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Sustainable Lands Strategy

Working together for farm, fish and water net gain

July 26, 2018

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RE: *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish River Basin*

The Snohomish County Sustainable Lands Strategy (SLS) mission is to develop tools and strategies that will generate net gains (measurable improvements) for fish, farm and flood (F3) interests, including flood management, tribal culture and environmental quality considerations. SLS is a forum for F3 stakeholders and convening governments committed to the proposition that we can make more progress working together than by fighting over a common landscape.

SLS facilitation is supported by Snohomish County and includes participation from agricultural and flood/diking control interests, local landowners, the Tulalip Tribes, the Stillaguamish Tribe, the Snohomish Conservation District, Pilchuck Audubon Society, Ducks Unlimited, Forterra, PCC Farmland Trust, Snohomish County, Washington Departments of Ecology and Fish & Wildlife, and NOAA, among others.

The SLS Executive Committee is submitting this letter in support of Snohomish County's *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish River Basin* application for 2019-2021 Floodplains by Design funding. Developed by Snohomish County and SLS partners, the proposal models the SLS approach whereby multiple interests (public, tribal, private and non-profit) collaboratively implement actions designed to achieve net-gain results for F3 interests over a reach-scale landscape. Collectively, the actions proposed illustrate **integrated floodplain management in action**.

The proposal provides necessary resources to evaluate and implement a suite of actions identified in SLS's *Lower Skykomish River Reach-scale Plan* (<https://goo.gl/9s37yJ>), in addition to other actions that will help reduce the risk of flood damage in the Snohomish River basin floodplain, restore and protect ecological functions for salmon, and support and strengthen agricultural viability.

Thank you for considering this important application for funding.

Sincerely,

Terry Williams
Snohomish Sustainable Lands Strategy,
Environmental Caucus

Tristan Klesick
Snohomish Sustainable Lands Strategy,
Agricultural Caucus

July 30, 2018

Washington State Departments of Ecology
c/o Adam Sant, Floodplain Project Manager

Dear Floodplains by Design Project Review Team,

The Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO) is pleased to provide this letter in support of Snohomish County's *Advancing Sustainable Land Solutions in the Snohomish Basin* final application for the 2019-2021 Floodplains by Design program.

The LIO vision is to accelerate Snohomish and Stillaguamish ecosystem recovery. We facilitate this by communicating recovery needs and coordinating recovery actions between local communities and regional stakeholders. This project emulates this tiered communication and coordination approach by:

- Elevating floodplain resident's understanding of current and future risks;
- Incentivizing the transition of floodplain land uses toward those that increase natural river functions and reduce financial losses for residents and government; and
- Engaging floodplain residents in designing projects to further enhance suitable long-term floodplain land uses.

Proposed actions are informed by science-based, locally-derived strategies for improving water quality and reducing flood damages which will benefit floodplain residents and the economy of this active agricultural landscape. Solutions are developed to increase collaboration among agencies and organizations working to preserve agricultural viability while improving ecological functions and reducing flood losses. Actions are consistent with Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO 5-Year Ecosystem Recovery Plan elements, such as:

- Achieving a decrease in the number of impaired (303(d) listed) waters through actions such as implementation of agricultural BMPs (SSLIO 02.1 Integrated Planning),
- Reducing loss of forested land and vegetation cover through preservation and replanting actions (SSLIO 10.1 & 10.2 Freshwater and Estuarine Protection and Restoration), and
- Halting additional loss of floodplain function through habitat restoration and conservation actions (SSLIO 10.1 & 10.2 Freshwater and Estuarine Protection and Restoration).

Completion of these subreach solutions will also advance several of the LIO's proposed NTAs (2018-0399, 2018-0097, 2018-0623, 2018-0872, 2018-0873, and 2018-0715), and contribute to the ten-year riparian restoration goals identified in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Recovery Plan.

