#### KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018 4:00-6:30 p.m.

ENUMCLAW SALES PAVILION CAFE 22712 SE 436TH ST, ENUMCLAW

	PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM	M TIMES ARE TENTATIVE)					
4:00	<ul> <li>Call to Order</li> <li>Welcome and Introductions, History of ESP</li> <li>Approval of Agenda</li> <li>Approval of Minutes (May)</li> </ul>	Leann Krainick, Chair Pro Tem					
4:15	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item 3 minutes/person; limit 3 people same side of any issue	Leann Krainick					
4:40	Old Business - Updates (approx. 2 min each)  Commission Details  KC Ag Program  Pearson Eddy  Permitting and Regulations  Farm, Fish, Flood 2.0  King Conservation District  Farm Bureau  Winery Code Update  Beefing Up Infrastructure  Recruitment and Process for 2 open seats  Council Presentation/Farm Tour Committee  Presented to Forest Commission on May 17  Farm Tour itinerary	<ul> <li>Patrice Barrentine</li> <li>Richard Martin</li> <li>Richard Martin</li> <li>Eric Beach</li> <li>Meredith Molli</li> <li>Josh Monaghan</li> <li>Bruce Elliott, Rosella Mosby</li> <li>John Taylor</li> <li>Patrice Barrentine</li> <li>Selection Committee</li> </ul> Committee Members					
5:05	Farm, Fish, Flood  SVAPD Ag Land Resource Strategic Plan Overview Request for ag commission's task force member	Meredith Molli, Patrice Barrentine					
5:25 5:40	Break Livestock Program  Overview Resources/Cost-share Q&A	Rick Reinlasoder					
6:10	General Public Comment 3 minutes/person; limit 3 people same side of any issue	Leann Krainick					
6:15	Concerns of Commissioners	Leann Krainick					
6:30	Adjourn	Leann Krainick					
	Quick Tour of the Enumclaw Sales Pavilion						

Next Meeting: September 13, 4-7pm, Carnation Farms, Alpine Room



#### Water and Land Resources Division

Department of Natural Resources and Parks King Street Center 201 South Jackson Street, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98104-3855

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#### King County Agriculture Commission DRAFT Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Vashon Public Library, Vashon

Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A	Ex Officio	P	A
Leann Krainick, Chair Pro-Tem	X		Lora Liegel	X		Fereshteh Dehkordi, DPER	X	
Amy Holmes, Vice Chair Pro-Tem	X		Darron Marzolf	X		Becky Elias, SKCPH		X
Roger Calhoon		X	Meredith Molli	X		Josh Monaghan, KCD	X	
Sarah Collier	X		Rosella Mosby	X		John Taylor, DNRP		X
Bruce Elliott		X	Leigh Newman-Bell	X		Kevin Wright, WSU	X	
Year Eng		X	Paul Pink		X			
Nayab Khan	X							

P=Present; A=Absent;

County Staff/Representatives Present							
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP	Alan Painter, DNRP	Christie True, DNRP				
Eric Beach, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP	Ted Sullivan, DNRP					

Guests Present								
Caitlin Ames, farmer;	Lyndsey Braun, KCD	Julie Kintzi, farmer; Tilth	Juniper Rogneby,					
Vashon Land Trust	Lynusey Braun, RCD	Alliance; WA FarmLink	farmer; activist; VIGA					
Kathie Balcom, King	John Browne, nurseryman;	Mark Musick, Vashon Island						
Conservation District (KCD)	KC Noxious Weeds Board	Growers Association (VIGA)						

#### **Meeting Action Summary**

- Public Comment: FPP anniversary, Vashon local concerns
- Approval of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- County, Commission, and Organizational Updates; KCD Advisory Board Representative Vote
- KCC Presentation & Farm Tour Committee: Discussion, Letter
- Presentation: KC Community Service Area's New Proposed Department
- Other Updates: Farmland Protection Program, Beefing Up Infrastructure, Local Food Initiative

#### Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm

#### Approval of Meeting Agenda – Delayed due to quorum

Leann Krainick noted some revisions to the agenda, mostly adjusting allotted times for specific items. Rosella Mosby suggested the KCC presentation item be a briefing instead of a full recap, as watching the presentation video online would include interactions and comments from those who were present. Ms. Krainick also noted addition of an item for a presentation on King County permitting and regulations by Eric Beach. Ms. Mosby motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Amy Holmes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (April 12th, 2018) – Delayed due to quorum

Darron Marzolf motioned to accept the minutes as written: Sarah Collier seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comment (Related to Specific Agenda Item)**

• Mark Musick: Next year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of passing the bond that established King County's Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). He suggested a storytelling symposium, featuring those involved in the bond's

- passage, to commemorate the event. He also requested help in finding a related local film called "Last Farmer in the Market;" Leigh Newman-Bell said she could help obtain a copy.
- Leann Krainick is working with North by Northwest Productions on several video segments about the origin of farming for various crops in Washington State.
- Lyndsey Braun: There is an ongoing struggle to transport large quantities of agricultural supplies, such as lime, to Vashon. She said some structure is needed to facilitate this, like a landowner incentives program. Leann Krainick offered to assist. Ms. Braun also asked how to start a scrapies program for sheep on the island, voicing concern that this is a potentially major future issue. Kevin Wright offered to put her in touch with appropriate staff.

#### **Old Business – Updates**

#### • Commission Details (Patrice Barrentine):

- o Ms. Barrentine will soon send out an email/poll to Commissioners to start pinpointing details to plan the Commission's July farm tour.
- O Applications for the next cycle of Commissioners are due the end of this month. There are two vacancies. Anyone with candidate suggestions or interested in outreach should contact Ms. Barrentine.
- Today, Commissioners and County staff toured Amy Holmes' Holmestead Farm here on Vashon.

#### • King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):

- The Working Farmland Partnership has officially launched, a multi-party effort to enhance bringing idle farmland into production and increase farmland access to potential farmers. Partners include Tilth Alliance, PCC Farmland Trust, and Sno-Valley Tilth. Initial geographic focus is Vashon and the Snoqualmie Valley. It is funded largely by KCD. Mr. Martin noted that getting farmland back into production will not happen by accident, and require a focus on making it happen.
- Recruitment for Steve Evans' former position is underway. Position duties have changed somewhat but still require a highly-qualified individual with experience in King County's agricultural landscape. Top candidates will be interviewed May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. It is preferred that a Commissioner sit on the interview team; Lora Liegel offered to reach out to Mr. Martin on this.

#### • Pearson Eddy (Richard Martin):

- A recent on-site meeting with DNR, WDFW, area tribes, Snoqualmie WID, and other partners was held to gain understanding of the recommended possibilities for tree management. Several laws constrain the tree clearing that can be done, but it is hoped that heavy thinning is still possible.
- o Mr. Martin said there is now a channeling of efforts to improve local drainage, as this is a KC issue, while the trees to be removed are in Snohomish County. Brian Sleight of DNRP's Stormwater section and others in DNRP are looking at drainage options for possible implementation; recommendations are expected by the end of this month. Mr. Martin added that the goal is for NRCS to pay for all these actions. Work is planned for both King and Snohomish Counties, with emphasis on King County, as NRCS is unable to guarantee long-term maintenance funding for Snohomish County actions. Leann Krainick asked if any money would come out of ADAP's budget if funds fall short. Mr. Martin said several sources would be looked at in that case, and the Snoqualmie WID has also placed high priority on projects in this particular sub-watershed.

#### • Permitting and Regulations (Eric Beach):

- o Mr. Beach reviewed the duties of his position, which involve technical support for farmers and small forest landowners in permitting and land management issues, and working with DPER to streamline County code. He fields about two inquiries per week, some ongoing, with others resolved quickly. His focus is primarily land use, such as zoning, clearing, and grading. He meets once a month with DPER and others to touch base and identify paths through various permitting challenges. He said specific updates will come periodically.
- o Farmers generally get in touch with Mr. Beach via word-of-mouth of contacts such as DPER, WID, and KCD. Fereshteh Dehkordi noted that dedicated DPER staff, focused on farming and agricultural use permitting, can also be reached at DPER's main phone number. Mr. Beach said anyone in his or DPER's teams could be contacted to reach him.

