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THANK YOU--PSRC-KC RURAL AREA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES MTG

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All,

Thank you for attending and participating in the first **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)-King County Rural Area Economic Opportunities Meeting** held on Tuesday, November 28, at the KCLS Service Center in Issaquah.

An open discussion was held among the PSRC, King County (KC) officials, and KC Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils/Associations (UACs/UAs) on the PSRC's *Regional Economic Strategies (RES)* and subsequent implementation strategies.

A definition of Rural Character, as defined by the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP), and the Rural Area's particular issues were presented. Among many items discussed the following stood out:

1. Protection of the environment and quality of life including compatible zoning.
2. Traffic congestion primarily caused by intercity commuting through the Rural Area.
3. Lack of Rural Area services.
4. Identification of impediments to rural business opportunities.

The Rural Area UACs/UAs expressed an interest in serving either in a voting or non-voting capacity on the PSRC's Economic Development Board.

Hendrick Haynes, GMVUAC Economic Development Committee Chair, summarized the support the PSRC could offer to foster (1) introductions, (2) negotiations, (3) arbitrations, and (4) lobbying. PSRC Executive Director, Josh Brown, agreed introductions would be an appropriate first step. To that end it is requested Executive Brown help the Rural Area UACs/UAs make contact with the appropriate PSRC Staff members responsible for developing the RES.

Again, thank you all for participating and we look forward to future meetings regarding both the well-being of the Rural Area and potential economic opportunities.

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