Thank you for considering this project for funding.
Sincerely,



Gregg Farris
Co-Chair, Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO
Executive Committee



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SNOHOMISH BASIN SALMON RECOVERY FORUM

August 2, 2018

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The Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum (Forum) would like to offer our support for Snohomish County's Floodplains by Design proposal: *Advancing Sustainable Lands Strategies in the Snohomish Basin*.

The Forum is a citizens committee that includes tribal, city and county governments, state and federal agencies as well as representatives from business, agriculture, recreation and environmental interests. As the Lead Entity for Snohomish Basin salmon recovery, the Forum works collaboratively to protect and restore salmon habitat in the Basin by following and promoting scientifically supported recommendations provided in the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan (Plan) (2005) and the Snohomish Basin Protection Plan (SBPP) (2015).

This proposal put forward by the County and SLS partners has many elements that are easily supported by the Forum as they provide a path to restoration and protection actions in areas identified in the Plan as among the highest priority. Located within the mainstem priority subbasin strategy group, the proposed capital construction projects, acquisition and design components result in measurable gains for fish habitat. The modeling and hazards assessment will be useful to inform future restoration projects within the whole Basin and the integrated floodway designs provide a path to accomplish restoration advancements within the mainstem where progress has been difficult to make. Design elements also advance a project identified in the 2005 salmon recovery plan, Shinglebolt Slough. Furthermore the proposed outreach, project implementation team and agricultural resilience design elements align with Forum goals of collaboration with interest groups in the Basin.

If the proposal is accepted for funding, the Forum and its committees look forward to being heavily engaged in all aspects of the proposal. We are committed to providing our technical and policy expertise to ensure capital projects are advanced, whenever possible, with emphasis on restoring and protection natural processes that create and sustain fish habitat and lead to a more resilient floodplain for people and fish.

Thank you for considering this important application for funding.

Sincerely,

Terry Williams
Forum Chair

Jim Miller
Forum Vice-chair

Cc: Snohomish Basin Salmon Recovery Forum members and alternates

Snohomish Conservation District

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July 17, 2018

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RE: Commitment to partner on the *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish River Basin* project

Dear Review Team,

Since 1941, the Snohomish Conservation District (SCD) has been working with farmers, city residents, and rural and suburban landowners – embracing multi-benefit actions that serve both landowners and the environment. The SCD is pleased to be partnering with Snohomish County on the *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish River Basin* project being proposed for the Floodplains by Design 2019-2021 funds.

The Conservation District has been a member of the Sustainable Lands Strategy since its inception and feels strongly that the proposed set of actions will address critical barriers toward progress of the group's multi-benefit goals. The District will lead development of agriculture resilience projects through a farmer supported effort to develop a county-wide Agriculture Resilience Plan. In addition, the creation of an SLS Integration Team focused on developing, prioritizing and implementing flood, farm, and fish projects as well as development of climate predictive 2D flood modeling will enable SLS to move toward implementation of climate resilient approaches to floodplain management. The Conservation District is excited to be taking a leadership role in development and implementation of the Integration Team approach. More immediately, we look forward to working with partners to begin implementation of a climate resilient package of projects in the Skykomish River focus reach.

Again, we strongly endorse this proposal and thank you for considering it for funding.

Sincerely,

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Mark Craven
Board Chair



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The Tulalip Tribes are the successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, and Skykomish tribes and other tribes and band signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott

July 31, 2018

To Washington State Department of Ecology:

The Tulalip Tribes is pleased to provide this letter in support of the *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish Basin* proposal for the Floodplains by Design 2019-2021 Biennium. Proposed actions are consistent with the Tulalip Tribe Natural Resource Department's mission is to carry out the tribes' co-management responsibilities in a manner consistent with treaty rights as well as protection and perpetuation of the resources upon which the people have depended for over ten thousand years. The Natural Resource Program includes:

- Fisheries
- Harvest Management
- Salmon Hatchery
- Shellfish
- Water Resources
- Wildlife

Stewardship of our natural resources is a responsibility and an honor not taken lightly, as is evidenced by our many programs in the Natural Resource Department. Protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife, and water resources, and restoring and maintaining riparian habitat to support a harvestable supply of fish in the tribes' usual and accustomed basins is of critical importance.

