

AGENDA

Conservation Easement Program Oversight Committee

Online Meeting Only

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Friday, April 22, 2022

8:30 – 10:00 AM

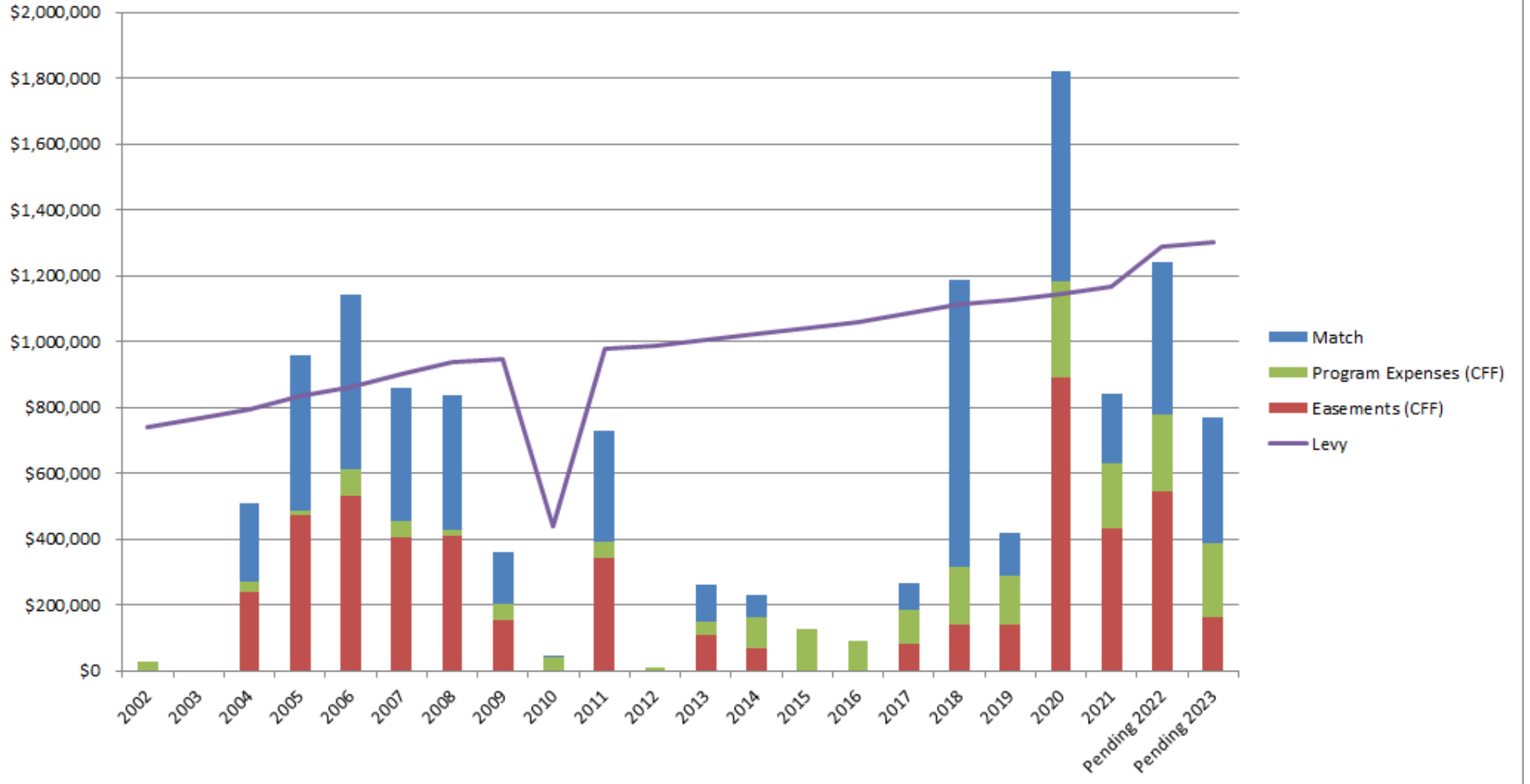
1. Welcome, public comments, announcements & agenda review (10 minutes)
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (5 minutes)
3. Discussion items/business (65 minutes)
 - CEP Resource Need
 - Program Funding- CFF and REET
 - Holistic Strategies for Farmland Protection
4. Next meeting (10 minutes)
 - May 20th or 27th? 8:30-10:00 AM- Online Meeting Only
 - Future agenda items

Included in the meeting packet (or provided at the meeting):

- March Meeting Minutes
- CEP Yearly Expenditures
- King County REET 3 Handout

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Conservation Easement Program Yearly Expenditures



Determination of a Quorum/ Welcome

We have a Quorum for the meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

Announcements

No announcements at this time.

Approval of Minutes – February

Jen moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Jeff seconded. **The motion passed with all in favor.**

Discussion Items/BusinessInterdepartmental Efforts for Conservation Futures

The committee and staff discussed Conservation Futures funding, other department needs for this funding, and interdepartmental coordination. Jeff pointed out that the Parks department receives a portion of funding from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). Chris shared that counties can collect REET 3 for conservation use. The committee expressed interest in Whatcom County collecting REET 3. Paul will reach out to Councilmember Galloway to share the committee's interest and seek guidance on moving this forward. Becky will look up information on REET 3 and share with the committee for discussion at the next meeting. The committee also requested that that the CEP potential funding list be re-sent as well as a summary of CEP expenses overtime.

Review Draft Editorial

Jen gave an overview of the editorial piece she drafted. Becky will share the document so committee members can provide further comments.

Holistic Strategies for Farmland Preservation

The committee briefly discussed farming practices pertaining to holistic management. Other holistic strategies will be discussed at the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

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Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2022, 8:30-10:00 AM. This will be an online meeting only.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.