#### • Farm Fish Flood 2.0 (Meredith Molli):

The second Implementation Committee meeting was recently held, and two regulatory task force meetings. The IC's meeting touched on housekeeping and farm caucus concerns. The caucus's main concern is how to stay on top of their primary goal, to permanently protect a set amount of farmland from other uses such as salmon habitat restoration. Other caucuses voiced concerns: the fish caucus

- wants a better feedback loop with outside organizations also doing fish restoration work, so as to exchange feedback and info; the flood caucus wants better communication with the public. Ms. Molli and Josh Monaghan noted the need for discussion on when the official "clock" will start running on tracking farmlands to be converted to buffers/fish habitat.
- The regulatory task force's last meeting focused on de-fishing and ditch-cleaning. Ms. Molli felt a lot of progress has been made with this group in terms of getting issues on the table. She offered to send a write-up of the meeting to Patrice Barrentine for distribution.
- O Richard Martin recapped Commission representation on the task forces: former Commissioner Bob Vos on regulatory, and Bruce Elliott on buffers. He praised Eric Beach's progress with the regulatory task force. The buffer task force will meet soon, and the agriculture strategic plan task force later this summer. A Commission representative is still needed for the strategic plan force. The next IC meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup>; anyone wishing to be on its email list should contact Mr. Martin.

#### • King Conservation District (Josh Monaghan):

- A launch meeting was held earlier today for KCD's Institutional Purchasing team, LIFT (Local Institutional Food Team). KCD is joining with several partners, led by EcoTrust of Portland, to have a bigger impact in this area, especially in getting more farm produce to local schools.
- A Commission representative for KCD's advisory committee was still needed. After some discussion, Meredith Molli motioned to appoint Nayab Khan as representative, amended by Rosella Mosby to appoint Ms. Molli as the alternate. Amy Holmes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- o Mr. Monaghan reported that NRCS is facing critical staff shortages nationwide, with 60 vacancies a quarter of their force in Washington state alone. NRCS is the arm of USDA devoted to conservation work. The shortages are due to an ongoing hiring freeze. The KC office is being considered for closure; a public comment period on this closes May 18<sup>th</sup>. Patrice Barrentine will distribute info from Mr. Monaghan on this topic. He added that NRCS is now looking to partner with other agencies on conservation projects.

#### • Farm Bureau (Rosella Mosby):

o The deadline for student scholarship applications was April 30; submissions are now being reviewed.

#### **Winery Code Amendments (Patrice Barrentine)**

The amendments to County code regarding wineries have been sent to KCC. Most protections are limited to APDs, but concerns remain for areas without APDs, such as Vashon. Alan Painter of DNRP asked those with concerns to raise them with their district's Councilmember.

#### **King County Council Presentation & Farm Tour Committee (Committee Members)**

Leann Krainick thanked all who participated in the presentation to KCC's PRE committee. She encouraged all to watch the video: <a href="https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3480483&GUID=A457978F-74C2-47A8-A501-2FB0092F0EEF">https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3480483&GUID=A457978F-74C2-47A8-A501-2FB0092F0EEF</a>

She said its message boiled down to a concept that "one policy doesn't fit all." One hour was allotted, half for the presentation and half for a follow-up Q & A. Many topics were raised, including: recent Commission accomplishments and current work, critical challenges, a concept of "no food policy without proper farm policy," and requesting better funding and communication. Invitations were also extended to Councilmembers for the planned July farm tour.

Councilmember Kathy Lambert asked several questions addressing drainage and farmer marketing. She also asked if there are traffic impacts prohibiting farming; all present affirmed this problem. Councilmember Lambert sent feedback stating she was impressed by the presentation, and wishes the Commission to return and continue a dialogue. Meredith Molli encouraged all to reach out to their Councilmembers to keep communication open, and suggested each Commissioner personally invite their Councilmember to the tour, in addition to the invite from Patrice Barrentine.