The Tulalip Tribes takes the lead in preserving and restoring its land and waters. We do so by dedicating a number of departments to environmental rehabilitation. Environmental preservation is important to our culture. Tulalip Tribal members have lived off the resources of the land and water for thousands of years. Keeping the land and water healthy allows Tribal members to continue practicing their culture through fishing, hunting, gathering of berries and herbs and using cedar to make baskets, hats and clothing. Taking action throughout the region to ensure that these activities are in available in perpetuity and treaty rights protected for generations to come is action that the Tulalip Tribes support.

The *Advancing Sustainable Lands Solutions in the Snohomish Basin* proposal provides an opportunity to advance a suite of multi-benefit projects that further our shared goals. This proposal builds upon recent reach-scale work which Tulalip has been engaged in to provide immediate flood risk reduction benefits, address critical gaps in knowledge, and pilot reach-scale integrated floodplain management. The overall goal of the proposal is to advance integrated reach-scale work in the Snohomish Basin and pilot a suite of on-the-ground actions in the Sultan Reach of the Lower Skykomish River that will demonstrate an integrated approach to floodplain management.

This work will lead to increased agreement and collaborative actions and will provide real results for habitat by laying the ground work for habitat restoration and agricultural resilience that support natural river process and give the river room; riparian plantings to increase shade and habitat complexity; design and construction of road elevations to reduce flood frequency and improve emergency access for over 600 residents; replacement and removal of fish passage barrier culverts to improve salmonid access to forested flood refugia; and modeling and hazards assessment that will fill critical knowledge gaps related to flooding extent, flow pathways, and geomorphic risk.

The Tulalip Tribes supports this project proposal, which benefits multiple stakeholders and implements actions to help achieve sustainable natural resource management.

Thank you for considering this proposal for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Terry Williams, Commissioner

City of Sultan



July 26, 2018

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Re: Floodplains by Design grant application endorsement -
Advancing Sustainable Land Solutions in the Snohomish Basin

Dear Floodplains by Design Project Review Team,

The City of Sultan endorses the *Advancing Sustainable Land Solutions in the Snohomish Basin* project, which will demonstrate on-the-ground actions that balance community needs for flood protection and agricultural viability, with ecological needs such as habitat improvements that help recover threatened fisheries. Our rural community was founded on natural resource industries. In its early years, logging, mining and agriculture formed the City's economic backbone.

Today, our community is poised for rediscovery by supporting flourishing outdoor recreation and ecotourism businesses emerging thanks to the Sky Valley's pristine open spaces. Tourism and recreation is a \$2 billion sector in Snohomish County and the county's third largest industry. Historic Sultan is one of several rural communities along SR 2 within an hour or so of Seattle ideally positioned to service hikers, climbers, boaters, and campers recreating in the Wild Sky Wilderness Area, the Pacific Crest Trail, and the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Sultan is also an important hub for the Skykomish-Snohomish Water Trail, under development by the National Park Service, County Parks Department, and many municipal and recreation partners. Capitalizing on this growing sector, the city is building a pedestrian bridge across the Sultan River, to connect two riverfront parks (Sportsman's Park and Sultan River Park) with downtown amenities. The city is also consulting with County planners designing the future Steelhead County Park. Across the Skykomish River from Sultan, that park is redeveloping a former floodway residential area ([Skyview Tracts](#)) for seasonal camping, river access, hiking trails, and side-channel habitat restoration.

Maintaining the rural character and quality of life of Sultan and the surrounding community is a high priority for area residents. However, Sultan is growing fast and so careful land use planning is imperative to maintain the health of those natural resources our economy and way of life depends on. The city's population of 5,050 is up by 22% from the 2010 census. This year, 250 new homes are being permitted for construction, which could easily increase the city's population by another 12% (625 people) in the near-term. Active community participation in land use planning is essential to success with managing both natural resources and intensifying population pressure.

