

# Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board

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Monte Marti, Manager  
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Dear Mr. Marti,

Pursuant to Snohomish County Code Title 25A.30.030, the Stillaguamish Clean Water District Advisory Board (CWDAB) offers you the following recommendations, requests, and comments that relate to the Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) 2015 Work Plan:

**Referral and Compliance:** The CWDAB commends SCD's focus on the clarification of "roles and responsibilities" among Snohomish County, Washington Department of Ecology, and SCD on the referral and compliance process. This clarification is needed to increase efficiency and to provide technical assistance, farm plans or procedural letters to correct water quality issues.

**Lower Stillaguamish Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program:** **The CWDAB recommends** that SCD continue to work collaboratively with Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM) as priority areas are identified through the pollution source identification process. **We also recommend** that SCD assist responsible parties with the pollution clean-up work via outreach, technical assistance, and Best Management Practices (BMP) implementation.

**High Priority Livestock Inventory Sites:** **The CWDAB recommends** continued efforts to reduce impacts to critical areas or wetlands through SCD services including technical assistance, farm plans, kitchen table meetings, and farm tours.

**CWD Funding:** The CWDAB appreciates SCD's acknowledgment of Stillaguamish River CWD funding contributions by name in all news articles, publications, and other information released to the public. **We recommend** that you continue to leverage these funds through grant proposals whenever possible.

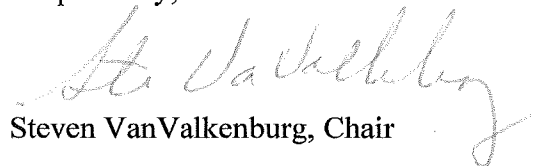
**Resource Management:** **The CWDAB recommends** that SCD continue to support:

- agricultural lands affected by the Oso Land Slide;
- water quality stewardship by educating horse owners through Sound Horse Keeping workshops, education and outreach, and farm tours, including involvement in youth horse activities;


- education of landowners on natural resource management;
- livestock surveys and priority areas defined by the SCD;
- South Fork Stillaguamish River habitat and water quality improvements as related to livestock; and
- current SCD programs such as farm planning services, BMP recommendations, workshops, and annual plant sale.

The CWDAB supports SCD continuing its fine work in the Stillaguamish watershed. We hope these recommendations and comments will help you in forming your 2015 Work Plan and annual contract with SWM. We request your written response in time for review at our September 2014 Board meeting.

Respectfully,



Steven VanValkenburg, Chair



Regina Gray, Vice Chair