Ms. Krainick and Amy Holmes presented a draft thank-you letter from the Commission to the PRE committee, summarizing the presentation and encouraging dialogue. After some discussion and proposed grammatical changes, Leigh Newman-Bell motioned to send the revised letter. Lora Liegel seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Krainick noted this presentation would also be given at next week's Rural Forest Commission (RFC) meeting, with hopes that the RFC will give its own presentation to KCC and hold a joint meeting with this Commission next spring.

#### Community Service Area (CSA)'s Newly-Proposed Department (Alan Painter)

Mr. Painter, CSA Manager for DNRP, addressed the Commission on the County's proposed Department of Local Services (DLS). Executive Constantine recently tasked Deputy Executive Fred Jarrett to gauge public service needs for

unincorporated King County's 240,000 residents, as if they were a separate city. As a result of Mr. Jarrett's report, Executive Constantine recommended to KCC the creation of a DLS. Its goal is to improve bringing public service issues and interests of unincorporated KC directly to the attention of the Executive and KCC.

DLS will be a reorganization of elements of several pre-existing agencies: parts of DPER, DOT's Roads division, and DNRP's CSA program. Unincorporated KC's spokesperson would be raised to a cabinet-level position, and work directly with colleagues to raise and address issues. Another intent of DLS is to provide one place for people to go if they don't know where in the County to direct their concerns. The department is also creating a set of service partnerships, many of which will be collaborative with other departments. Discussion is underway about which services and issues need addressing. In terms of budget, the department is planned to be revenue-neutral.

Outreach is ongoing, including town hall meetings around the County. One was in Enumclaw, with meetings in Vashon and the Snoqualmie Valley to be held soon. The town halls assemble representatives from involved County agencies to speak to the public and answer questions. Surveys are also being sent to citizens to identify challenges as well as things that are working. Mr. Painter further explained DLS stems from a need for recognition that KC has to be more responsive to residents of unincorporated KC, to "amp up" government responsibility and bring issues to the Executive.

Lora Liegel asked about the one percent cap in funding increases for DLS. Mr. Painter replied that for any increase in revenue that comes through the County, such as property taxes, the County only receives a one percent increase in funds. He said more revenue is needed to increase County responsiveness. Christie True, Director of DNRP, noted that the County has fewer revenue options than cities, and the gap between County revenue and costs will likely grow.

Amy Holmes asked how launching DLS would tie in with DOT's Metro division also becoming a standalone agency on January 1. Mr. Painter said implementation of the new departments happens through approval of the budget, which is effective January 1. He clarified that no DLS funding would come from Metro, but would be in part from DOT funds that support CSA and Roads. He also said for now, locations of offices making up DLS will likely remain unchanged.

Leann Krainick stressed a need to clarify to the public that this is a reorganization of existing agencies, not adding a new agency, as was misconstrued by some attendees at the Enumclaw open house. Josh Monaghan asked how a farmer would experience DLS and know if it was successful five years from now. Mr. Painter said DLS will include work with the DNRP agriculture team to improve recognition of farm issues. Patrice Barrentine added that Mr. Painter sits on the County's agriculture permitting team, so there is a lot of intersection between different offices. Meredith Molli asked if DLS is to remain revenue-neutral, how public services would be improved. Ms. True said the amount of services may not increase, but the responsiveness to existing services should.

#### \*\*BREAK\*\*

#### Farmland Preservation Program Update (Ted Sullivan)

Mr. Sullivan, FPP manager for DNRP, updated the Commission on the program's status. After recapping the history and purpose of the program, he delved into statistics for the current year. He said the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program has been a good FPP funding source since 2014. Since then, FPP has added 1,600 acres of easements, at a cost of about \$9 million. If all County offers are successful, 13 more farms will be protected in 2018. Currently, over 15,000 acres of farmland are enrolled in FPP. There is a list of 24 potential farms to add in different APDs as well as Vashon, which combined would bring over 1,000 new acres into FPP.

Josh Monaghan asked about the percentage of potential enrollees that ultimately choose not to enter the program. Mr. Sullivan replied that due to extensive County work done with applicants ahead of time, the number of dropouts is low, and in fact the pool of applicants is growing. He said word-of-mouth has been beneficial to the program.