This Floodplains by Design project is the **call to action** we need; engaging floodplain residents in active measures to restore and protect floodplain natural resource health and promote the viability of top-priority agricultural lands. This project will facilitate necessary, and often contentious, deliberations around our floodplain community's vision for this landscape and ways to balance near-term private landowner interests

City of Sultan



and long-term public interests. This project will also demonstrate a pathway forward by incentivizing floodplain protection and restoration actions that give the Skykomish River the room it demands so that 100 years from now, this floodplain remains the wild and scenic place residents and visitors value.

We will support this project by hosting community conversations in our meeting spaces and seasonal events, and promoting outreach events on our notice boards and website. Project elements are consistent with city long-term planning to minimize flood losses and enhance natural river function within our boundaries wherever possible. To date, the city has purchased 4 repetitive flood properties at the mouth of the Sultan River and replaced development with park open spaces; enhancing our community aesthetically while respecting the power of this river. We also encourage residents of Skykomish riverfront homes at risk from natural channel migration to relocate from harm's way. After decades of trying to control our rivers, we now accept that "flood control" is not cost effective and a poor use of our resources. Investing in the transition toward more sustainable floodplain land uses makes sense, socially, economically, and ecologically. Thank you for investing in our community's transition.

Sincerely,



John Seehuus
Mayer, City of Sultan



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July 27, 2018

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Re: Endorsement for the *Advancing Sustainable Land Solutions in the Snohomish Basin* 2019-2021 Floodplains by Design grant application

Dear Floodplains by Design Review Team,

In this increasingly complex world, comprehensive and creative solutions are needed to resolve resource conflicts, and amazing things can be achieved when diverse interests can recognize common ground. The Snohomish County Sustainable Lands Strategy embodies this approach and pursues lasting solutions that balance human and natural resource needs through communication and collaboration among diverse stakeholders.

This winning formula of communication and collaboration is being proposed with this Floodplains by Design grant application, specifically:

- Communicating to floodplain landowners risks to current agricultural land uses posed by flooding and channel migration, using visually compelling imagery from hydraulic modeling and geomorphic assessment; and
- Collaborating with floodplain landowners to implement a variety of acquisition and restoration actions to protect the viability of priority agricultural lands and help recover viable local salmon runs.

Snohomish County ranks second in Washington State for the number of new farms and farmers, and this [\\$139 million dollar industry](#) produces a diverse range of high-quality products and services, including beef and poultry, dairy, fresh fruit and vegetables, and agri-tourism. Despite this sector's importance to the economy and regional food security, farmland in Snohomish County is at risk. As one of the fastest growing counties in the country, Snohomish County farmland is quickly being lost to development and other non-agricultural uses. Active farmland is also being lost to natural processes, such as river channel migration and flooding.

To address these risks, priority farmland must be protected and floodplain open spaces utilized to their highest potential. This project will demonstrate early actions that support this goal of keeping agricultural producers viable while respecting Skykomish River natural processes. A key action proposed to accomplish this is the trial of various acquisition instruments to induce voluntary landowner participation in farmland conservation and riparian restoration (e.g. channel migration easement, agricultural conservation easement, buy-serve-sell, land swapping, etc.). Passive approaches to floodplain management are intended to balance local community needs for flood protection and agricultural viability with ecological needs to sustain threatened fisheries.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture endorses this proposal as a practical, cost-effective means to achieve multiple benefits and model a more sustainable approach to floodplain management in agricultural areas.

Sincerely,

Derek I. Sandison
Director

Landowner Acknowledgement Form

Landowner Information

Name of Landowner: Lauritzen

Landowner Contact Information:

Mr. Ms. Title:

First Name: Patricia L. M.

