

## Equestrian Facilities Working Group Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2026

### Members:

1. Anna Dukes, Central District - Present
2. Trish Strong, Central District – Present
3. Valorie Dodd, Central District - Present
4. Annie Braddock, North District - Present
5. Cindy Daniels, North District - Absent
6. Dale (Duke) Bourgeois, North District - Absent
7. Dawn Oien, South District – Absent (emailed in advance)
8. Helen Jones, South District - Present
9. Jessy Olson, South District - Present
10. Diane Fish, Kitsap Conservation District - Present
11. Colen Corey, Neighbor - Present

### County Staff:

1. Heather Cleveland, Facilitator
2. Garrett Ballew, Support
3. Jim Rogers, Support

### Agenda:

- Agriculture Advisory Council Update
  - [2026\\_0126\\_DCD\\_R\\_Kitsap County Agriculture Advisory Council.pdf](#)
  - This is on the agenda for 1/26 BoCC Regular meeting
- Rural and Resource Lands Chapter Update
  - [SKM\\_C650i18021622380](#) - Goal 9
  - Insert Goal Policy and Strategy
  - Ordinance adopted in 2024 comp plan. **Share with the group\***
- Review Draft Project Charter and Draft Community Engagement Plan
  - Expanding search for interviews, identifying interview subjects
  - Post notice to community that interviews are being requested
  - Survey format offered as well, staff will develop survey questions
  - Balance to interviewee perspectives
  - **Workgroup to review interview and survey questions\***

- Q: Comparative analysis – is the intent of analysis to look at areas that are alike in terms of zoning? A: Staff will review with zoning in mind for the comparative analysis. Discuss with King County.
- Clearly state the intent to determine whether code is the solution.
- Review Equestrian Compliance Requests/Cases and Draft Methodology-Analysis
  - Attachments
  - **Anna - add distinction – private or facility** (are they providing classes) - noting that unless they've applied for a biz license – this is difficult to discern.
    - Noting complaints may be related to expectation of Kentucky style ranch or wind blowing the direction.
    - **Parcel # and ag open space and zoning and parcel**
  - Add conservation district referrals
  - Request to search raw data for “Farm Plan”
  - \*Share the success to show the tools that work – e.g. farm plans
    - Share this effort publicly.
    - KCD does 20 farm plans per year. Collaboration with Clean Water Kitsap. Farm Plans are the step in the right direction.
    - BMP are the most effective.
    - Clean Water Kitsap has the data that can be shared.
  - Jesse – 119 equestrian data – primary use equine, how many complaints each year, 20 complaints in 2021 (people moving here, people home), of the 119 – 111 were small complaints; 8 were more major. 87 were closed.
  - Diane - #6 equestrian businesses. What was the outcome associated with these specifically?
  - What does “closed - unresolved” mean?
  - **Anna – total number of cases per year as a denominator to show of the percentage.**
- Review existing Unclassified Use Permits with Conditions
- Next Steps:
  - Continue compliance analysis
  - Equestrian Land Conservation Resource ([ELCR](#))
  - Interview Neighbors
    - Ensure balance by interviewing neighbors of facilities have a good relationship with an equestrian facility.
  - 02/18/26 Next Equestrian Facility Working Group Meeting
  - 02/25/26 Open House/Workshop

- Not ready to promote yet (will promote early February); ensure we have a large enough space
- February/March DCD Leadership, Planning Commission, and Board of County Commissioners Presentations
  - Make this more clear on the website and in the charter

Additional notes:

- Friday before the meeting for agendas and attachments.
- Multiple livestock (do cows count toward)
- Donkeys and horses
- Document “legal non-conforming” with documentation for future reference – continues to be a concern for the equestrian community should new code be introduced; [17.570.020.A](#) noting
  - "A. Unless specifically stated elsewhere in this title, if a nonconforming use not involving a structure has been changed to a conforming use, or if the nonconforming use ceases for a period of **twenty-four months or more**, said use shall be considered abandoned, and said premises shall thereafter be used only for uses permitted under the provisions in the zone in which it is located.”
- **Survey – share questions with the working group; plan to share the week of 1/26**
- Facility in each district – that’s model, good job; people are afraid