Amy Holmes asked why the list of potential applicants presented today is smaller than a prior list presented to the Land Committee. Mr. Sullivan said the list today has been filtered down from the Land Committee list, which included informally/not-yet-committed applicants. Staff and funding availability can also create bottlenecks in the application process. Meredith Molli asked if landowners are approached or the County waits for landowners to contact them. Mr. Sullivan replied that both are done. He further explained that applicant priority is generally given to lands that are actively farmed, as opposed to not-yet-farmed. He said no non-food-producing land is allowed, such as commercial horse, turf, and Christmas tree farms. He did note that all easement requirements are voluntary. Sarah Collier asked if some diversification, such as a farm with a portion of land devoted to a prohibited activity, is an issue; Patrice Barrentine answered there are not many mixed-objective farms in the County.

Mr. Sullivan reviewed maps of protected FPP lands in the APDs. He touched on the County's Farmland Lease Program, which protects 179 acres across the County. He also discussed FPP becoming more of a resource for

landowners in permitting, easement purchase opportunities, transition planning, land use options, and so forth. He briefly discussed FPP's role in the County's 2017 Agriculture Land Survey and the County's goal of adding 400 acres to food production in KC each year. He noted the importance of preserving farmland outside APDs as well, as this represents over 40% of County farmland.

Mr. Sullivan encouraged Commission input on FPP through the Land Use Committee. Ms. Molli asked if there is data to track if FPP easements reduce what people are paying for properties. Mr. Sullivan said no. Richard Martin said the County should track sold lands that the County had easements on, and the selling prices. Mr. Sullivan agreed.

#### **Local Food Initiative Annual Report (Leann Krainick)**

Copies of the LFI annual report were distributed to Commissioners. Ms. Krainick said that at a recent Kitchen Cabinet meeting, it was determined that the LFI needs a mission statement for what it hopes to accomplish in the future. She and Rosella Mosby attended this meeting and noted that out of almost 50 people present, they were the only farmers. Ms. Krainick encouraged all farmers to participate in the upcoming Kitchen Cabinet 2.0.

#### **Beefing Up Infrastructure Update (Patrice Barrentine)**

Ms. Barrentine updated the Commission on the ongoing project to implement a USDA mobile meat processing unit in King County. The unit is owned by the Pierce Conservation District, and operates only in Thurston County. KC applied for a KCD grant in 2015 to help bring the unit and build out a site for it in King County. There are only four USDA-inspected retail slaughter facilities accessible to small producers in Washington State. King County's unique level of local product demand from customers, farmers who need processing, and the processor needing customers, all led to a request for help from KC.

She reviewed some of the hurdles undergone in the project, such as waiting four months to find a new primary partner after the original partner, who operated the unit, fell through. The first part of the project was to distinguish options such as "USDA" and "custom" for producers to determine what option worked best for them. The second part was to build out infrastructure to match USDA standards, which have very specific site and maintenance requirements. The grant is \$120,000, with a 36 month implementation window.

There were two marketing/processing workshops in Enumclaw and Carnation. From those attendees, a survey was conducted which determined there is demand to warrant one-two days a week year-round in King County with the mobile unit. After a review of potential sites for the unit, the top choice is Carnation Farms, with two possible in Enumclaw. The plan is to start work July 1, after which the site infrastructure will be built out, with a target operation date of September.

Amy Holmes said that at a recent agriculture conference, one slaughtering outfit offered transportation of animals from the farm to the processing site, and said she would like to see this service offered here as well. Ms. Barrentine agreed, but said the current operator for this unit does not have that capacity.

#### **Public Comment (General)**

- **John Browne** asked if WSU would ever be part of the County again. Amy Holmes replied there was a separation of ways between the County and WSU. Kevin Wright said that currently WSU is working to fund its agriculture program and make their services more seamless.
- Patrice Barrentine relayed an email from former Commissioner **Bob Tidball**. He wants the Commission to be aware of an auto wrecking yard expanding onto agricultural-zoned land in the Green APD. He believes auto wrecking is very contaminating to land and should not be on a riverbank or farmland. Ms. Barrentine said she would follow up on this and get back to the Commission.