Last Name: Lauritzen

Contact Mailing Address: 31612 160th St. SE, Sultan, WA 98294

Contact E-Mail Address:

Property Address or Location: 2 parcels along 160th St SE, 39.8 acres in size, South Slough cuts across property

1. Lauritzen is the legal owner of property described in this grant application.
2. I am aware that the project is being proposed on my property.
3. If the grant is successfully awarded, I will be contacted and asked to engage in negotiations.
4. My signature does not represent authorization of project implementation.
5. If I am affiliated with the project sponsor, I will recuse myself from decisions made by the project sponsor to work on or purchase my property.



Landowner Signature

8/2/18
Date

Project Sponsor Information

Project Name: Advancing Sustainable Land Solutions in the Snohomish Basin

Project Applicant Contact Information:

Mr. Ms. Title

First Name: Erik

Last Name: Stockdale

Mailing Address: 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, Wa 98203

E-Mail Address: erik.stockdale@snoco.org

Sultan Reach Landowner Engagement Strategy

Background

Since the Sustainable Lands Strategy (SLS) began in 2010, the County and its SLS partners have been in conversations with farmers in the Sultan Reach concerned with the impacts of flooding and riverbank erosion on their operations. Various flood hazard and erosion reduction measures were discussed and considered. Conversations with Sultan Reach landowners intensified during the 2015-2016 flood season, which included six 100-year flood events causing significant bank and armoring erosion. Since then, County engineers provided technical information on existing hydrologic and geomorphic risks so that SLS partners and impacted landowners could better understand the risks in the Reach. Landowners were also provided a list of alternatives including processed based solutions that would provide long-term/sustainable relief. Several landowners in the Sultan Reach are willing to continue to engage in sustainable solutions to flooding and erosion in the Reach.

Goals and Approach

Building on the outreach that has been ongoing with many of the Sultan Reach landowners for many years, the goal of this strategy is to continue that collaboration to reach a successful, well-supported outcome.

In the short run, the County and partners want to check in with all Sultan Reach landowners to ensure they are personally informed about this grant application, and that their issues and needs have been verified. Prior to the SLS Integration Team outreach that will be formally conducted as a part of this FbD proposal, County staff and partners met with individual landowners between May of 2018 and early July 2018. During that period, partners sent a two-person team, knowledgeable about the proposal elements and flooding history, to meet with specific landowners. The two-person teams were:

- **Riparian Corridor Actions** (right bank floodplain agricultural land) led by SWM Habitat Specialist and Snohomish County Agricultural Coordinator
- **Flood Hazard Reduction Actions** (Mann/Ben Howard Road properties in the Area of Interest) led by Public Works Real Property Specialist and SWM Engineer III

A notetaker also participated to record subject matter applicable to the FbD grant application.

FbD Grant Messaging

As background for their effort and to provide consistent messaging about the FbD grant opportunity, teams were given the set of vetted messages to share about grant goals and tasks, and open-ended key questions to solicit landowner insights:

Messages

- This is a grant application only, requesting State funds to help reduce flood hazards, provide environmental benefits, and preserve agricultural viability.
- The partners are reaching out to Sultan Reach landowners (within the floodplain, from RM9 and RM15) to inform them about this grant opportunity and to verify understanding of site-specific issues.
- The proposed grant tasks address data and information gaps related to river flood and hazard conditions, including how those conditions may change in the future.
- The grant also proposes opportunities for landowners to help define floodplain management alternatives and assumptions for potential future Focus Reach projects.

- Grant funds will not be available until late 2019, if awarded.
- The partners are only interested in working with willing landowners on permissible actions.

Key Questions (open-ended are best)

- We understand flooding and erosion are primary issues of landowner concern [*tailor the issue to the subject site*]. Are there other issues impacting your property?
- If there was an opportunity to address the issue of [*insert specific issue*] on your property, what would you prefer to do?
- Would you be interested in working with grant partners (e.g. County, SCD, PCC Farmland Trust) to develop solutions that benefit public interests as well as your interests (multi-benefit)? Some examples of public benefits are water quality and fisheries habitat, downstream flood reduction, and recreation opportunities.
- Can you tell us a bit about the “flood history” of your property? Do you have any stories or photos to share about the history of flooding?

