



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Food Policy Council: Farmland Access Forum

September 29, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PSRC Boardroom • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500 • Seattle, WA 98104

- 10:00 1. **Welcome and Introductions** – *Richard Conlin, Regional Food Policy Council Co-Chair*
2. **Public Comment**
- 10:10 3. **Panel Discussion**
Farming in the central Puget Sound region provides opportunities to access urban markets, but the high cost of land and operations creates challenges for keeping farmland in production and ensuring opportunities for the next generation of farmers. The panel will discuss barriers to keeping farmland in production, opportunities for new farmers to access farmland, and innovative approaches to keep farmland in farming use. Panelists include:
- Melissa Campbell, PCC Farmland Trust
 - Kate Nagle-Caraluzzo, Tilth Alliance
 - Sean Stratman, Sno-Valley Tilth - Experience Farming Project
 - Mary Ann Swain, South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust
- 11:10 4. **Panel Q+A** – *Audience*
- 11:25 5. **Takeaways + Potential Next Steps** – *Richard Conlin, RFPC Co-Chair*
- 11:45 6. **Announcements + Networking** – *All*
- 12:00 7. **Adjourn**