



Whatcom County Critical Areas Update 2016 Citizens' Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTES January 21, 2015 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Northwest Annex Conference Room, 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham

1. Call to Order

- a. Sign In
- b. Approval or modification of meeting summary: None
- c. Public Comments (5 min)
- d. Staff Comments (10 min)
 - i. Open Public Meetings Act Training – required
Cliff informed the CACAC that they are required to take the training. It's available online and only takes a little while to complete.
 - ii. Schedule for 2015/16
Cliff went over the proposed schedule for this year (and next). Added ag issues, the rest was good, though it did raise the issue of having to perhaps meet twice a month if we got behind.
 - iii. Comment letter from NW Ecological, LLC
Cliff distributed the letter.
- e. Committee Member Comments (5 min)
 - i. Wendy said we're doing a good job, though would like to see a link between the CompPlan and CAO update webpages.
 - ii. Kate agreed with NWE letter item 10 (about making sure staff is appropriately trained); requested the job description for staff wetlands biologists.

2. New Business

- a. Presentation on Frequently Flooded Areas and the DPW Flood Program (Travis Bouma and Paula Cooper and/or Gary Goodall, WC DPW)
Travis and Paula went over the county's flood program. Presentation is now available on the CAO Update website. When asked if he had any recommendations for the code, he suggested there be mitigation ratios for impacts to FFAs.

3. Old Business

4. Announcements

5. **Next meeting:** February 18, 2015, 3:30 PM

6. Adjourn