This approach was selected is to ensure consistency in County staff communications with the landowners, as these staff members were already having conversations with these landowners, and were familiar with the elements of the grant application.

Results of Check In Activity

The partners outreach efforts were documented as they took place, using a system of identifiers to represent the individual parcels and landowners. See the **Project-Scale Actions Map** (Attachment 1d) for the location of the flood hazard reduction parcels described in the table below (see Appendix 1 below for a record of the conversations). The **Sultan Reach Existing Conditions Map** (Attachment 1b) displays the general locations of the parcels located in the Riparian Corridor Actions section of the table below.

A chart listing the status of each contact and the staff members participating is provided below.

Identifier	Lead Staff	Status
<i>Proposed for Potential Riparian Corridor Actions</i>		
RC-1	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Complete. Discussion ongoing since 2015. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-2	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Attempted to contact 2018. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop.
RC-3	PCC Farmland Trust	Discussion ongoing. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-4	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Complete. Discussion ongoing since 2015. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-5	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Discussions prior to grant. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-6	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Complete. Discussion ongoing since 2015. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-7	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Discussions prior to grant. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-8	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Discussions prior to grant. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-9	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Attempted to contact 2018. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop

RC-10	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Discussions prior to grant. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-11	Real Property Specialist	Discussion ongoing. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-12	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Discussion ongoing. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
RC-13	Habitat Specialist/Agriculture Coordinator	Discussion ongoing. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
<i>Proposed for Potential Flood Hazard Reduction Actions</i>		
FH-1	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-2	Habitat Specialist and Agricultural Coordinator	Complete. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop.
FH-3	Real Property Specialist	Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-4	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete-SIGNED LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
FH-5	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete-SIGNED LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
FH-6	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete
FH-7	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete
FH-8	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-9	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-10	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Complete. Discussion ongoing since 2016/17. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-11	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Attempts to contact made July 2018. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-12	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Attempts to contact made July 2018. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-13	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Attempts to contact made July 2018. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-14	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Attempts to contact made July 2018. Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop
FH-15	Real Property Specialist and Engineer III	Invite to 2018 Sultan Reach Workshop

Floodplain Sultan Reach Workshop

As part of the “readiness to proceed” portion of the County’s application, SWM is planning a “Floodplain Sultan Reach Workshop” with project partners and landowners in fall of 2018. An invitation to this workshop notice will be sent to floodplain landowners in the Sultan Reach, with personal invitations extended to particular stakeholders.

The agenda for this workshop will include the following topics:

- Introduction to the 2-D modelling map series for the Lower Skykomish (available June/July),
- Discussion of the FbD grant goals and elements
 - SLS Integration Team concept and Agricultural Resilience Plan
 - Floodplain land conservation tools (easements, sales, “swaps”)

- Mann Road flood reduction
- Technical studies (CMZ and avulsion risks, flood risk assessment, extended 2-D modeling)
- Summary of the broader services currently available, with speakers on these topics
 - SWM - technical support, FEMA buyout program
 - SCD – Agricultural Resiliency Plan, agriculture BMP design, CREP buffers
 - USDA –EQIP grants
 - PCCFT - agriculture easement transactions
 - PUD - opportunities with ARC
- Solicit additional interest in receiving updates on grant application status, participating in Sultan Reach actions (if awarded the grant), and follow-up on any specific service currently available.

Attendees will be invited to provide their contact information for on-going project communication and updates.

On-going Communication and Project Updates

An email notification will be sent to all landowners and interested parties to announce the results of the grant application.

If successful, a project webpage will be established, where updated information on the project will be posted. Interested individuals will be able to sign up to receive an email each time the project webpage is updated.

Regular updates on the project will be provided to the following:

- Sustainable Lands Strategy
- Snohomish Basin Forum
- Snohomish Basin Technical Committee
- Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization
- Snohomish County Agriculture Advisory Board

Appendix #1

Tracking Engagement

Below is a table for tracking landowner conversations for this grant proposal. Notetakers accompanying each team documented insights from the landowner related to the key questions listed above.

