become clear until the end of the Legislative session on March 8 and well beyond.

2012 SRFB Funding Round. Six proposals were received on February 22 and will be reviewed at the meeting to follow.

ADJOURN at 10:15 a.m.