#### **Concerns of Commissioners**

- Leann Krainick advised all present that there is no June or August Commission meeting. July's meeting will be held in Enumclaw, with an optional tour at her dairy prior to the meeting.
- Patrice Barrentine said she would start looking into planning for the Commission farm tour.

#### Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 pm

#### **Next Meeting**

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Enumclaw Sales Pavilion Café, Enumclaw (Optional tour at Krainick Dairy to precede meeting at 2:30 pm.)



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September 30, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott Chair, King County Council 516 Third Ave, Room 1200 Seattle, WA 98104

#### Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am writing on behalf of the King County Agriculture Commission in regard to Ordinance No. 2016-0254.2, which was passed by King County Metropolitan County Council July 25, 2016 and enacted as ordinance number 18326. Ordinance 2016-0254.2 revises marijuana production, processing and retailing restrictions for properties zoned as rural (RA) or agriculture (A).

The Commission is deeply concerned about conversion of farmland to marijuana production. In light of the County Executive's Local Food Initiative with goals of increasing food production by 400 acres/year for the next 10 years, agricultural and rural designated lands are needed for food production. This goal is complicated by actions that facilitate establishment or expansion of non-agricultural businesses within Agricultural Production Districts (APDs) or on lands zoned for agriculture, which potentially lead to abandonment of productive agricultural lands.

Within areas zoned RA, the ordinance limits marijuana production to RA-10 and R-20 properties, on parcels of 10 acres and larger, but does not require the acreage not utilized by the marijuana operation to remain in agricultural production. There is a potential, especially on smaller tracts, that the existing agricultural uses will be abandoned as management efforts focus on the more lucrative production and processing of marijuana. Similarly, because marijuana production is allowed on most all A-zoned properties (4.5 acres and larger), there is significant risk of losing farming operations once a marijuana operation is established on a previously productive agricultural parcel.

Farmland in King County has been protected as a natural resource since the early 1980's through the publicly funded 1979 bond for Farmland Preservation. That program has been supported through adoption of farmland protection sections in the Comprehensive Plan (e.g., R-101, R-204, R-205, R-209, and R-210) as well as the Growth Management Act designation of five Agricultural Production Districts. Public support for farmland protection has been documented through a number of targeted surveys and initiative development efforts, including the 2009 F.A.R.M.S report and the 2014 Local Food Initiative. The King County Farmer Regulatory Survey and Report (2015) documented that the price of farmland is far above the state and

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national average, which greatly restricts opportunities for local farmers to establish or expand their farming businesses. Expansion of the marijuana industry into existing agricultural areas will only increase land access barriers.

Therefore, although the Agriculture Commission is not opposed to marijuana production on lands zoned rural or agricultural, farming of the property not dedicated specifically to the marijuana production footprint, should be encouraged. Furthermore, marijuana cultivation and processing on A-zoned lands should be permitted only as an accessory use to the primary use of food production. Council should consider modifying the ordinance to reflect these long-standing priorities that are more in line with the current allowed uses in A Zones and APDs.

The Agriculture Commission supports the two zoning studies commissioned in this legislation and asks that the production and zoning study include an examination of the potential impacts of marijuana growing and processing to farming in King County.

Sincerely,

Leann Krainick, Chair Pro Tem

King County Agriculture Commission

cc: King County Councilmembers

Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Christie True, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