Their goal was to document at least one contact attempt specifically about the grant before 7/13/2018, and to glean as much landowner insight as possible from the Key Questions. **We received one signed landowner acknowledgement form from from the property owner identified as FH4 and FH 5. They owner about 40 acres near South Slough (Attachment 1d). It is included as an attachment to this Strategy.**

Property/ Landowner Identifier	Contact Date and Summary #1	Contact Date and Summary #2	Contact Date and Summary #3
RC-1	<p>Ongoing conversations with landowner since 2014: Big dairy farm. Blueberries and raspberries. Leases acreage to Groenevelds for hay. Bad erosion causing rip rap to fail, side channels to widen out. Has done flood fencing and planting. Planted 11 acres of CREP (\$461/acres). Most erosion in subreach. Someone should fix this problem (i.e. County)! Is interested in working on solutions.</p>		
RC-3	<p>PCC Farmland Trust is working with the property owner on an agreed upon purchase price.</p>		
RC-4	<p>Ongoing conversations with landowner since 2014. Primary Issues: Heavy erosion upwards of 20 ft/yr on this property. 2015 flood events led to conversations between landowners and the County regarding existing conditions and opportunities. Property owner has walked properties with State Dept of Ag representative to talk about issues, interested in working with the land/river and want to work</p>	<p>Want to keep property to protect downstream land. Lease land (and barn?) to adjacent landowner. Multi-benefit/soft armor concept but doesn't want "sticks in the river." Interested in selling if can get what asking.</p>	

	<p>cooperatively as a group on solutions. State Director of Ag is tracking this sub-reach, has personally met with all landowners at residence, and is supportive of effort. We have a signed letter of support from the Director of the State Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>Tulalip Tribes leadership also engaged with landowners and has worked with the County to develop multi-benefit solutions.</p>		
RC-5	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		
RC-6	<p>SWM implemented a restoration effort (primarily natural bank stabilization) in 2015. Landowner installed CREP buffer in 2015. Ongoing conversations with landowner since 2014/2015.</p> <p>Primary Issues: Bank erosion impacting viability of operation and endangering infrastructure (i.e. onsite barn). Concerns about CMZ and a side channel opening up into the mainstem thus migrating through his property. Interested in working with SWM on solutions but concerned about stability of existing restoration infrastructure in high flow events.</p>	Supportive of multi-benefit options. Would like to keep on-site well, near small tributary. Interest in larger culvert? Only water supply.	
RC-7	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		
RC-8	Ongoing conversation with PUD and regular participation on the Snohomish Salmon Recovery Policy Development Committee. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		
RC-9	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		

RC-10	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		
RC-11	Late May: Adrienne left note on door asking owner to contact.	June 7th: Adrienne went to property again, notified occupant of interest in getting in touch, occupant will relay message to property owner.	
RC-12	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		
RC-13	House threatened by avulsion and associated erosion. Landowner is applying for FEMA buyout. Was present with landowners during meeting with SWM, going over hazards and opportunities.	Neighbors would like them to keep house. Lost about 150 ft of bank over several years.	
FH-1	September 2017: Meeting at property with Zach. Neighbors were present and others from ROW. Talked about project. Concerns about future flooding. Thoughts about more permanent fix. Explained project might be part of multi-benefit effort but not a natural solution.	2016 to Present: Assemble team with PDS to go out to property and discuss permit path for operational improvements. County is invested in success of farming community and working with the river.	
FH-2	September 2017: Temporary Construction Easements on south side of Mann Road. Interested in impacts to property of road elevations. Discussed impacts and project details. Interested in protecting land. Discussed sale of southern most property but only interested in selling if compensatory grazing land. Already two setback revetments, recent erosion at upstream end encouraged them to look at options. Interested in easement/acquisition options but still want/need to farm the land. Potential swap in area or further downstream. Worked with Forterra on TDR options in past. Interested in working on access	5/9/18: Discussed ownership issues of “no tax” parcel. Discussed issues such as: undersized culvert on Ben Howard causing backwatering, property damage from lack of guard rail, Mann Road acts as damn, concern about larger culvert conveying debris onto site, massive erosion on 311 th and neighboring sites and channel migration issues. Discussed Corridor properties very fertile soil (12ft of top soil). Great farming soil and easily erodible. First project was in 2005 (flood fencing and side channel work). Worked with SCD and WDFW. Discussed opportunities: Mann Road properties	Ongoing from 2016-Present: Riparian corridor properties: Have a lot of existing flood control structures on site (i.e. similar to flood walls/larger than revetments), controls grade for side channels, erosion site specific and in areas that not actively farmed. Aging rip rap on mainstem with deep topsoil. Very concerned about larger flood events that push through existing infrastructure. Knows river will do what it wants and may not be controlled. Conversations about operational improvements within farm (i.e. robotics for milling and nutrient management via

