



- b. The AWB is considering re-applying for ECY's Streamflow Restoration Grant in order to do surface-to-groundwater conversions. There is potential to coordinate with other interests on the WMB as opposed to applying as a single entity – packaging the applications in this way may improve the odds of the application being approved, and also reduce administrative load for AWB staff for grant management.

#### **4. Drainage / Habitat / Flood**

- a. Fred provided an update on the work of the FLIP team. Discussion followed on how increased flows in the Nooksack mainstem may impact the western portion of the district.
- b. CREP update.
  - i. Some CREP buffer along Four Mile creek has been removed after the contract was cancelled.
  - ii. There is a possibility for the State Conservation Commission to step up and take over the contracts that FSA is abandoning or changing.
    - 1. Issues are that SCC funds are for new, not existing buffers; and the state can only fund contracts for a biennium, as opposed to 15 years for federal contracts.

#### **5. Water Quality**

- a. Cynthia provided an update on water quality via email.
  - i. WQ numbers in the district generally look good right now.
    - 1. One high count on Deer Creek possibly related to stagnant water.

#### **6. Education / Communications**

- a. Website – [laurelwid.com](http://laurelwid.com)
  - i. Possible website update to simplify AWB staff workflow and ensure compliance with state requirements. Gavin will bring more info to the next meeting.
- b. Whatcom Family Farmers is hosting their annual Farmer Rally on Nov 8 at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden. They will be hosting an educational event for farmers about the adjudication from 2-4 pm prior to the rally.

#### **7. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. Request from the board for Gavin to send the current WID map to the board members.

#### **8. Next Meetings**

- a. Next meeting is Nov 13.
- b. November meeting will serve as the board of equalization.

Leroy adjourned the meeting at 11:25.

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_