

SaveOurSkagitRiver.org

Put Your **Blue** On and Join Us As We
Paint Anacortes Blue

In Support of The Skagit River

Monday, September 24, at 6 p.m on 6th St.

Paint Anacortes Blue is a peaceful demonstration to request a public hearing to discuss the following:



Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell approved selling corporate venture capitalist firm Tethys Enterprises the rights to 1.825 Billion Gallons each year of pristine Skagit River waters *until the year 2050*.

Tethys CEO Steve Winters convinced the Mayor, some City Council members, and many business leaders in Anacortes that the **plastic bottled water plant** that Tethys plans to attract would bring hundreds of jobs to the city. The truth is bottling plants are highly automated so once the plant is built very few jobs remain. A huge plastic water bottling plant in Georgia employes a total workforce of only 24 people in mainly minimum wage (foodandwaterwatch.org) jobs.

The City of Everett refused Tethys' watery deal because Tethys CEO Steve Winter would not put his verbal promise of 1000 new jobs in writing in a contract with the City of Everett. **Why did Mayor Dean Maxwell not require Tethys to guarantee in writing our jobs before giving Tethys the annual rights to nearly two billion gallons of the Skagit River waters?** Tethys promised Everett 1000 jobs. Yet, CEO Winter quoted Anacortes only 540 jobs. **Why the huge difference for the same plant? Why not put our jobs in ink?**

Why is Mayor Maxwell doing business with Tethys (an on-the-profit hunt middle man venture capitalist firm) at all when the skills Tethys brings to the industrial recruitment table are **free for the asking from our Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (DCTED) and the Washington Economic Development Commission (WEDC)?**

Why is Mayor Maxwell allowing Tethys to earn the millions of dollars it stands to make in this plastic coated deal instead of using the free expertise offered by DCTED, WEDC, public utility companies, our universities, and others? Tethys' potential millions in fees **should rightly go to the citizens of Anacortes!** Tethys is a bizarre choice of the Mayor's since they have no track record in this field.

Why does Mayor Maxwell feel it is a good idea to **build a plastic water bottling plant the size of five super warehouse stores on Reservation Road at Highway 20 next to the very salmon estuary that taxpayers paid \$671,000 to restore?**

A bad use for good water. 30% of the waters in Puget Sound come from the Skagit River. Do we want this precious resource wasted on such an environmentally foul product? At a minimum 25% of these waters will be wasted in processing.

Railroad and truck traffic on Highway 20 will greatly increase. Did the Mayor and Council members consider the **negative affect of this giant plant on tourism?** Many small business people feel tourists are the true economic life blood of the City of Anacortes. The risk of making Reservation Road more difficult to travel is that shoppers from Shelter Bay and LaConner may spend their money in Mount Vernon. Was this even discussed before the site was selected?

What are they hiding? **No public hearings were held before the Tethys contract was signed by Mayor Maxwell so no benefit was received from the vast knowledge and in-depth experiences of the people of Anacortes. Why did Mayor Maxwell not trust his constituents to have valid points deserving discussion? Hear the People!**