	improvements. Small piece of land near south slough where they've done CREP.	have hilly and rough terrain and unsure of quality of soils, flood fencing along main stem. Opportunity to showcase operations if owner gives "ok" to release information on EQUIP grant. Owner willing to continue engagement/conversations regarding opportunities in the reach.	green manure). Interested process-based solutions. Issues: concern about river punching through property via an existing side channel (high flow event). Concern about CMZ putting land out of production. Many locations are eroding annually resulting in loss of production. Interested in flood fencing.
FH-3	August 2017: Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) for ROW work. Meeting with neighbors. Concerns about flood patterns, wetlands, and road elevation project completion. Remove blackberry bushes, might help flow. Zach provided historical overview. Asked questions about animals and flooding.		
FH-4, FH-5	August 2017: Landowner asked about changes from project. Concerns about repetitive flooding damages, new FEMA maps not accurate. City of Sultan working on an inflatable wall.	Late May: Reached out to ROW about having their property bought out due to repetitive flooding issues. Property located in the floodway. Adrienne/ROW and Zach have spoken to these property owners in the past.	July 2018: Owners ready to sell their property to the County and get out of the way of future floods. They have been informed about the grant and the timeline associated with it. WE HAVE A SIGNED LAND OWNER ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM.
FH-6, FH-7	7/12/2018 Issues Cited by Owner: owner has lived on the property for 32 years, 2 years after moving in the house was flooded to a depth of 3 inches, each year the flooding is getting worse, the most recent flood inundated the house with about 16 inches of water, owner stated that "it may be time to leave", a private sale feel through last year due to the perspective owner not being able to get a permit to build a new house/barn (entire parcel is in the floodway and therefore highly regulated)		

	<p>Owner's Preferred Outcome: No preferred outcome other than the county fixing road flooding along 311th Ave SE/160th St SE. I think that there is a good possibility that the county/tribes/Forterra, etc. could entice the owner into selling the property.</p>		
FH-8, FH-9	<p>7/12/2018: parcels are adjacent to other property affected by the flood hazard and County properties as well as the Mainstem Skykomish River, Issues Cited by Owner: owner has lived on the property 30+ years, flooding used to come from the river first but now comes from South Slough first, flooding has increased in inundation level and changed conveyance paths, 160th St SE did not usually flood historically but now floods regularly Owner's Preferred Outcome: County raise 160th St SE to minimize recurring flooding, dredge South Slough</p>		
FH-10	<p>October 2017: Have a TCE on property. Talked about road elevation project. Minor flooding noted onsite.</p>	<p>7/12/2018: Issues Cited by Owner: over the last 3 years the owners have noticed that Mann Road floods sooner than it used to, concerned about property access during floods, minimally concerned about erosion of creek crossing property Owner's Preferred Outcome: No preferred outcome but willing to stay in communication with the county as the grant and road elevation work progresses. I think that there may be an opportunity to do restoration planting</p>	

		along the creek that traverses the property and drains to South Slough at Devil's Elbow.	
FH-11, FH-12, FH-13, FH-14	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		
FH-15	Unable to reach landowner. Will invite to Fall Workshop.		