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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
 Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Tami Pokorny, Environmental Health Specialist II

DATE: June 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **Agenda Request:** Setting a Public Hearing Date and Publishing a Public Hearing Notice on the Conservation Futures Program Applications for 2013.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Environmental Health is requesting BoCC approval of a Public Hearing Notice to take comments regarding the four Conservation Futures project applications submitted for consideration during the 2013 funding round. The notice is to be published on June 5 and June 12, 2013 in the *Port Townsend & Jefferson County Leader*. The Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS:

Jefferson County Code (JCC) 3.08.030(4) requires a duly noticed public hearing prior to final action by the Board of County Commissioners on the annual allocation of conservation futures funds.

Public comment on the Duckabush Floodplain, Short Family Farm, and Tarboo Forest Conservation – Phase II, and Winona Basin – Bloedel II projects will be accepted from the date of publication until the close of the Commissioner's hearing. After the public hearing, the BOCC may resolve to award funding to one or more of these projects.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs to publish the public hearing notice in the *Port Townsend & Jefferson County Leader* will be paid for with funds from the Jefferson County Conservation Futures Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

To facilitate a timely public process, JCPH management recommends the BOCC approve the hearing notice to hold a public hearing on June 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

5/29/13
Date

(Routed to all Public Health Managers)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Conservation Futures Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing is scheduled by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for MONDAY, June 24, 2013 at 10:00 a. m. in the Commissioners' Chamber, County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. The public hearing is to take comments for (or against) the four projects submitted for consideration during the 2013 Conservation Futures funding cycle. The acquisition projects are summarized as follows:

1. Duckabush Floodplain, \$5,000 towards the protection of two properties consisting of 37.1 acres of floodplain and associated uplands off of Duckabush Road near Brinnon. The project includes the purchase of conservation easement on 15.2 acres and the fee-simple acquisition of the remaining 21.9 contiguous acres. The proposed match is a \$345,275 grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Jefferson Land Trust is the project sponsor. Project location: Sec. 17, T. 25N, R. 2W.
2. Short Family Farm, \$43,500 towards the purchase of a conservation easement on 256 acres of pastureland and riparian habitat on Center Road near Chimacum. The proposed match is a \$486,500 grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and a \$425,000 grant from the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. Jefferson Land Trust is the project sponsor. Project location: Sec. 23, T. 29N, R. 1W.
3. Tarboo Forest Conservation – Phase II, \$167,000 towards the purchase of a conservation easement on 118 acres of timberlands between Center and Dabob roads. The proposed match is a conservation easement on 158 acres of associated timberlands valued at \$130,000, a portion of the value of the subject easement valued at \$53,000 and \$28,035 in related costs. Jefferson Land Trust is the project sponsor. Project location: Sec. 28, 29, and 31 T. 28N, R. 1W.
4. Winona Basin – Bloedel II, \$80,000 towards the fee-simple acquisition of 22 city lots consisting of wildlife habitat within the Fowler's Park Addition section of the Quimper Wildlife Corridor in the City of Port Townsend. The proposed match is 14 lots of associated open space valued at \$120,000 and \$95,000 in community funding. Jefferson Land Trust is the project sponsor. Project location: Sec. 33, T. 31N, R. 1W.

Copies of the project applications are available to view in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners at the Jefferson County Courthouse and online at <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us>. Click on "Conservation Futures" under "Quick Links". For more information, contact Tami Pokorny at ph: (360) 379-4498 or tpokorny@co.jefferson.wa.us.

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John Austin, Chairman