



Whatcom County Critical Areas Update 2016 Citizens' Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTES

April 1, 2015

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Northwest Annex Conference Room, 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham

1. Call to Order

a. Sign In

CACAC Members:

- Wes Kentch
- Audrey Borders
- Roger Almskaar
- Virginia Watson
- Kate Blystone
- Wendy Harris

- David Haggith

- Laura Sachs

Staff:

- Cliff Strong
- Amy Dearborn
- Erin Page
- Wayne Fitch

- #### b. Approval or modification of meeting summary: April 1, 2015 – Amended to change comment by Virginia attributed to her rather than Laura, and approved.

c. Public Comments (5 min)

- Carol Perry – The CAC has a difficult job, balancing all interests. She's glad Laura spoke out for humans.

d. Staff Comments (10 min)

e. Committee Member Comments (5 min)

- Virginia Watson – frustrated and thinking of quitting
- Wendy Harris – also thinking of quitting. Doesn't feel safe to express her opinions.
- Roger Almskaar –
 - The 5-year deadline for reports being valid is found in two places. When does that 5-years start? Should be when report is approved.
 - Would also like to be able to submit and get approval of reports prior to submitting a project.
 - Adverse impact used many times but not defined. Should use the definition from the SMP and put in COA.
- Wendy Harris –
 - Disagrees with Roger's proposed definition of adverse impact.
 - Should allow advance mitigation
 - Should address temporal loss

2. New Business

a. Continued review of Article 2, Administrative section of the code

The CACAC finished its review of proposed code amendments based on the CATAC recommendations, with the exception of a few items the TAC is following up on.

3. Old Business

4. Announcements

5. Next meeting: April 15, 2015, 3:30 PM (GeoTech)

6. Adjourn