Mark Isaacson, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD), DNRP

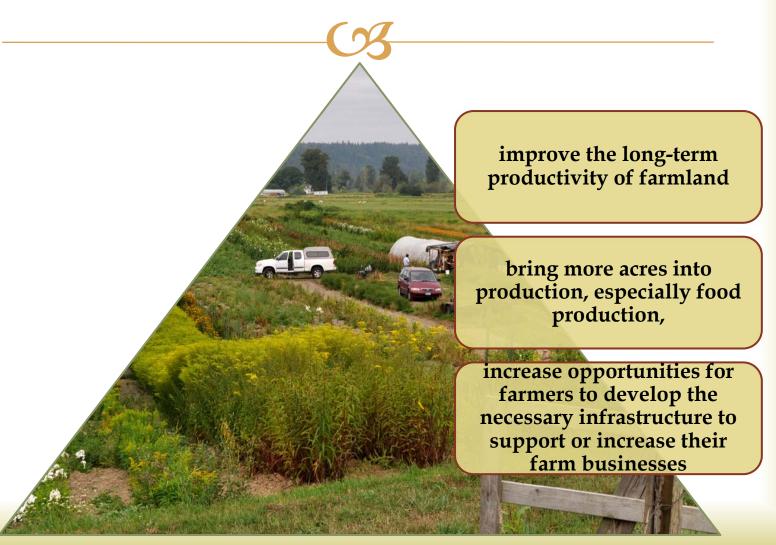
John Taylor, Assistant Division Director, WLRD, DNRP

# Farm, Fish, Flood

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Snoqualmie Valley Agricultural Land Resource Strategic Plan Task Force





## Method

assessment of specific farmland resource property needs and assets in the SVAPD

create an implementation plan for project improvements to land (e.g., drainage) and water access

# Scope of Work

## CB

# The Advisory Committee

- rovides guidance to the Project Management Team
- approves the detailed scope and review and approve elements of the plan as they are developed, and
- αpproves the final plan for consideration by the Agriculture Commission, the King Conservation Board and the King County Council.

# Membership

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### **Representatives from:**

- sthe Kitchen Cabinet
- **G** KCD
- Agriculture Alliance (Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance [SVPA], SnoValley Tilth [SVT], and the Watershed Improvement District [WID])
- S FFF Advisory Committee members
- **Agriculture Commission**
- **King County staff**
- cs a fish biologist
- cs and others

## **Timeline**

## CB

- 2016 Establish membership, convene meetings, apply for funding, and report to FFF on progress to date.
- 2017 Receive funding, hire project management team, fine-tune scope with membership and advisory committee's direction, start implementation of Task 1 and 2, and report to FFF on progress to date.
- **2018-2021** Implementation of Tasks 1-6; report to FFF on progress to date.

# Agriculture Field Trip for Councilmembers and Council Staff

by the King County Ag Commission

**Thursday July 26, 8 am - 1:30 pm** featuring commissioner's farms in the Green River and Enumclaw Agriculture Production Districts (APDs) and lunch sourced from King County farms

Purpose: To highlight the vibrant ag sector in King County and connections to county programs and policies at work

<u>What to wear/bring:</u> Casual clothes, sunscreen, hat, close toed shoes that can get dirty (hiking boots, tennis shoes) for uneven terrain and stairs, light jacket for rain.

We will provide: Water, snacks and a locally grown lunch

Questions: Please contact Ag Commission staff liaison, Patrice Barrentine, 206-477-1556

**RSVP**: By Friday July 20, COB to <u>patrice.barrentine@kingcounty.gov</u>

## **Agriculture Field Trip for Councilmembers**

**Itinerary** 

Thursday July 26, 2018

We will be travelling by vans to minimize parking challenges on the farms and also to cover an overview of key issues en route.

8 am Depart King Street Center (by vans)

8:45-9:45am Mosby Farms, Rosella and Burr Mosby, Auburn

Established Farmers, Hand-picked vegetables, Packing and Processing, Markets, Student worker program, Labor

10:15-11:15am Krainick Dairy, Leann and Mike Krainick, Enumclaw

Agriculture Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP), Farmland Preservation Program (FPP), Labor, Processing, Grain from breweries, Bedding Master, Compost, Pricing/cost – Dairygold, Giant pumpkins, Centrifuge

**11:30-12:30** Shared Soil Farm, Lily Gottlieb-McHale and farmers she leases to, Enumclaw Start-up farm (this is year 2), Concept of several farms operating on shared acreage, Who are the farmers, How it works, Successful funding to date, New infrastructure, Working Farmland Partnership

1:30 Return to King Street Center (Local farm fresh lunch served while travelling back to Seattle)